

Lecture 6: Plasma Physics 1

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Outline

- Collisions and mobility
 - Low-temperature plasma are “weakly” ionized
- Spitzer resistivity: “fully” ionized plasma
- Conductivity in a magnetized plasma
- (“Classical”) Diffusion of plasma and magnetic field

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Electron-Impact Cross Sections for Ionization and Excitation Database



NIST Standard Reference Database 107

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This is a database primarily of total ionization cross sections of molecules by electron impact. The database also includes cross sections for some atoms and energy distributions of ejected electrons for H, He, and H₂. The cross sections were calculated using the Binary-Encounter-Bethe (BEB) model, which combines the Mott cross section with the high-incident energy behavior of the

Holdings for Hydrogen

Symbol: H

Atomic Weight: 1.00794(7)

Ionization Energy: 13.5984 eV

Ground-state Configuration: 1s

Ground-state Level: $^2S_{1/2}$

Neutral	
Ionization	Excitation
Total	1s -> 2p
	1s -> 3p
	1s -> 4p
	1s -> 5p
	1s -> 6p
Differential	1s -> 7p
	1s -> 8p
	1s -> 9p
	1s -> 10p

Excitation Energies (E) in eV	
Excitation	E
1s-2p	10.1988
1s-3p	12.0875
1s-4p	12.7485
1s-5p	13.0545
1s-6p	13.2207
1s-7p	13.3209
1s-8p	13.3860
1s-9p	13.4306
1s-10p	13.4625

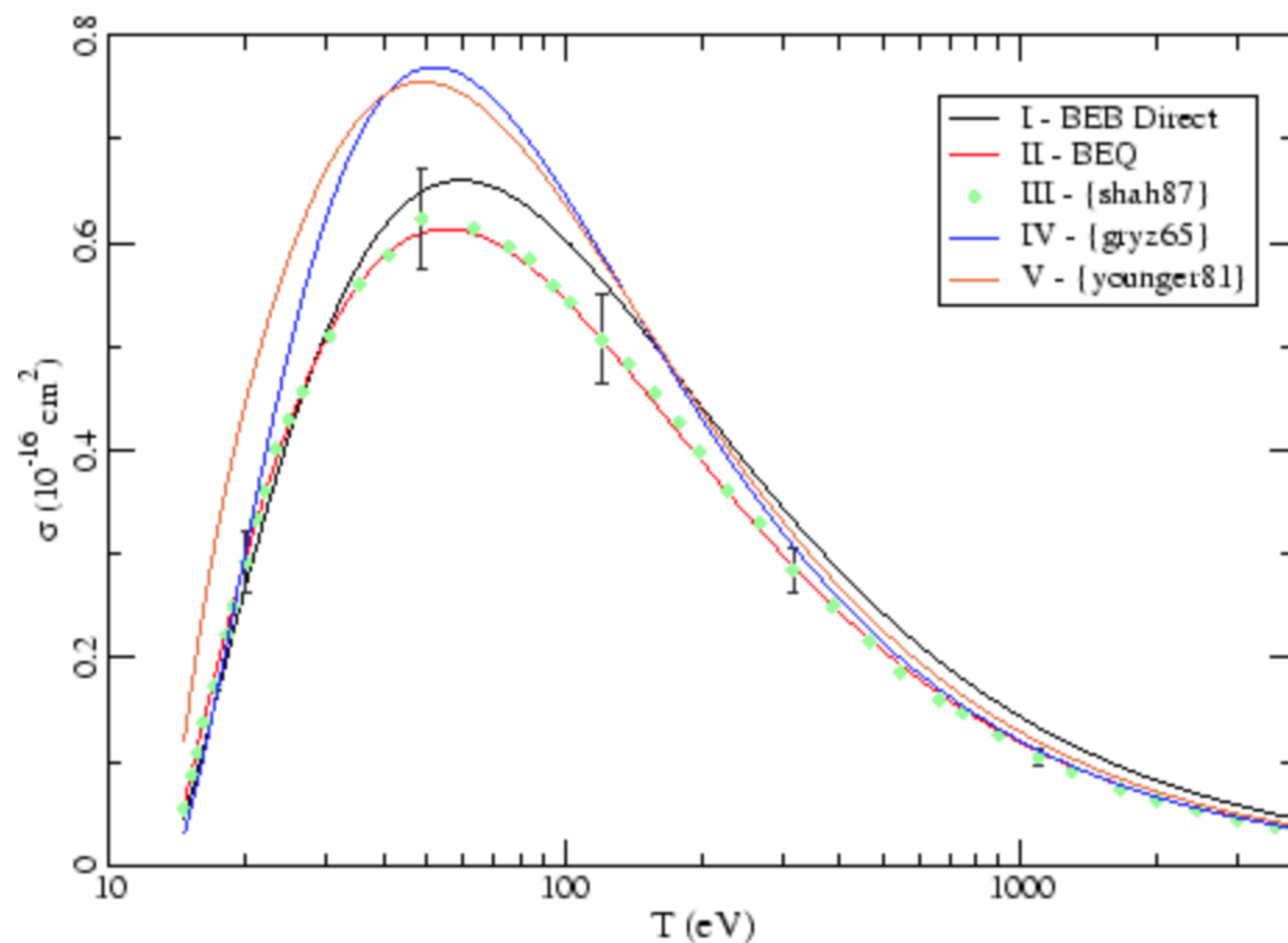
Electron-Impact Ionization Cross Sections

Introduction and References

Table of Atoms

Table of Molecules

Neutral Hydrogen Total Ionization Cross-Section



Total Ionization Cross Section

Incident electron energy, $T =$ eV

I - BEB Direct	Y.-K. Kim and M.E. Rudd, Phys. Rev. A 50 , 3954 (1994).(T)
II - BEQ	
III - shah87	M. B. Shah, D. S. Elliott, and H. B. Gilbody, J. Phys B 20 , 3501 (1987).(E)
IV - gryz65	M. Gryzinski, Phys. Rev. 138 , A305, A322, A336 (1965).(T)
V - younger81	S. M. Younger, J. Quant. Spectrosc. Radiat. Transfer 26 , 329 (1981).(T)

[Table of Ionization Cross Sections at Specific Energies \(tab-delimited ASCII\)](#)
[Atomic Orbital Constants for BEB Calculation of the Direct Cross Section](#)

All cross sections are in 10^{-16} cm^2 unless otherwise specified.

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NIST Electron Elastic-Scattering Cross-Section Database: Version 3.2

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Version 3.2 of this database provides values of differential elastic-scattering cross sections, total elastic-scattering cross sections, phase shifts, and transport cross sections for elements with atomic numbers from 1 to 96 and for electron energies between 50 eV and 300 keV (in steps of 1 eV). The cross sections in the database were provided by Prof. F. Salvat using relativistic theory. Knowledge of elastic-scattering effects is important for the development of theoretical models for quantitative analysis by AES, XPS, electron microprobe analysis, and analytical electron microscopy. The software package is designed to facilitate simulations of electron transport for these and similar applications in which electron energies from 50 eV to 300 keV are utilized. An analysis of available elastic-scattering cross-section data has been published by A. Jablonski, F. Salvat, and C. J. Powell J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data 33, 409 (2004)].

Following features:

- graphical display of differential elastic-scattering cross sections in different coordinate systems
- graphical display of the dependence of transport cross sections on electron energy



