

8. Ordinary Mode light wave

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① Limits of the waves ($\underline{k} \perp \underline{B}_0$)

1. Takes $\underline{k} = k \hat{z}$ $\underline{B}_0 = B_0 \hat{z}$ ($\hat{b} = \frac{B_0}{B}$)

2. This ordinary mode has $\underline{E}_1 = (0, 0, E_0)$

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

4. We will investigate the wave behavior in the limit $k \rightarrow \infty$

5. For simplicity, assume a proton & electron plasma

$$q_e = -q_i, \quad \frac{m_i}{m_e} = 1836$$

B. Ion current:

1. Equation of Motion (Momentum Eqn)

$$\underline{U}_i = \underbrace{\frac{q_i}{-i\omega m_i} \underline{E}}_{\text{Electric field term}} + \underbrace{\frac{q_i B_0}{-i\omega m_i} \underline{U}_i \times \hat{b}}_{\text{Lorentz force term}}$$

$$\underline{U}_i = i \frac{q_i}{\omega m_i} \underline{E} + i \frac{\omega_i B_0}{\omega} \underline{U}_i \times \hat{b} \quad \left(\because \omega_i = \frac{q_i B_0}{m_i} \right)$$

2. a. Let's compare the magnitude of (2) & (3)

↳ NOTE: For ordinary low-frequency mode, $\omega^2 = k^2 c^2 + \omega_p^2$

$$\omega_p^2 = \omega_{p_i}^2 + \omega_{p_e}^2 \approx \omega_{p_e}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = k^2 c^2 + \omega_{p_e}^2$$

Given $\omega \gg \omega_{p_e} \Rightarrow \omega \approx kc$

thus, $\frac{\omega_i}{\omega} \ll 1$ ($\because k \rightarrow \infty$)

→ magnitudes

$$c. \text{ thus } \Theta \left(\frac{\textcircled{3}}{\textcircled{1}} \right) = \frac{\frac{\omega_{ci}}{\omega} \cancel{\psi}}{\cancel{\psi}_i} = \frac{\omega_{ci}}{\omega} \ll 1$$

→ Lorentz force term $\textcircled{3}$ is negligible

Ions are unmagnetized

4. Ion Current

$$j_i = n_i q_i v_i$$

$$= n_i q_i \left(\frac{i q_i E}{\omega m_i} \right) \times \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$j_i = i \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega} E_i$$

$$\omega_{pi} = \frac{n_i q_i^2}{\epsilon_0 m_i}$$

c. Electron current:

1. Eq. of motion: $\vec{v}_e = -\frac{q_e}{i \omega m_e} \vec{E}_1 + \frac{q_e B_0}{-i \omega m_e} \vec{v}_e \times \hat{b}$

2. $\vec{v}_e = \frac{i q_e}{\omega m_e} \vec{E}_1 + i \frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega} \vec{v}_e \times \hat{b}$ $\left(\omega_{ce} = \frac{q_e B_0}{m_e} \right)$

3. NOTE: $\omega^2 = k^2 c^2 + \omega_p^2$ ($\omega_p^2 \approx \omega_{pe}^2$)

Given $\omega > \omega_{pe} \Rightarrow \omega \approx kc$

thus, $\frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega} \ll 1$ ($\because k \rightarrow \infty$)

thus magnitude $\Theta \left(\frac{\textcircled{3}}{\textcircled{1}} \right) = \frac{\frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega} v_e}{v_e} = \frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega} \ll 1$

→ Lorentz force term $\textcircled{3}$ is negligible

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4. Electron Current

$$j_e = n_e e v_e \hat{z}$$

$$= n_e e_0 \left(\frac{i q_0}{\omega m_e} \right) \times \frac{E_0}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$j_e = i \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega} \hat{z} E_1$$

$$\left(\because \omega_p^2 = \frac{n_e e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e} \right)$$

