

# Electron drift waves

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$$\underline{\tilde{E}} + \underline{\tilde{v}}_e \times \underline{B} = -\frac{\nabla p_e}{en} + \frac{m_e}{ne^2} \frac{dJ}{dt}$$

$\rightarrow m_e = 0$

Take parallel component (along B)

$$\underline{k} \cdot \underline{\tilde{E}} = E_{\parallel} = -\frac{\underline{k} \cdot \nabla p_e}{en} \quad \underline{k} \cdot \nabla = \partial_{\parallel}$$

$$\underline{\tilde{E}} \approx -\nabla \phi \quad \text{electrostatic} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta p_e \approx eT \delta n \\ \delta E_{\parallel} \approx -\partial_{\parallel} \delta \phi \end{array} \right.$$

$$E_{\parallel} \approx -\underline{k} \cdot \nabla \phi = -\partial_{\parallel} \phi$$

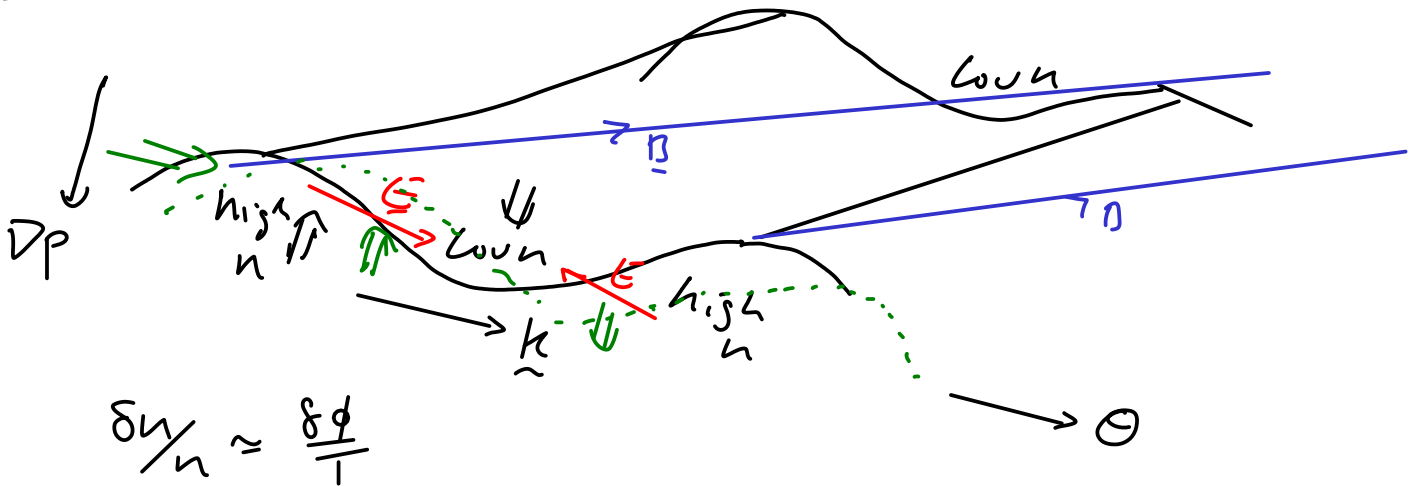
$$-\partial_{\parallel} \delta \phi \approx -\frac{eT \partial_{\parallel} \delta n}{en}$$

$$\partial_{\parallel} \left( -\delta \phi + \frac{T}{n} \delta n \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta \phi}{T} \approx \frac{\delta n}{n}$$

adiabatic response  
 - on timescales long compared to electron response

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Density  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta n = - \nabla \cdot (n \delta \underline{u})$   $\delta \underline{u} = \frac{V_{EXB}}{\beta}$

$\approx V_{EXB} \cdot \nabla n$   $= \frac{1}{\beta} k \times \nabla \phi$

$\frac{dn}{dr}$   $= -\frac{ik_0}{\beta} \delta \phi$

$i\omega \delta n \approx V_{EXB} \frac{dn}{dr}$

adiabatic  $\delta n = \frac{\delta \phi}{T} n = -\frac{ik_0}{\beta} \delta \phi \frac{dn}{dr}$

$$\omega = -k_0 \frac{T}{n\beta} \frac{dn}{dr} = k_0 V_* = \omega_*$$

diamagnetic frequencies.

$$V_* = -\frac{1}{en\beta} \frac{dP}{dr}$$

form of particle drift / diamagnetic drift  
but has different source