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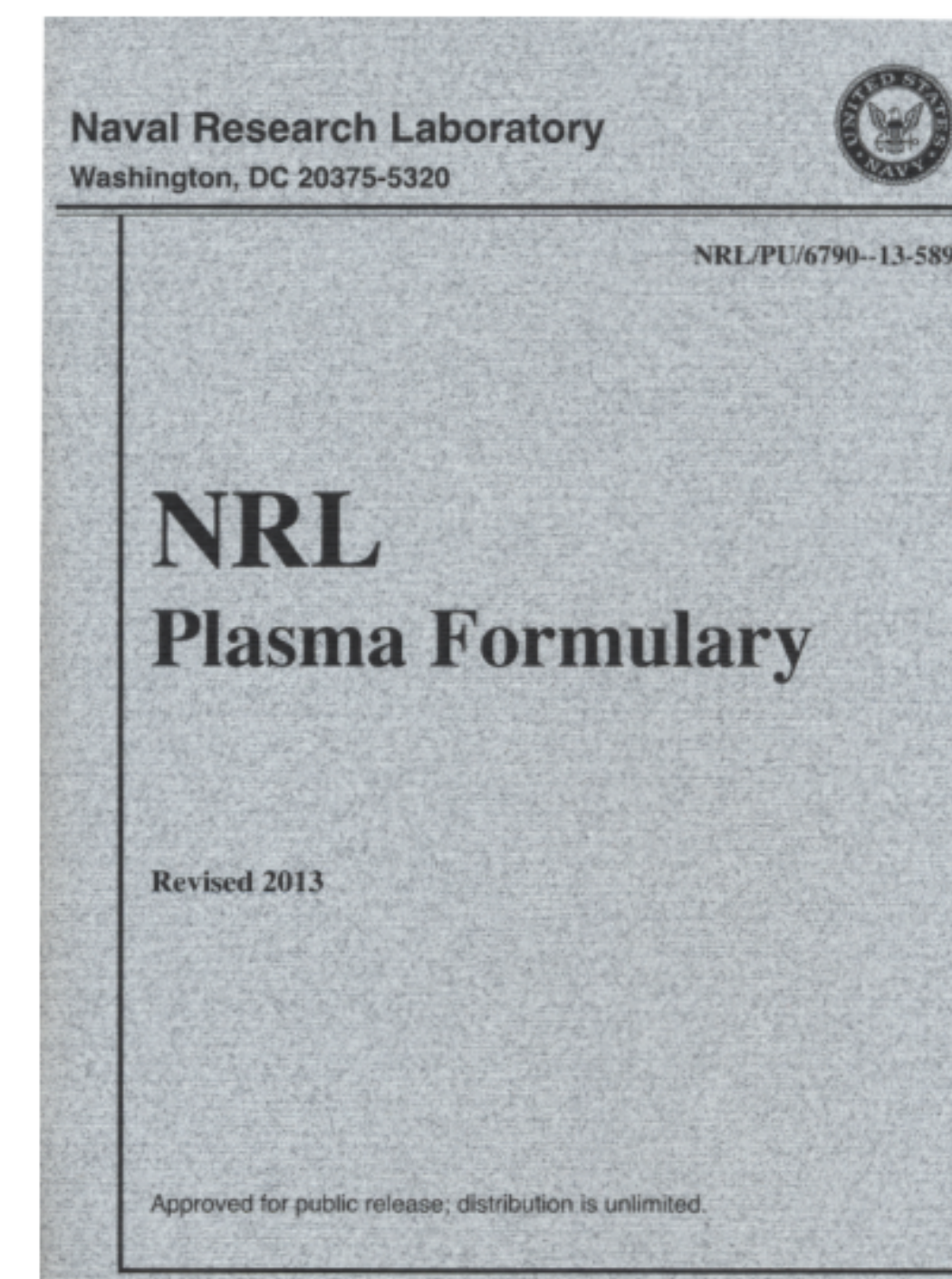
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Weakly Ionized Plasmas

Collision frequency for scattering of charged particles of species α by neutrals is

$$\nu_\alpha = n_0 \sigma_s^{\alpha|0} (kT_\alpha / m_\alpha)^{1/2} = V_{th} / \lambda_{mfp}$$

where n_0 is the neutral density and $\sigma_s^{\alpha|0}$ is the cross section, typically $\sim 5 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2$ and weakly dependent on temperature.

The elastic scattering of electrons on atoms is almost isotropic [68]. Therefore, on average, the electron loses its mean momentum $m_e \bar{v}_e$ and we can write the equation of motion for an *average electron*

$$m \dot{\bar{v}} = -eE - m \bar{v} \nu_m. \quad (4.25)$$

This average electron now moves in $-E$ -direction. The quantity $\nu_m = 1/\tau_{\text{coll}}$ is the effective collision frequency for momentum transfer.

$$v_d = -\frac{e}{m\nu_m}E = -\mu_e E$$

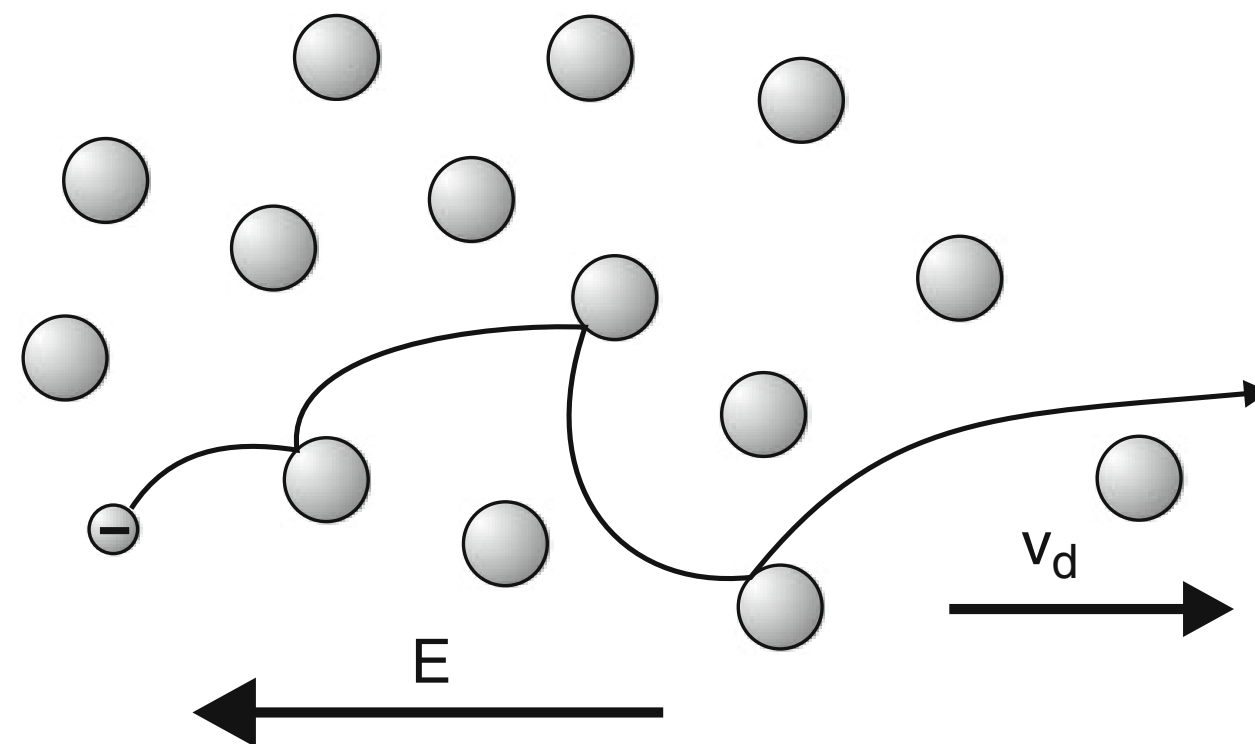
The mobilities of electrons and ions are defined as

$$\mu_e = \frac{e}{m_e \nu_{m,e}} \quad ; \quad \mu_i = \frac{e}{m_i \nu_{m,i}} .$$

Electrical Conductivity

$$j = j_e + j_i = n[(-e)v_{de} + ev_{di}] = ne(\mu_e + \mu_i)E = \sigma E$$

$$\sigma_{e,i} = ne\mu_{e,i} = \frac{ne^2}{m_{e,i}v_m}$$

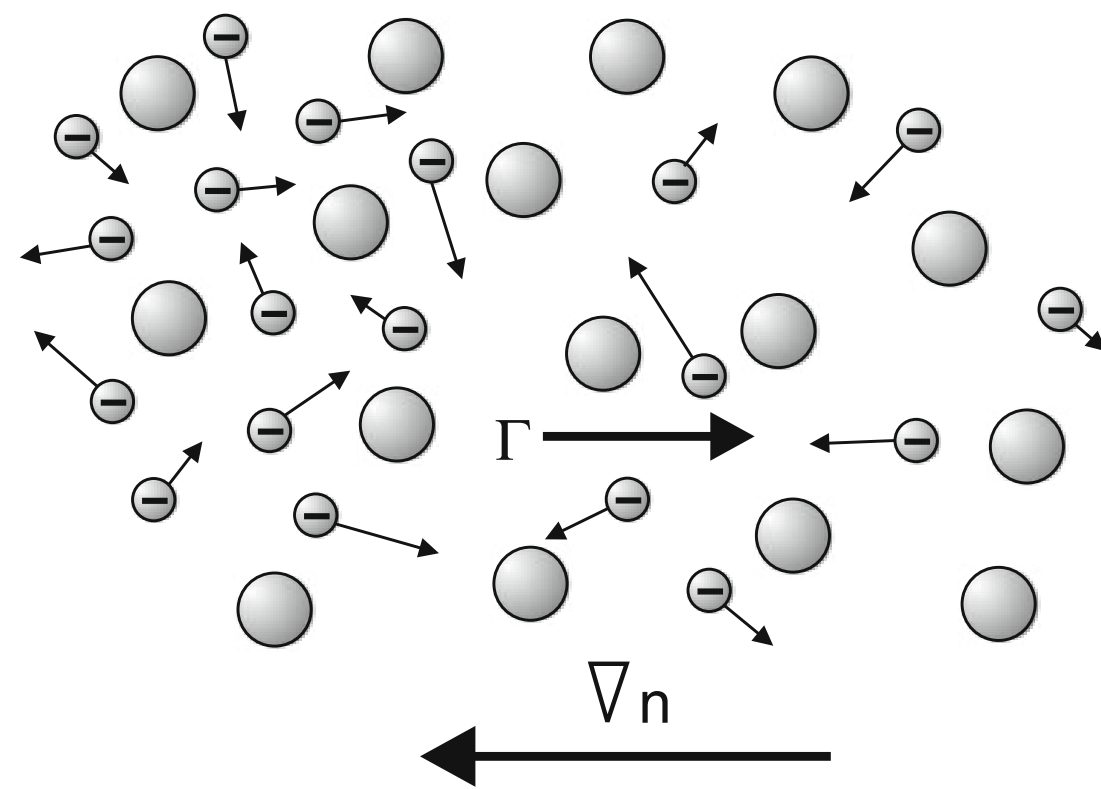


Collisional Diffusion

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_{e,i} = n_{e,i} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{e,i} = -D \nabla n_{e,i}$$

$$\frac{D}{\mu} = \frac{k_B T}{e} \quad \mu_e = \frac{e}{m_e \nu_{m,e}}$$

$$D = V_{th}^2 / \nu_m = \lambda_{mfp}^2 / \tau_m$$



Einstein relation is an unexpected result of Brownian motion from 1904-5.