D Limiting Behavior of ordinary mode light wave

1 Faraday's Law: $\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1 = \omega \vec{B}_0$ (A)

2 Ampere/Maxwell Law: $\vec{k} \times \vec{B}_0 = -i \mu_0 \vec{j} - \frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}_1$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 \vec{k} \times \vec{B}_1 = \underbrace{\frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega} \vec{E}_1}_{\text{ion current}} + \underbrace{\frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega} \vec{E}_1}_{\text{electron current}} - \underbrace{\omega \vec{E}_1}_{\text{displacement current}} \quad \text{(B)} \quad \left(\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2} \right)$$

3 Lowest order solution for $\vec{k} \perp \vec{z}$

From (A) $\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1 \neq 0$ $E_1 = E_0 \hat{z}$ and $E_z = E_0 \hat{z}$

so $\vec{B}_1 = \frac{1}{\omega} (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1)$

L.H.S from (B) = $\frac{1}{\omega} \vec{k} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1)$

$$\vec{k} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1) = \vec{k} (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_1) - \vec{E}_1 (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}) = -k^2 \vec{E}_1$$

NRL formula
 $= \frac{1}{\omega} (\omega^2 \vec{E}_1) - \frac{1}{\omega} (k^2 \vec{E}_1)$

$$-\frac{c^2 k^2}{\omega} \vec{E}_1 = \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega} \vec{E}_1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega} \vec{E}_1 - \omega \vec{E}_1$$

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$$\omega^2 = c^2 k^2 + \omega_p^2 \quad \left(\because \omega_p^2 = \omega_{pi}^2 + \omega_{pe}^2 \right)$$

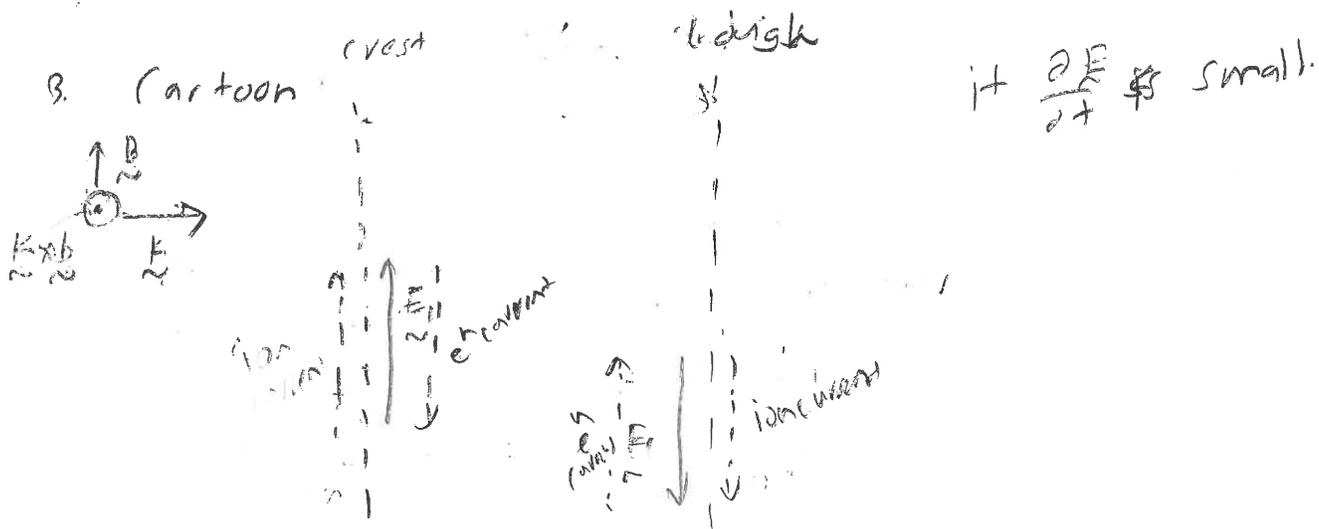
$$k \rightarrow \infty \quad \omega \approx ck \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\omega}{\omega_{ci}} \gg 1$$

E. Physics of the ordinary mode light waves.

1. The current is along \hat{z} ($\parallel B_0$), so mag. field has no effects on waves.

- (a) This term (i) ion current (unmagnetized)
 (ii) electron current (unmagnetized)
 (iii) displacement current

At high k , the wave behaves like a standard light wave in vacuum.



