

PHYS 761 COURSE OUTLINE

Total =
26 lectures

I. Introduction

- (1) A. The plasma state - basic parameters ✕
- (2) B. Ionization processes (brief) ✕
- (3) C. Thermal equilibrium (brief) ✕

II. Vlasov Theory

- (4) A. Heuristic derivation ✕
- (5) B. Properties of solutions ✕*
- (6) C. Relation to fluid equations
- (7) D. Derivation from Liouville Equation *(skip)* ✕*
- (8) E. Linear electrostatic plasma waves
- (9) F. Landau damping
- (10) G. Two stream and "bump on tail" instability
- (11) H. Particle trapping
-coherent sources of radiation

III. Strong Magnetic Fields

- (12) A. Particle Orbits
-magnetic confinement fusion — *tokamak*
-magnetospheres — *dipole*
- (13) B. EM waves in magnetized plasma
— 1. Linear
— 2. Nonlinear - parametric decay
- (14) C. Magneto-Hydrodynamics
1. Low frequency waves
2. Plasma confinement
3. Plasma currents and self-generated magnetic fields
-dynamo
-reconnection

IV. Collisions

- (22) A. Basic collisional scattering
- (23) B. Transport coefficients

VI. Non-neutral plasmas

- (25) A. Charged particle beams
- (26) B. Cold plasma traps