Transport Phenomena in a Completely Ionized Gas*

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(Received November 10, 1952)

The coefficients of electrical and thermal conductivity have been computed for completely ionized gases with a wide variety of mean ionic charges. The effect of mutual electron encounters is considered as a problem of diffusion in velocity space, taking into account a term which previously had been neglected. The appropriate integro-differential equations are then solved numerically. The resultant conductivities are very close to the less extensive results obtained with the higher approximations on the Chapman-Cowling method, provided the Debye shielding distance is used as the cutoff in summing the effects of two-body encounters.

$$\eta_s = \frac{\pi e^2 m_e^{1/2}}{(4\pi \epsilon_0)^2 (k_B T)^{3/2}} \ln \Lambda$$

$\nearrow \log [12\pi N_D]$
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$$\eta_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\perp}$$

transverse Spitzer resistivity

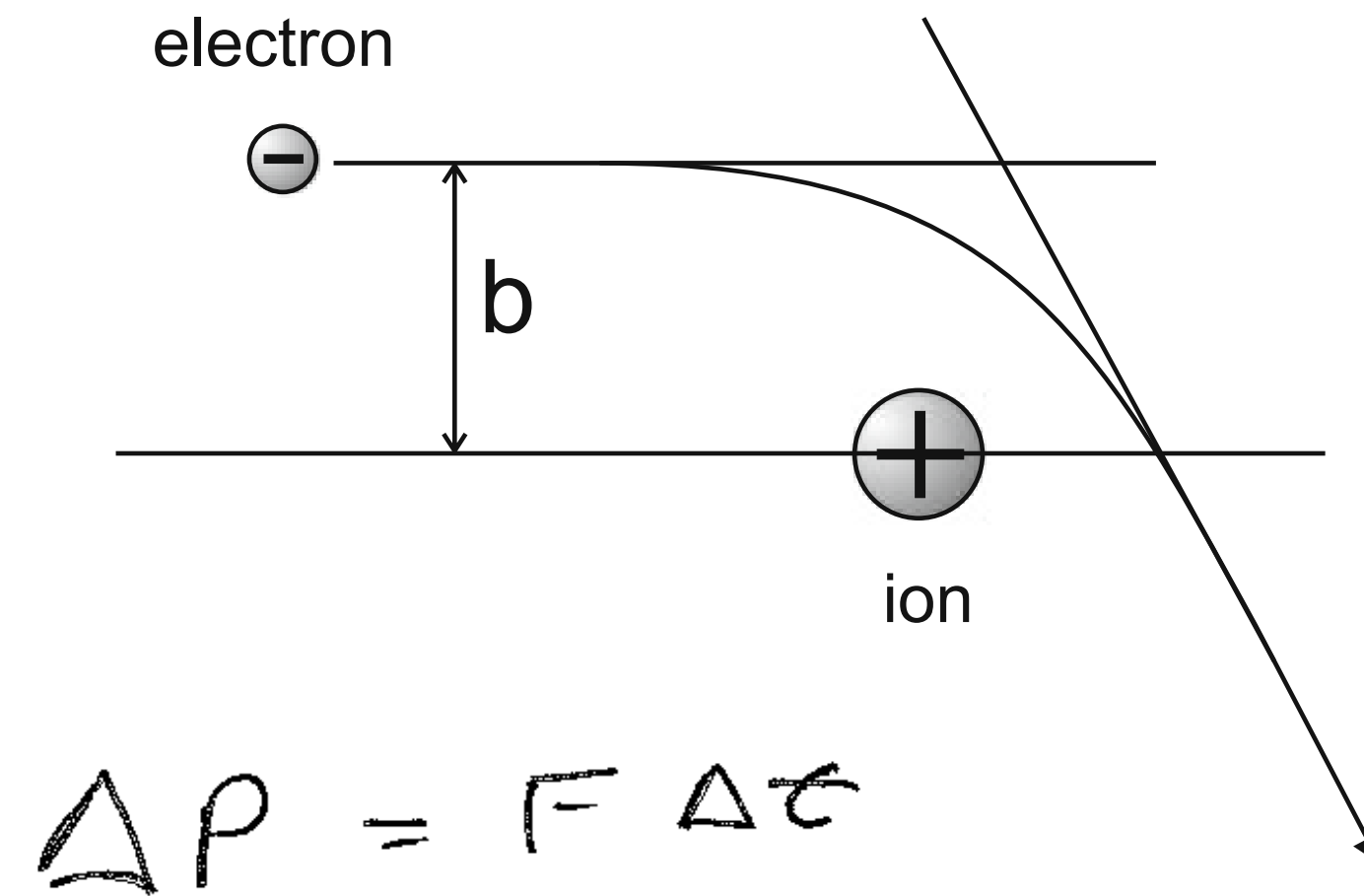
$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\perp} &= 1.15 \times 10^{-14} Z \ln \Lambda T^{-3/2} \text{ sec} \\ &= 1.03 \times 10^{-2} Z \ln \Lambda T^{-3/2} \Omega \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

electrical
conductivities

$$\sigma_{\parallel} = 1.96 \sigma_{\perp}; \quad \sigma_{\perp} = ne^2 \tau_e / m_e \quad \left| \quad v_m = \frac{1}{\tau_m} \right.$$

Fully Ionized Plasma

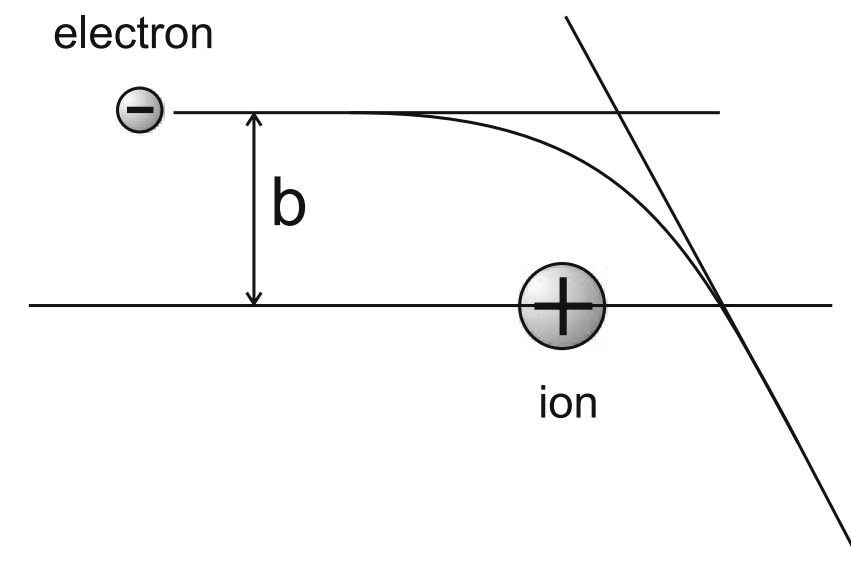
Coulomb Collisions



$$\Delta p = F \Delta t$$

$$m_e v = \frac{e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 b^2} \left(\frac{b}{v} \right)$$