#1.) $\theta = 0, \vec{\mathcal{E}} = \mathcal{E} \hat{z}, \vec{B}_0 = B_0 \hat{z}$

$\vec{E}_1 = (E_0, iE_0, 0)$

We want to find behavior in $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \infty$ limit

#2.)
$$\vec{u}_i = \frac{q_i \vec{E}_1}{-i\omega m_i} + \frac{q_i B_0}{-i\omega m_i} (\vec{u}_i \times \hat{b})$$

(1) (2) (3)

$$\frac{(3)}{(1)} \sim \frac{\omega_{ci}}{\omega_{ce}} \sim \frac{m_e}{m_i} \sim \frac{1}{1836}$$

\Rightarrow ions are unmagnetized

$$\Rightarrow \vec{j}_i = i\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega} \right) \vec{E}_1$$

At $\omega \sim \omega_{ce}$: Drift limit is not valid

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$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{ex} \\ u_{ey} \\ u_{ez} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{e}{M_e} \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{-i\omega}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) & \left(\frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) & 0 \\ \left(\frac{-\omega_{ce}}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) & \left(\frac{-i\omega}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{i}{\omega} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{1x} \\ E_{1y} \\ E_{1z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_{ex} = \left(\frac{e}{m_e} \right) \left[\left(\frac{-i\omega}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) E_{1x} + \left(\frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) E_{1y} \right]$$

$$U_{ey} = \left(\frac{e}{m_e} \right) \left[\left(\frac{-\omega_{ce}}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) E_{1x} + \left(\frac{-i\omega}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) E_{1y} \right]$$

$$U_{ez} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow J_{ex} = \epsilon_0 \omega_{pe}^2 \left[\left(\frac{-i\omega}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) E_{1x} + \left(\frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) E_{1y} \right]$$

$$J_{ey} = \epsilon_0 \omega_{pe}^2 \left[\left(\frac{-\omega_{ce}}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) E_{1x} + \left(\frac{-i\omega}{\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2} \right) E_{1y} \right]$$

$$J_{ez} = 0$$

#3?

Faraday's law: $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \vec{E} \times \vec{E}_1 = \omega \vec{B}_1$

Ampere's law: $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \vec{E} \times \vec{B}_1 = -i\mu_0 \vec{J} - \frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}_1$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B}_1 = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{E}_1}{\omega}$$

Ampere's Law: (Let $\gamma^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2$)

$$\frac{\vec{k} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1)}{\omega} = -i\mu_0 \vec{j} - \frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}_1$$

$$\vec{k} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1) = (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_1) \vec{k} - (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}) \vec{E}_1$$

But $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-k^2 \vec{E}_1}{\omega} = -i\mu_0 \vec{j} - \frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2\right) \vec{E}_1 = -i\mu_0 \omega \vec{j} = -i\mu_0 \omega [\vec{j}_i + \vec{j}_e]$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^2 \vec{E}_1 = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \omega^2 \vec{E}_1 - i\mu_0 \omega \vec{j}_e$$

Dot Both sides w/ \hat{x} :

$$\gamma^2 E_{1x} = \left(\frac{\omega^2 \epsilon_0}{c^2}\right) E_{1x} - i\mu_0 \omega j_{ex}$$

Dot Both sides w/ \hat{y} :

$$\gamma^2 E_{1y} = \left(\frac{\omega^2 \epsilon_0}{c^2}\right) E_{1y} - i\mu_0 \omega j_{ey}$$

$$\gamma^2 E_{1x} = \left(\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{c^2} \right) E_{1x} - i\mu_0 \omega \dot{j}_{ex}$$

$$\gamma^2 E_{1y} = \left(\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{c^2} \right) E_{1y} - i\mu_0 \omega \dot{j}_{ey}$$

$$\left[\gamma^2 - \left(\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{c^2} \right) \right] E_{1x} = -i\mu_0 \omega \dot{j}_{ex}$$

$$\left[\gamma^2 - \left(\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{c^2} \right) \right] E_{1y} = -i\mu_0 \omega \dot{j}_{ey}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\gamma^2 - \left(\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{c^2} \right) \right]^2 |\vec{E}|^2 = -\mu_0^2 \omega^2 (\dot{j}_{ex}^2 + \dot{j}_{ey}^2)$$

