

# Whistler waves

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$$\Pi e^2 = \frac{n e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}$$

$$N_{||}^2 = \left( \frac{c k_{||}}{\omega} \right)^2 \approx 1 - \frac{\Pi e^2}{(\omega + \Omega_e)(\omega + \Omega_i)}$$

$$\Omega_e = -\frac{e B}{m_e} < 0$$

$$\Omega_i = \frac{ze B}{m_i}$$

① low freq  $\omega \ll \Omega_i \rightarrow$  shear Alfvén

$$N_{||}^2 \approx 1 - \frac{\Pi e^2}{\Omega_e \Omega_i} \approx 1 - \frac{\cancel{e}^2 n}{\epsilon_0 \cancel{e} m_e} \left( \frac{m_e}{-e B} \right) \left( \frac{m_i}{e B} \right)$$

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$$

$$\frac{c^2 k_{||}^2}{\omega^2} \approx 1 + \frac{n m_i \mu_0}{B^2} c^2 \approx 1 + \frac{c^2}{V_A^2}$$

$$\frac{k_{||}^2}{\omega^2} = \cancel{\frac{1}{c^2}} + \frac{1}{V_A^2} \quad \text{Alfvén wave}$$

② Intermediate  $\Omega_i \ll \omega \ll \Omega_e$

$$N_{||}^2 = 1 - \frac{\Pi e^2}{(\omega + \Omega_e)(\omega + \Omega_i)}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\sim \Omega_e}$ 
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\omega}$

$$N_{||}^2 \approx \frac{-\Pi e^2}{\Omega_e \omega} \quad (\Pi e \text{ case})$$

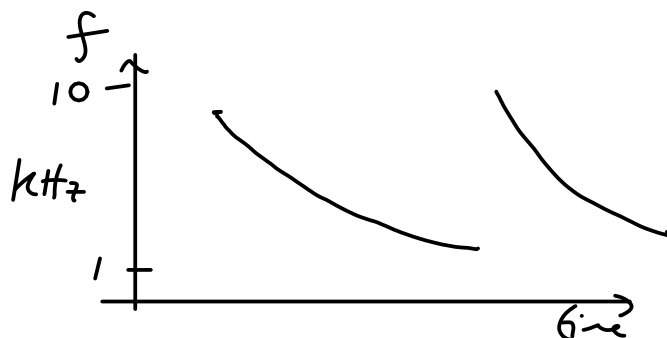
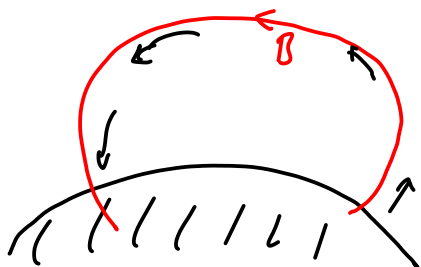
$$c^2 k_{||}^2 \approx \frac{-\Pi e^2}{\Omega_e} \omega$$

Group velocity  $\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{||}}$

$$2c^2 k_{||} = \frac{-\Pi e^2}{\Omega_e} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{||}}$$

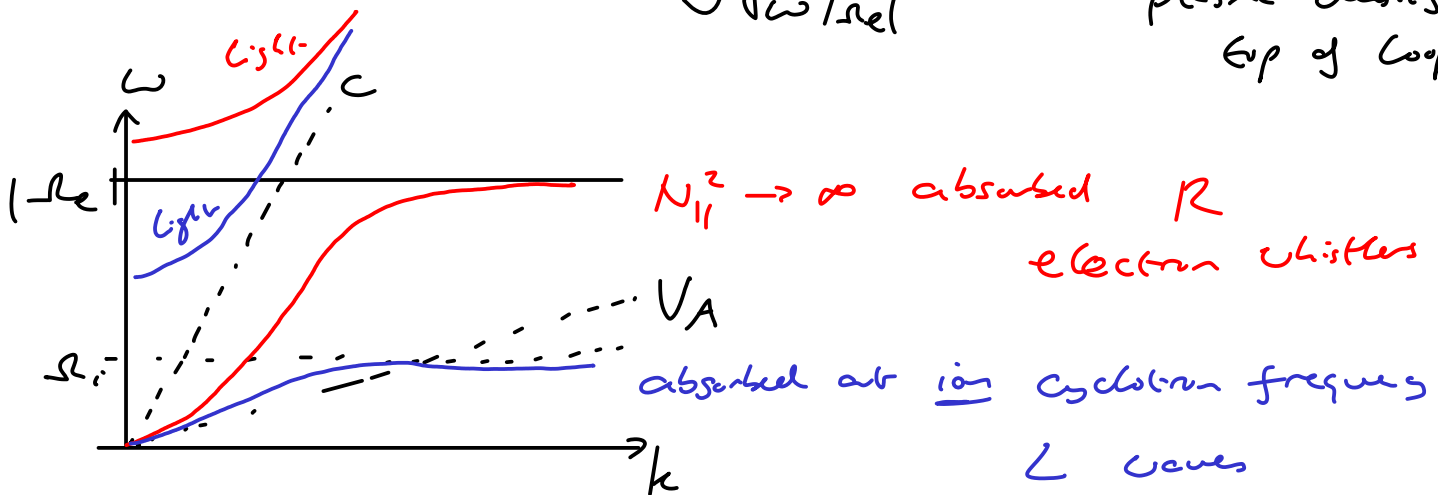
$$2c \left( \frac{\Pi e \sqrt{\omega}}{\sqrt{\Omega_e}} \right) \approx \frac{-\Pi e^2}{\Omega_e} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{||}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{||}} \approx \frac{2c \sqrt{\omega / \Omega_e}}{\Pi e} \propto \sqrt{\omega}$$



Group delay  $\propto \int \frac{\pi e}{\sqrt{\omega + \Omega_e}} d\omega$

Most sensitive to plasma density at top of loop.



$\omega \sim \Omega_e$  R wave

$$N_{11}^2 \approx \frac{-\pi e^2}{(\omega + \Omega_e)\omega}$$

$$c^2 k_{11}^2 = \frac{-\pi e^2 \omega}{\omega + \Omega_e}$$

$$2c^2 k_{11} (\omega + \Omega_e) + c^2 k_{11}^2 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{11}} \approx -\pi e^2 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{11}}$$

$$2c^2 \sqrt{\frac{-\pi e^2 \omega}{\omega + \Omega_e}} (\omega + \Omega_e) \approx - \underbrace{(c^2 k_{11}^2 + \pi e^2)}_{\downarrow} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{11}}$$

$$\frac{-\cancel{\pi e^2 \omega} + \pi e^2 (\omega + \Omega_e)}{\omega + \Omega_e} = \frac{\pi e^2 \Omega_e}{\omega + \Omega_e}$$

$$2c^2 \sqrt{\omega} (\omega + \Omega_e)^{3/2} \sim -\pi e^2 \Omega_e \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{11}}$$

$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_{11}} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\omega \rightarrow \Omega_e \Rightarrow$  Max. velocity

Max. group velocity is at  $\omega = \frac{1}{4} |\Omega_e|$