Coulomb Collisions



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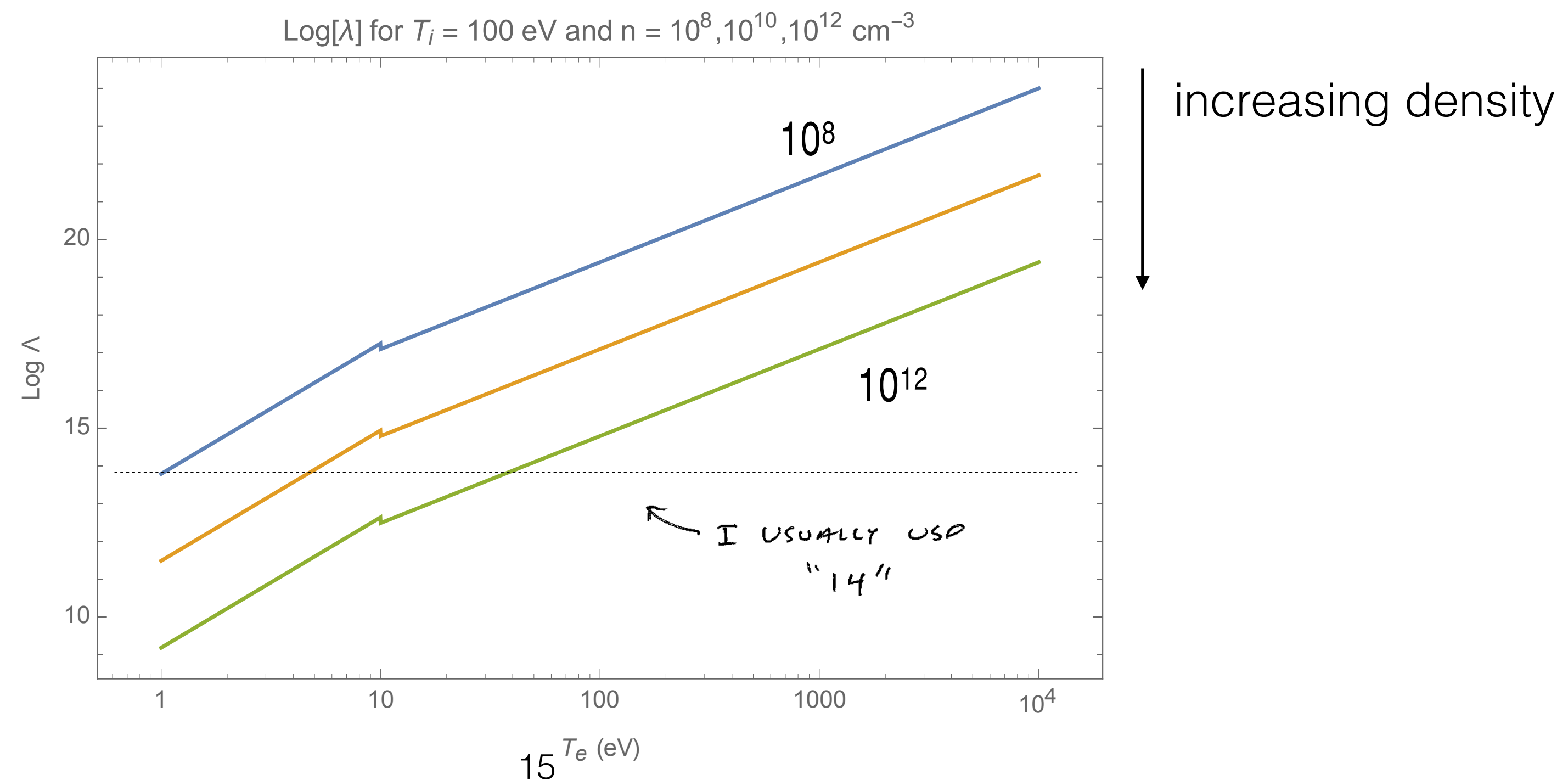
$$\nu_{ei} = n\sigma_{\pi/2} v = \frac{ne^4}{16\pi\epsilon_0^2 m_e^2 v^3} \quad \times \underbrace{\text{Log } \lambda}_{\text{Coulomb Log.}}$$

BUT THE RUTHERFORD
SCATTERING CROSS SECTION / RATE
DIVERGES FOR SMALL ANGLE COLLISIONS
 $\Delta\theta_{min} \sim \frac{e^2}{m v^2 \lambda_D}$

Coulomb Logarithm

(b) Electron-ion collisions

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{ei} = \lambda_{ie} &= 23 - \ln \left(n_e^{1/2} Z T_e^{-3/2} \right), & T_i m_e / m_i < T_e < 10 Z^2 \text{ eV}; \\ &= 24 - \ln \left(n_e^{1/2} T_e^{-1} \right), & T_i m_e / m_i < 10 Z^2 \text{ eV} < T_e \\ &= 30 - \ln \left(n_i^{1/2} T_i^{-3/2} Z^2 \mu^{-1} \right), & T_e < T_i Z m_e / m_i.\end{aligned}$$



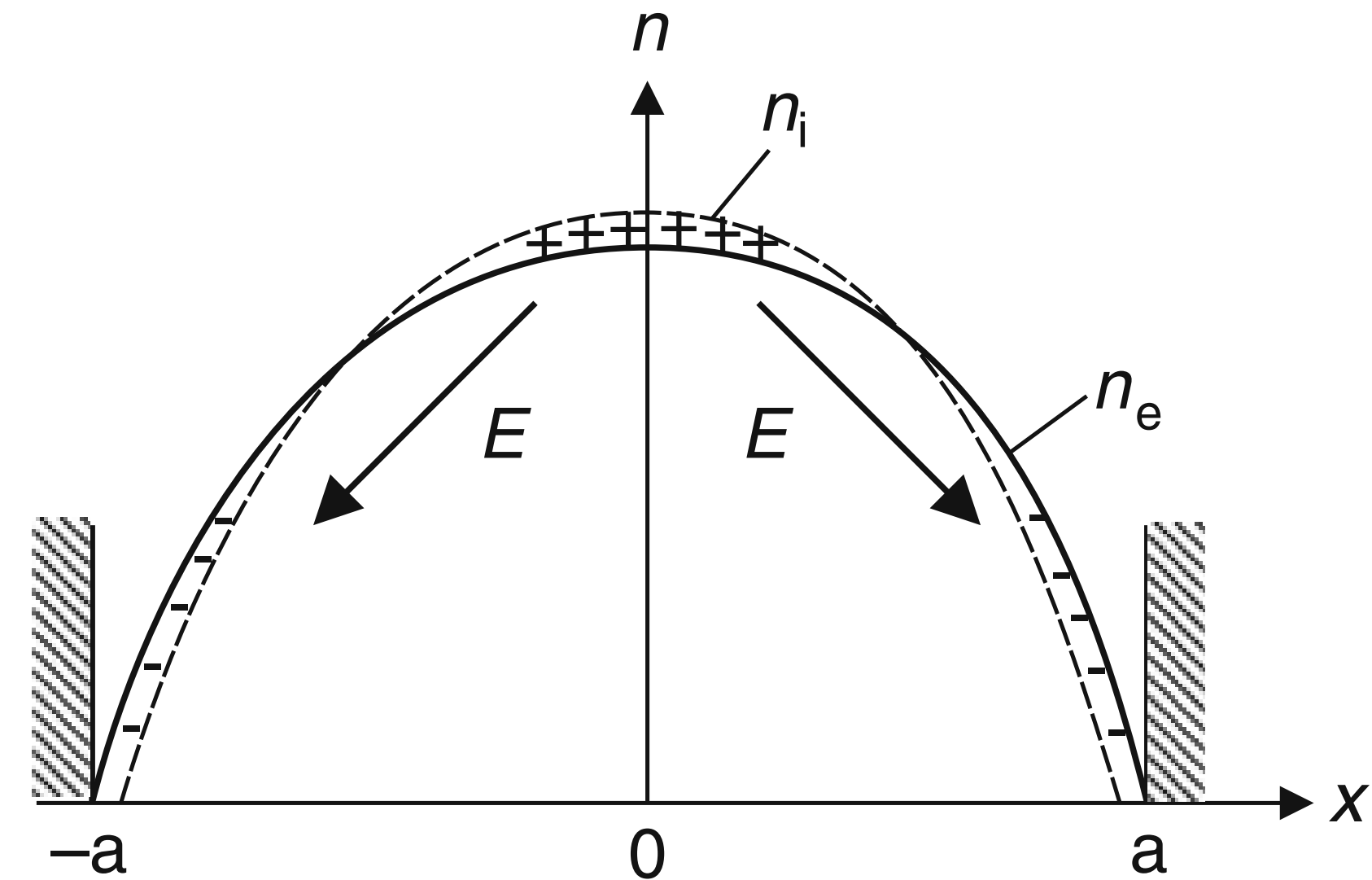
Ambipolar Diffusion

$$\mu_e = \frac{e}{m_e v_{m,e}} \quad ; \quad \mu_i = \frac{e}{m_i v_{m,i}}$$

$$\Gamma_{e,i} = \pm n \mu_{e,i} \mathbf{E} - D_{e,i} \nabla n$$

$$\frac{D}{\mu} = \frac{k_B T}{e}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -n\mu_e E - D_e \nabla n &= n\mu_i E - D_i \nabla n \\ \text{OR} \quad E &= -\frac{1}{n} \nabla n \left(\frac{D_e - D_i}{\mu_e + \mu_i} \right) \\ &\approx -\frac{kT}{e} \frac{\nabla n}{n} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_e &= \Gamma_i \\ &= +\mu_e \left(\frac{D_e - D_i}{\mu_e + \mu_i} \right) \nabla n - D_e \nabla n \\ &= -\left[\frac{D_e \mu_i}{\mu_e + \mu_i} + \frac{\mu_e D_i}{\mu_e + \mu_i} \right] \nabla n \\ &\approx -[2D_i] \nabla n \end{aligned}$$