$$\dot{j}_{ex}^2 = \epsilon_0^2 \omega_{pe}^4 \left[\frac{-\omega^2}{(\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2)^2} E_{1x}^2 - \frac{2i\omega\omega_{ce}}{(\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2)^2} E_{1x} E_{1y} + \frac{\omega_{ce}^2}{(\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2)^2} E_{1y}^2 \right]$$

$$\dot{j}_{ey}^2 = \epsilon_0^2 \omega_{pe}^4 \left[\frac{\omega_{ce}^2}{(\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2)^2} E_{1x}^2 + \frac{2i\omega\omega_{ce}}{(\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2)^2} E_{1x} E_{1y} - \frac{\omega^2}{(\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2)^2} E_{1y}^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\gamma^2 - \left(\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{c^2} \right) \right]^2 |\vec{E}|^2 = \frac{\mu_0^2 \epsilon_0^2 \omega_{pe}^4 [\omega^2 - \omega_{ce}^2]^2}{[\omega_{ce}^2 - \omega^2]^2} |\vec{E}|^2$$

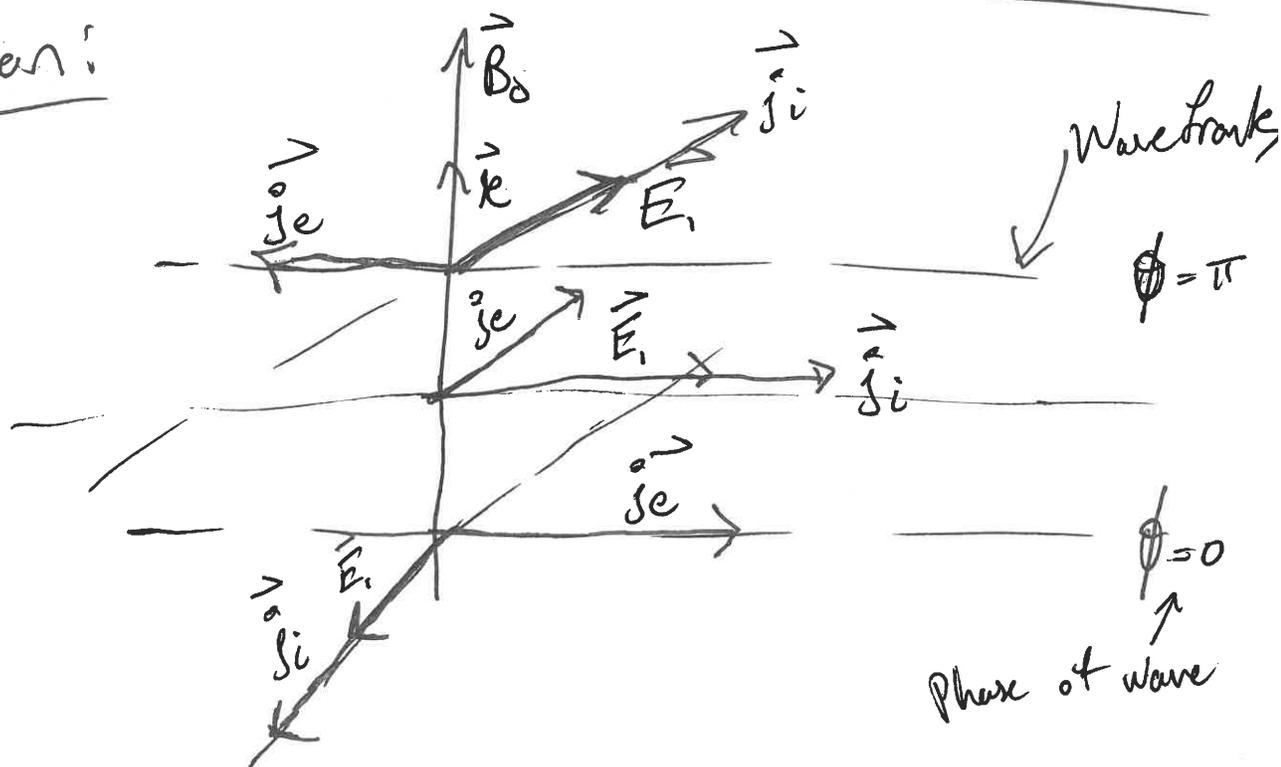
$$\left[\gamma^2 - \left(\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{c^2} \right) \right]^2 = \frac{\omega_{pe}^4 \omega^2}{c^4 [\omega^2 - \omega_{ce}^2]}$$