Collisional Drift Velocity in (E,B) Field

$$\overline{\mathbf{J}} = q n \overline{\mathbf{v}} = \overline{\mathbf{G}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{E}}$$

FIND AVERAGE DRIFT WITH STATIC
E, B AND COLLISIONS

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{d\overline{\mathbf{v}}}{dt} &\approx 0 \approx \frac{q}{m} \overline{\mathbf{E}} + \omega_c \overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} - \gamma_m \overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} \\ 0 &\approx \frac{q}{m} \overline{\mathbf{E}} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} - \omega_c \overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} \hat{\mathbf{b}} - \gamma_m \overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} \\ 0 &\approx \frac{q}{m} E_{\parallel} - \gamma_m v_{\parallel} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &\perp \mathbf{B} \\ &\parallel \mathbf{B} \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} - \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\gamma_m}\right) \overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{q}{m \gamma_m} \overline{\mathbf{E}}_{\perp}$$

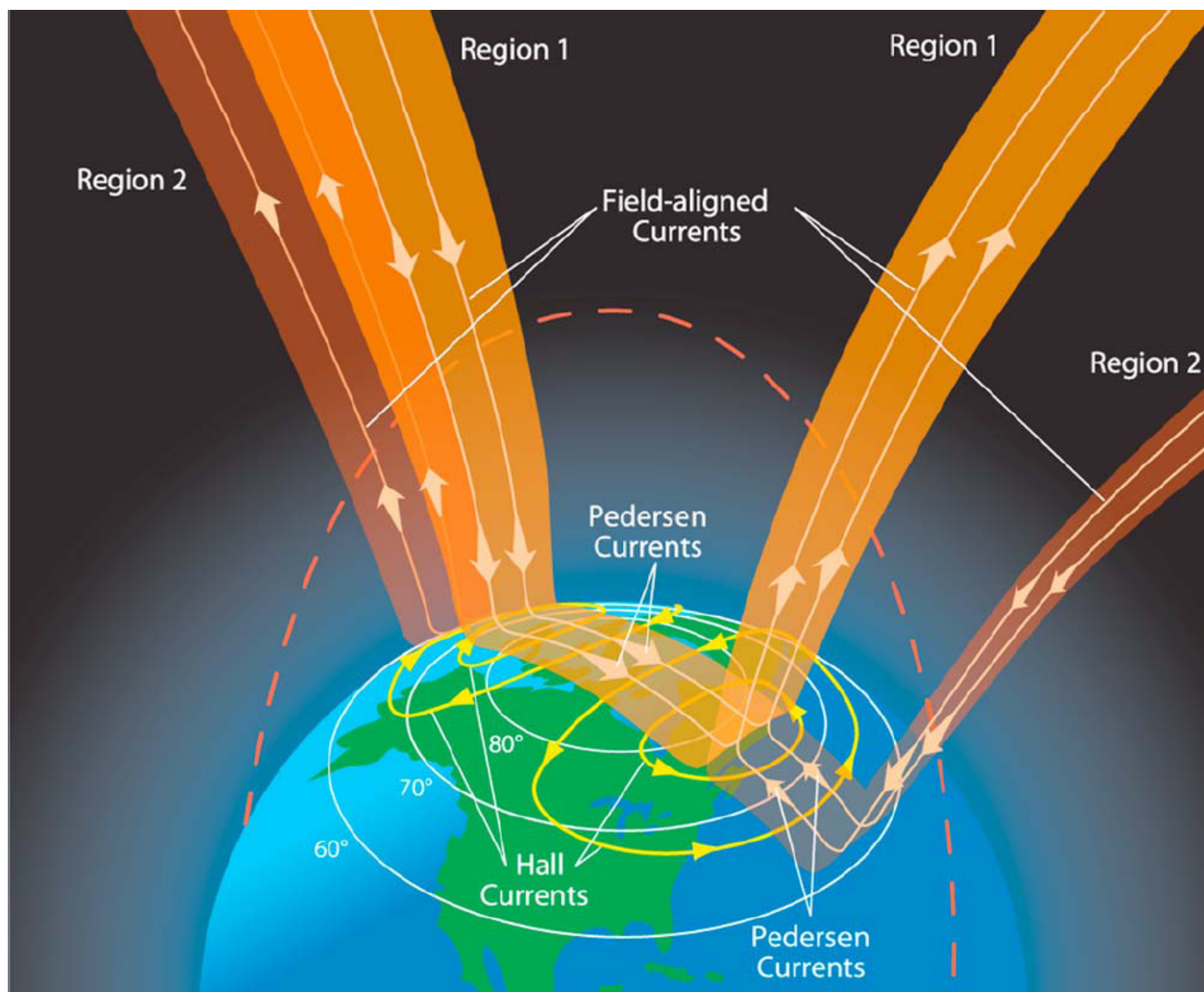
$$\left(\frac{\omega_c}{\gamma_m}\right) \left[\overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} + \left(\frac{\gamma_m}{\omega_c}\right) \overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{q}{m \gamma_m} \frac{\overline{\mathbf{E}}_{\perp} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}}{\omega_c} \right]$$

$$\left(1 + \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\gamma_m}\right)^2\right) \overline{\mathbf{v}}_{\perp} = \frac{q}{m \gamma_m} \overline{\mathbf{E}}_{\perp} + \frac{q}{m \gamma_m} \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\gamma_m}\right) \overline{\mathbf{E}}_{\perp} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_{\perp} &= \frac{q}{m \gamma_m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\gamma_m}\right)^2} & \frac{\frac{\omega_c}{\gamma_m}}{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\gamma_m}\right)^2} \\ -\frac{\omega_c/\gamma_m}{1} & \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_c}{\gamma_m}\right)^2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{E}}_{\perp} \\ &\quad \text{QED} \end{aligned} \right.$$

Conductivity in a Magnetized Plasma

1879 EDWIN HALL
(PHD DISSERTATION)



$$\begin{pmatrix} j_x \\ j_y \\ j_z \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\omega_{ci}/\nu_{m,i}}{1 + (\omega_{ci}/\nu_{m,i})^2} & 0 \\ -\frac{\omega_{ci}/\nu_{m,i}}{1 + (\omega_{ci}/\nu_{m,i})^2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$\frac{q^2 m}{m \nu_m}$

$\omega_c = \frac{qB}{m}$
 $\nu_m = \nu_{mi}/\lambda_{mfp}$

UNMAGNETIZED $\omega_{ci} \ll \nu_m$
 $\lambda_{mfp} \ll \rho_c$

$$\bar{\mathbf{J}} = \sigma \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\omega_{ci}}{\nu_m} & 0 \\ -\frac{\omega_{ci}}{\nu_m} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\leftarrow \text{small}$