$$\left[c^2 \gamma^2 - \omega_{pi}^2 \right]^2 = \frac{\omega_{pe}^4 \omega^2}{[\omega^2 - \omega_{ce}^2]}$$

$$[\omega^2 - \omega_{ce}^2] = \frac{\omega_{pe}^4 \omega^2}{[\omega^2 - c^2 k^2 - \omega_{pi}^2]^2} = \frac{\omega_{pe}^4}{\left[1 - \frac{c^2 k^2}{\omega^2} - \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2} \right]^2}$$

As $k \rightarrow \infty$ $\omega^2 \rightarrow \omega_{ce}^2$

Cartoon:



Therefore

$$\vec{J}_e = -n_0 q_e \vec{v}_e = \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega c} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - i \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega \omega_p^2}{\omega c} \vec{E}_1$$

Ion Momentum

$$\omega \vec{v}_i = i \frac{q_i}{m_i} \vec{E}_1 + i \omega c_i \vec{v}_i \times \hat{b}$$

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Again compare terms
 $\omega \gg \omega c_i$ in our limit
 $\omega \rightarrow \omega c_i$

Solve the vector system of Eqs. $\frac{\omega c_i}{\omega} \rightarrow 1$ no terms are negligible

$$\vec{J}_i = i \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega p_i}{\omega - \omega c_i} E_0 \hat{x} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega p_i}{(\omega - \omega c_i)} E_0 \hat{y}$$

If we plug in our derived ion & electron currents, Ampere's Law becomes

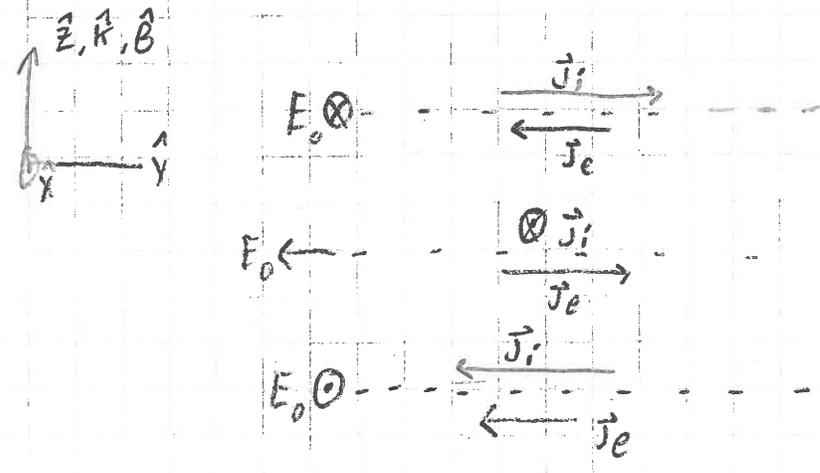
$$c^2 \vec{k} \times \vec{B} = \frac{\omega p_i}{\omega - \omega c_i} \vec{E}_1 + i \frac{\omega \omega_p^2}{\omega c} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} + \frac{\omega \omega_p^2}{\omega c} \vec{E}_1 - \omega \vec{E}_1$$

taking $\omega p_e \gg \omega c_e$

Then in the limit that $k \rightarrow \infty$ we can see that the denominator on the RHS goes to zero

$$\omega \approx \omega c_i$$

Visualizing the ion cyclotron wave.



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A. Limits of the cold Plasma Alfvén wave ($\vec{k} \parallel \vec{B}_0$)

1. Take $\vec{k} = k \hat{z}$, $\vec{B}_0 = B_0 \hat{z}$

2. The right & Left hand mode has $\vec{E}_1 = (E_0, \pm i E_0, 0)$

3. $\omega \ll \omega_{ci} \ll |\omega_{ce}| < \omega_{pe}$ 4. For simplicity, $q_e = -q_i$, $\frac{m_i}{m_e} = 1836$, $n_i = n_e$

B. Ion current

$$\text{Eq of Motion: } \vec{u}_i = \frac{i q_i}{\omega m_i} \vec{E}_1 + i \frac{q_i B_0}{\omega m_i} \vec{u}_i \times \hat{z} = \frac{i q_i}{\omega m_i} \vec{E}_1 + i \frac{\omega_{ci}}{\omega} \vec{u}_i \times \hat{z}$$

compare the magnitude of (1) and (2)

$$\frac{(2)}{(1)} = \frac{\omega_{ci}}{\omega} \gg 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\omega_{ci}}{\omega} \gg 1 : \text{Lorenze Force dominates, ions are magnetized}$$

since $\omega_{ci} \gg \omega$

$$\vec{u}_i = \frac{i q_i}{\omega m_i} \vec{E}_1 + \frac{\vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b}}{B_0} - \frac{i \omega}{\omega_{ci} B_0} \vec{E}_1$$

As Alfvén wave mode has no E_z , $E_z = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{j}_i &= n_i q_i \left(\frac{\vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b}}{B_0} - \frac{i \omega}{\omega_{ci} B_0} \vec{E}_1 \right) = \left(\frac{n_i q_i^2}{\epsilon_0 m_i} \right) \left(\frac{m_i}{q_i B_0} \right) \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - i \omega \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{n_i q_i^2}{\epsilon_0 m_i} \right) \left(\frac{m_i}{q_i B_0} \right) \vec{E}_1 \\ &= \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{ci}} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - i \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega \omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{ci}} \vec{E}_1 \end{aligned}$$

C. Electron current

$$\vec{u}_e = \frac{i q_e}{\omega m_e} \vec{E}_1 + i \frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega} \vec{u}_e \times \hat{z}$$

Following the same procedure for ion current

$$\frac{(2)}{(1)} = \frac{\omega_{ce}}{\omega} \gg 1, \text{ still the Lorenze force, dominates, electrons are dominated}$$

$$\vec{u}_e = \frac{i q_e}{\omega m_e} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} + \frac{\vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b}}{B_0} - \frac{i \omega}{\omega_{ce} B_0} \vec{E}_1$$

since \vec{E}_1 doesn't have E_z component, thus $E_z = 0$

$$\vec{u}_e = \frac{\vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b}}{B_0} - \frac{i\omega}{\omega_{ce} B_0} \vec{E}_1 \quad \omega_{pi}^2 = \frac{n_i q_i^2}{\epsilon_0 m_i}, \quad \omega_{pe}^2 = \frac{n_e q_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}$$

$$\vec{j}_e = n_e q_e \vec{u}_e = \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{n_e q_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e} \right) \left(\frac{m_e}{q_e B_0} \right) \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - \frac{i\epsilon_0 \omega}{\omega_{ce}} \left(\frac{n_e q_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e} \right) \left(\frac{m_e}{q_e B_0} \right) \vec{E}_1$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{ce}} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - \frac{i\epsilon_0 \omega \omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{ce}^2} \vec{E}_1$$

D. Limits Behavior of Alfvén wave as $k \rightarrow 0$

1. Faraday's Law: $\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1 = \omega \vec{B}_1$

2. Ampere Law: $\vec{k} \times \vec{B}_1 = -i\mu_0 \vec{j} - \frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}_1$

$$c^2 \vec{k} \times \vec{B}_1 = -i \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mu_0 \left[\epsilon_0 \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{ce}} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - i\epsilon_0 \frac{\omega \omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{ce}^2} \vec{E}_1 + \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{ci}} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - i\epsilon_0 \frac{\omega \omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{ci}^2} \vec{E}_1 \right] - \omega \vec{E}_1$$

$$= -i \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{ce}} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - \frac{\omega \omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{ce}^2} \vec{E}_1 - i \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{ci}} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - \frac{\omega \omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{ci}^2} \vec{E}_1 - \omega \vec{E}_1$$