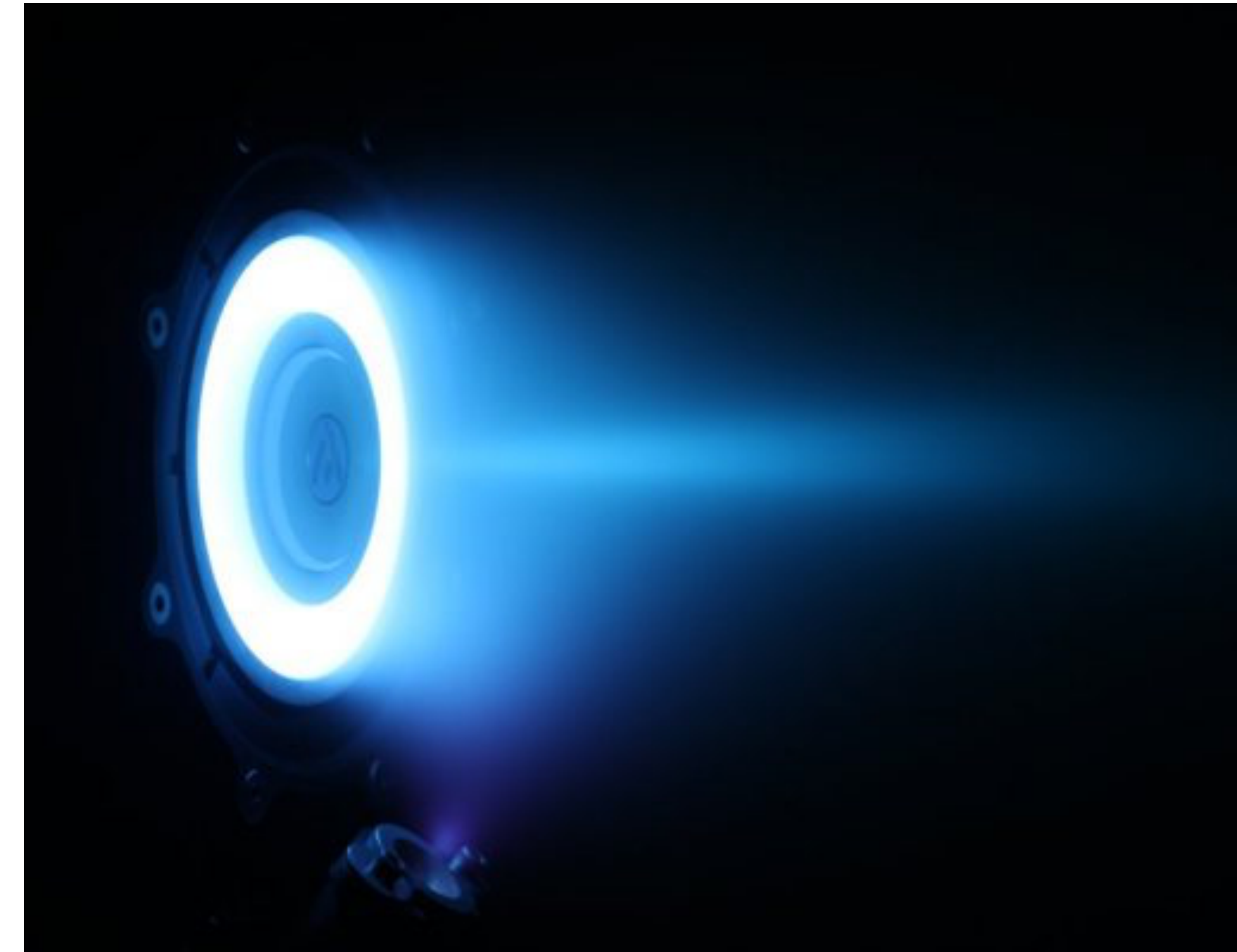
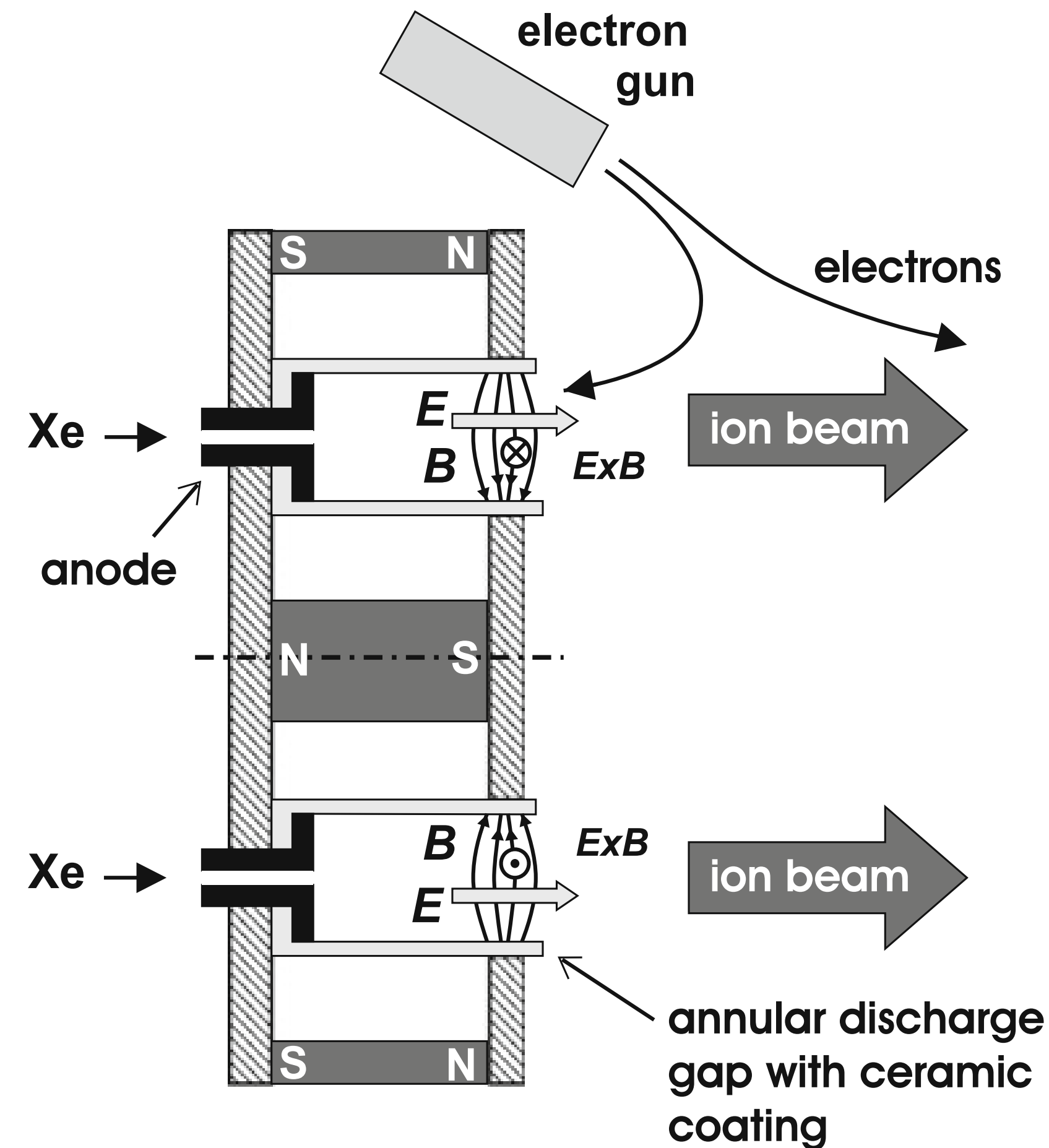
MAGNETIZED $\omega_{ci} \gg \nu_m$
 $\lambda_{mfp} \gg \rho_c$

$$\bar{\mathbf{J}} = \sigma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\nu_m}{\omega_{ci}} & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_m}{\omega_{ci}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\nu_m}{\omega_c} = qm \left(\frac{1}{B} \right) (E \times B)$$

Hall Effect Thruster

Fig. 4.17 Hall-effect plasma thruster. The plasma channel of the SPT100ML thruster has 69 and 100 mm inner and outer diameter, and 25 mm length. The mean radial magnetic field is $B_r = 160$ mT. The discharge is operated at $U_d = 300$ V and $I_d = 4.2$ A, giving a thrust of 80 mN. (Reprinted from [69] with permission. © 2004, IOP Publishing Ltd.)



Ohm's Law (Part 1)

$$\vec{J} = \vec{J}_i + \vec{J}_e = en(\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_e)$$

e^- :

$$0 \approx -en\vec{E} - en\vec{v}_e \times \vec{B} - m_0 n v_{e,i} \vec{v}_e$$

e^+ :

$$0 \approx +en\vec{E} + en\vec{v}_i \times \vec{B} - m_i n v_{i,e} \vec{v}_i$$

STATIC
FORCE
BALANCE
NO
ACCELERATION

ADD:

$$0 \approx en(\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_e) \times \vec{B} - n(m_i v_{i,e} \vec{v}_i + m_0 v_{e,i} \vec{v}_e)$$

$$0 \approx \vec{J} \times \vec{B} \quad (\text{NO FORCE})$$

NO NET MOMENTUM

REALLY

$$\nabla p = \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$$

SUBTRACT:

$$0 \approx 2en\vec{E} + en(\vec{v}_i + \vec{v}_e) \times \vec{B} - n[m_i v_{i,e} \vec{v}_i - m_0 v_{e,i} \vec{v}_e]$$

$$\approx 2en\vec{E} + 2en\vec{v}_\perp \times \vec{B} - \frac{m_i v_{i,e}}{e} \vec{J} - n\vec{v}_e [m_i v_{i,e} - m_0 v_{e,i}]$$

$$0 \approx \vec{E}_\perp \times \vec{v}_\perp \times \vec{B} - \frac{m_i v_{i,e}}{2e\lambda} \vec{J}_\perp$$

≈ 0

$$\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \approx \lambda_\perp \vec{J}$$

Ohm's Law

("Classical") Transport in a Magnetized Plasma

$$\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{n} \vec{j}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$$

$$\nabla \times (n \vec{j} - \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$-\nabla \times \left(\frac{n}{\mu_0} \nabla \times \vec{B} \right) + \nabla \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

or

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \approx \left(\frac{n}{\mu_0} \right) \nabla^2 \vec{B}$$

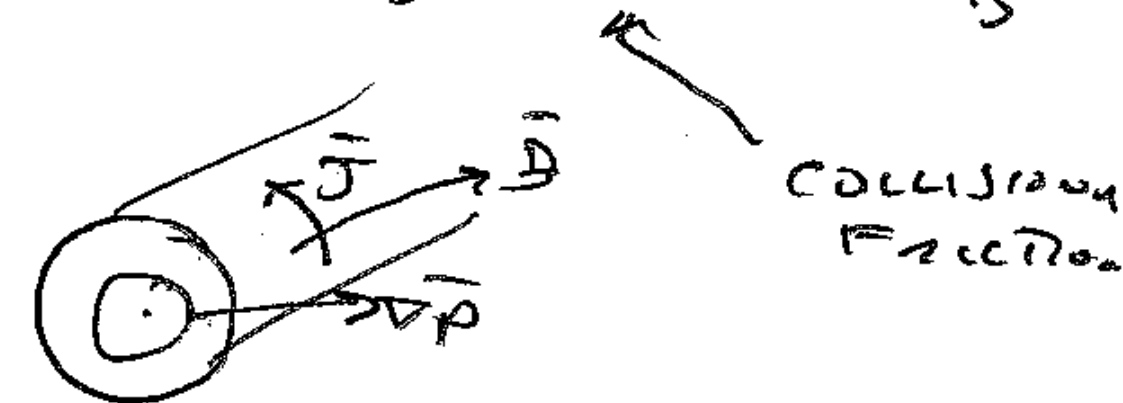
$$D_m = \frac{n}{\mu_0}$$

CONCLUSION:

PARTICLES DIFFUSE
MUCH SLOWER THAN
MAGNETIC FIELD

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot n \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\vec{v}_\perp = \frac{n}{B^2} \vec{j} \times \vec{B} + \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{B^2}$$



$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{n}{(B^2/\mu_0)} \nabla p \right) = 0$$

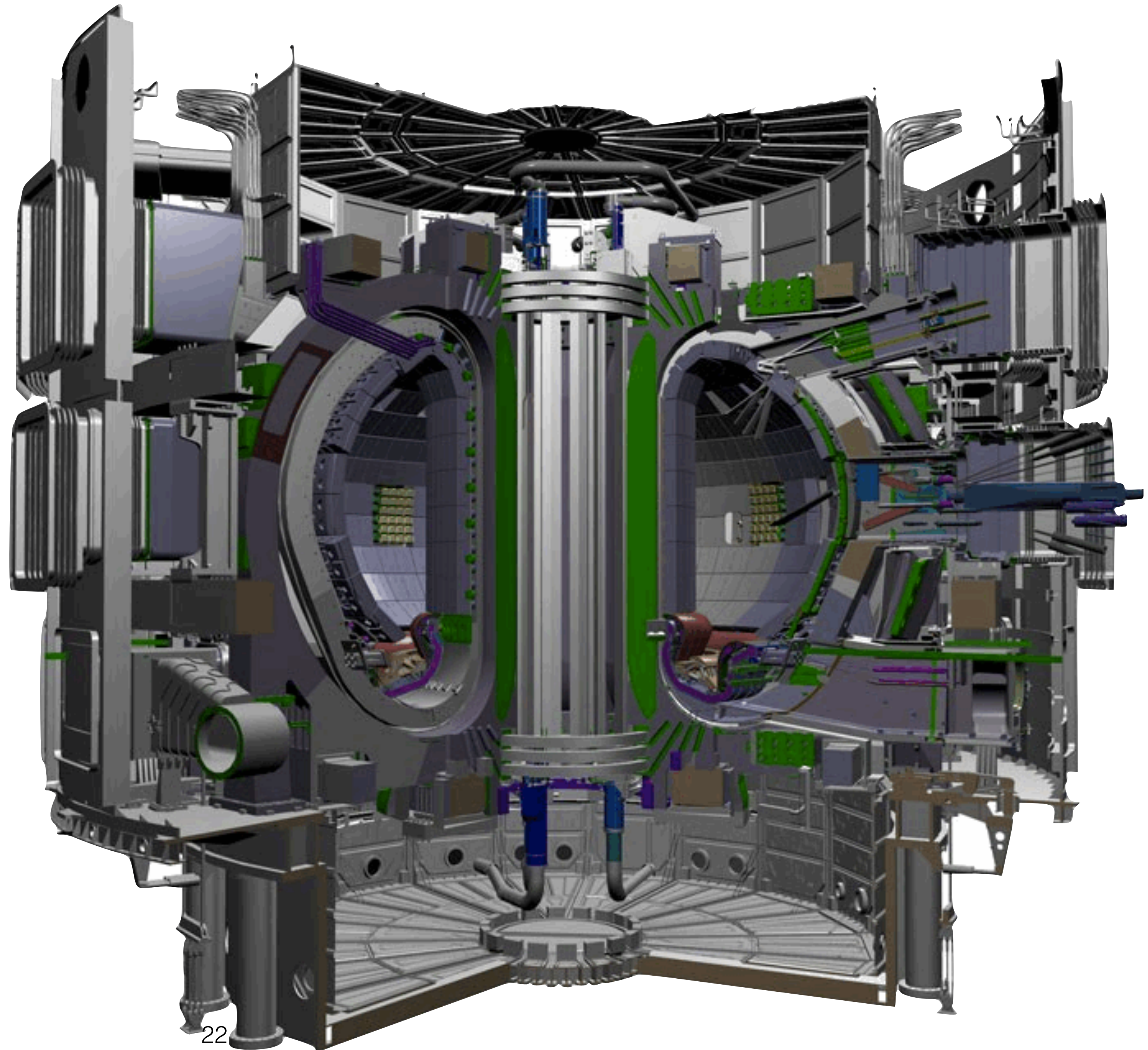
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \frac{n k T}{(B^2/2\mu_0)} \nabla n \approx 0$$

$$D_p \sim \frac{1}{2\beta} D_m$$

$$\beta \approx \frac{2n k T}{B^2/2\mu_0}$$

<http://www.iter.org/>

- Culmination of 50 years of magnetic fusion research
- 500 MW fusion power for 7 min pulses
- EU, Japan, Russia, China, S Korea, India, USA
- *At least* 22B US\$ (14B US\$ official), the most ambitious international science project ever
- 23,000 tons (tokamak only), or \$1M/ton



$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{Fusion}} \sim 0.08 P^2 \text{ (MW m}^{-3}\text{)}$$

$$P(\text{plasma}) = 3 n k T = 4.3 \text{ atm}$$

$$n = 1.0 \text{E}20 \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$T = 9 \text{ keV}$$

$$p_{\text{Fusion}} = 1.5 \text{ MW/m}^3$$

$$B = 5.3 \text{ T}$$

$$P(\text{mag}) = 110 \text{ atm}$$

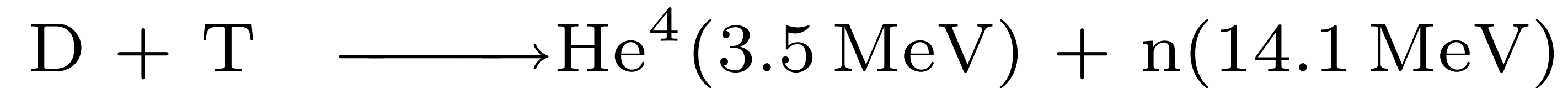
$$\beta = 4.3/110 \sim 3.9\%$$

$$\tau = 3.7 \text{ s}$$

$$a \sim 2.5 \text{ m}$$

Thousands faster than
“classical”

Fusion Gain & Ignition



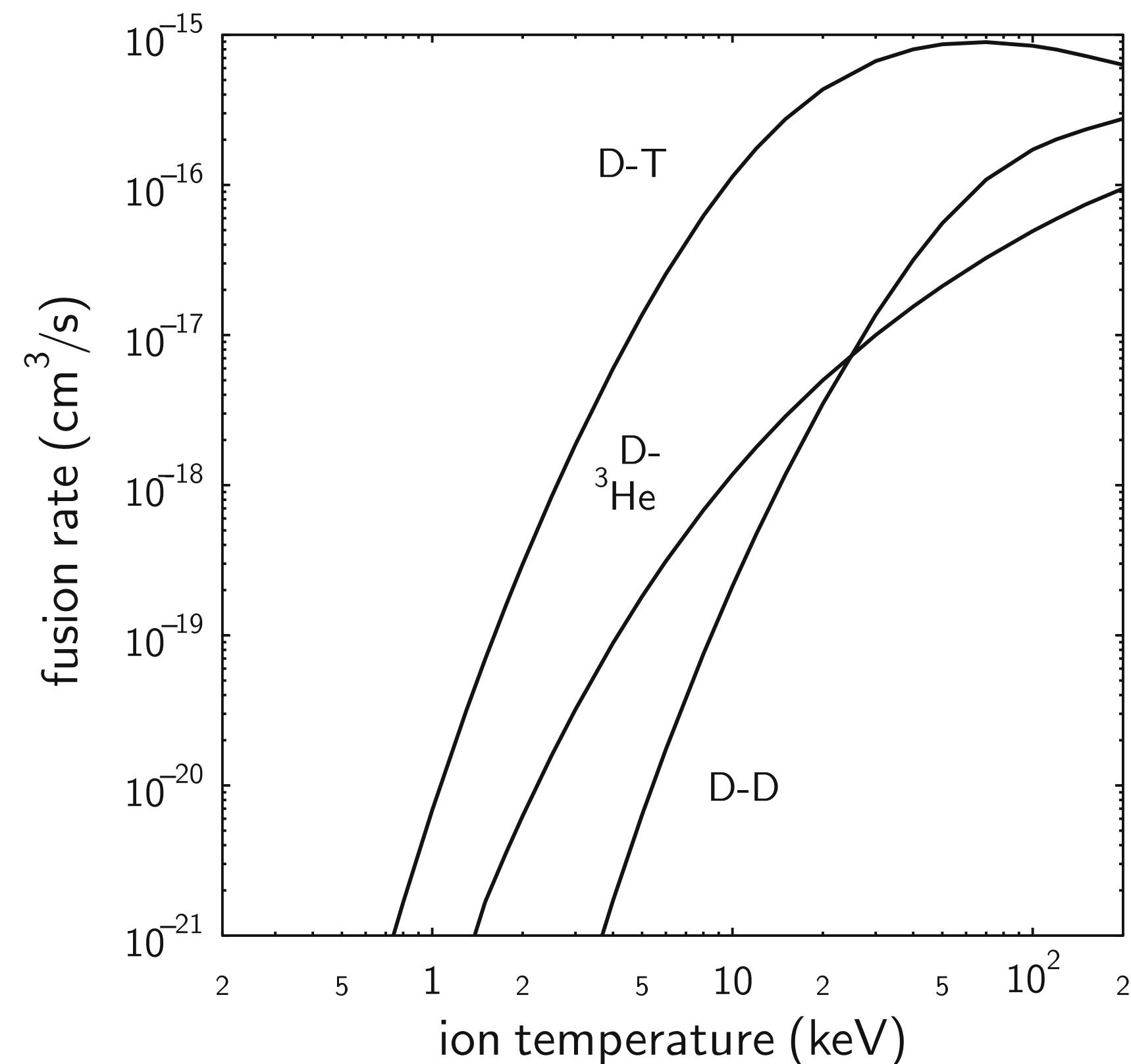
For low energies ($T \lesssim 25 \text{ keV}$) the data may be represented by