$\vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b}$ e current $\frac{\omega \omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{ce}^2} \vec{E}_1$ polarization $\vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b}$ i current $\frac{\omega \omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{ci}^2} \vec{E}_1$ polarization displacement current

$$\frac{\omega_{ps}^2}{\omega_{cs}^2} = \frac{n_s q_s^2}{\epsilon_0 m_s} \cdot \frac{m_s}{q_s B_0} = \frac{n_s q_s^2}{\epsilon_0 B_0}, \quad \frac{\omega_{ps}^2}{\omega_{cs}^2} = \frac{n_s q_s^2}{\epsilon_0 m_s} \cdot \frac{m_s^2}{q_s^2 B_0^2} = \frac{n_s m_s}{\epsilon_0 B_0^2}$$

$$= -i \frac{n_e q_e^2}{\epsilon_0 B_0} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - \frac{i n_e q_e^2}{\epsilon_0 B_0} \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{b} - \omega \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{ce}^2} \vec{E}_1 - \frac{\omega \omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{ci}^2} \vec{E}_1 - \omega \vec{E}_1$$

$$\frac{c^2}{\omega} \vec{k} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_1) = \frac{c^2}{\omega} \left[k^2 E_0 (\hat{z} \times \hat{y}) + i k^2 E_0 (\hat{z} \times \hat{x}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{c^2}{\omega} (k^2 E_0 \hat{x} + i k^2 E_0 \hat{y})$$

$$= \frac{-c^2}{\omega} k^2 \vec{E}_1$$

$$\frac{c^2}{\omega} k^2 \vec{E}_1 = \frac{\omega m_i n_i}{\epsilon_0 B_0^2} \vec{E}_1 + \omega \frac{m_e n_e}{\epsilon_0 B_0^2} \vec{E}_1 + \omega \vec{E}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 k^2 \vec{E}_1 = \omega^2 \vec{E}_1 \left(\frac{m_i n_i}{\epsilon_0 B_0^2} + \frac{m_e n_e}{\epsilon_0 B_0^2} \right) \vec{E}_1 + \omega^2 \vec{E}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 k^2 \vec{E}_1 = \omega^2 \vec{E}_1 \left[\frac{m_i n_i}{\epsilon_0 B_0^2} + \frac{m_e n_e}{\epsilon_0 B_0^2} + 1 \right]$$

since $n_e \ll n_i$, so the electron dipolarization current is negligible.

the ratio between displacement current and ion dipolarization current:

$$\frac{\omega \vec{E}_1}{\omega \frac{W_{pi}^2}{W_{ci}^2} \vec{E}_1} = \frac{W_{ci}^2}{W_{pi}^2} \ll 1, \text{ thus displacement current is also negligible}$$

$$c^2 k^2 \vec{E}_1 = \omega^2 \vec{E}_1 \cdot \frac{m_i n_i}{\epsilon_0 B_0^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = c^2 k^2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon_0 B_0^2}{m_i n_i} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} k^2 \frac{\epsilon_0 B_0^2}{m_i n_i} = k^2 \frac{B_0^2}{\mu_0 (m_i n_i)} = k^2 V_A^2$$

Physics of the cold Plasma Alfvén wave

- ① The sum of $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ drift current (Ion & Electron) is zero
- ② The displacement current and electron dipolarization current = 0
- ③ Ion dipolarization current

$$\vec{E}_1 = (E_0, \pm i E_0, 0)$$

Cartoon: For Right-hand

$$\vec{E}(x, t) = E_0 \hat{x} e^{i(kz - \omega t)} + i E_0 \hat{y} e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

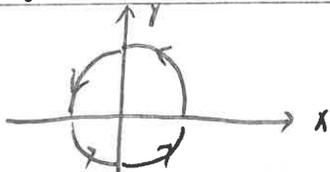
$$\text{① } \vec{k}, \vec{B}$$

$$E_x = E_0$$

Ion current

$$E_y = i E_0$$

$$\vec{k}, \vec{B}$$



left-hand the real part at $z=0$

$$E_y = -i E_0 \quad \vec{E} = E_0 \cos \omega t \hat{x} + E_0 \sin(\omega t) \hat{y}$$

Im Current $E_x = E_0$

Current

$$\vec{k}, \vec{B}$$