$$(\overline{\sigma v})_{DD} = 2.33 \times 10^{-14} T^{-2/3} \exp(-18.76 T^{-1/3}) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

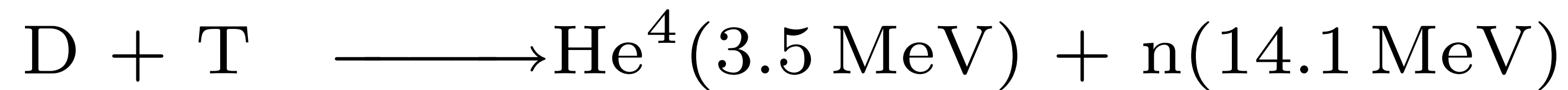
$$(\overline{\sigma v})_{DT} = 3.68 \times 10^{-12} T^{-2/3} \exp(-19.94 T^{-1/3}) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

where T is measured in keV.

NOTE: $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ FUNCTION
OF T ONLY



Fusion Ignition



$$P_{DT} = 5.6 \times 10^{-13} \underbrace{n_D n_T}_{n_e^2/4} (\overline{\sigma v})_{DT} \text{ watt cm}^{-3}$$

Bremsstrahlung from hydrogen-like plasma:²⁶ $z_{\text{eff}} N =$

$$(30) \quad P_{\text{Br}} = 1.69 \times 10^{-32} N_e T_e^{1/2} \sum \left[Z^2 N(Z) \right] \text{ watt/cm}^3$$

where the sum is over all ionization states Z . $P_{\text{Br}} \sim n_e^2 \sqrt{T} z_{\text{eff}}$

Ignition

$$P_{\text{atm}} \tau_E > 10 \text{ atm} \cdot \text{sec}$$

for fusion gain > 10

$$Q \rightarrow \infty$$

$$f_\alpha P_{\text{fus}} - P_{\text{br}} = 0$$

@ $T = 5.32 \text{ KeV}$
For D-T

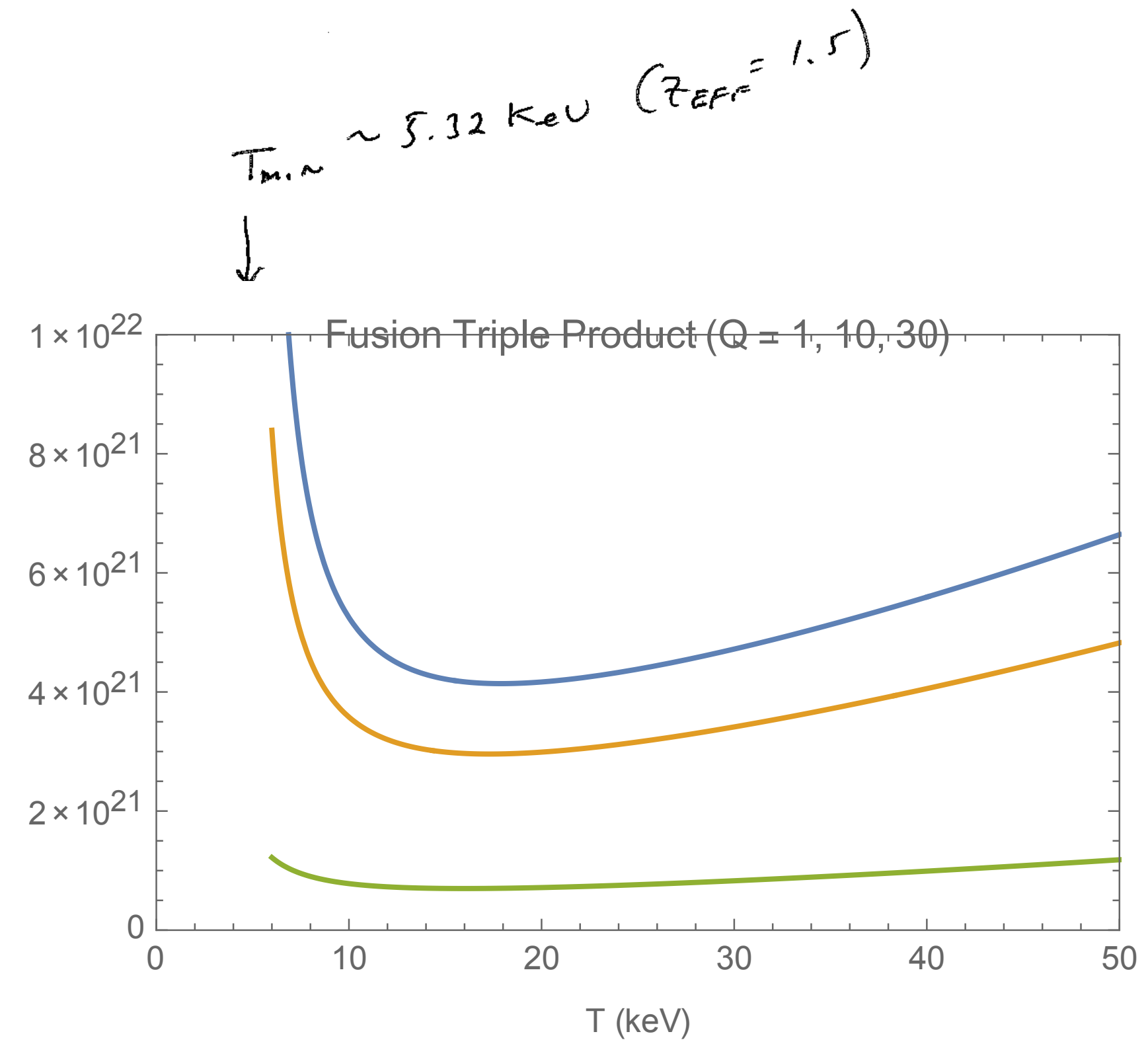
$$f_\alpha P_{\text{fus}} + P_{\text{aux}} = \frac{W}{\tau_E} + P_{\text{brem}} + P_{\text{rad}}$$

$$Q \equiv \frac{P_{\text{fus}}}{P_{\text{aux}}}$$

$$P_{\text{fus}} \propto P_{\text{brem}} \propto P_{\text{rad}} \propto n^2$$

$$nT\tau_E = \frac{3 T^2 n^2}{(f_\alpha + 1/Q) P_{\text{fus}} - P_{\text{brem}} - P_{\text{rad}}}$$

← FUNCTION OF T ONLY



but...

Classical Confinement does not describe Magnetized Fusion Plasma

$$D = \beta (\eta/\mu_0)$$

$$T = 9 \text{ keV}$$

$$\eta \sim 1.7\text{E-}9 \text{ Ohm-m}$$

$$\eta/\mu_0 \sim 0.001 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\tau \sim 4 a^2/D \sim 700,000 \text{ sec}$$

Homework #4 (Ch. 4)

- Fitzpatrick: Read Chapter 3 about collisions, and discuss the meaning of “Rosenbluth Potentials” and the collision operator in Eq. 3.112
- Piel: All nine problems in Ch. 4 (answers in back of text)

Wednesday's Lecture: "Virtual"

(Prof. Mauel is away at a conference)

- Piel / Chapter 5: "Fluid" Equations
- and the equations describing the large-scale dynamics of plasma