

Inter-Species Energy Transfer and Turbulent Heating in Drift Wave Turbulence

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Outline

- *We reconsider the classic problems of calculating “**net turbulent heating**” and the inter-species transfer of energy in drift wave turbulence*
- Motivation: **Transfer** vs **Transport** → " Roles " in energy budget
 - Consider
 - ┌ Net volumetric heating → Does turbulence heat a given volume of plasma?
 - └ Physics of Electron → ion collisionless energy transfer channels
- Calculate and Estimate Energy Transfer Channels
 - ┌ Electron cooling : quasilinear
 - └ Ion heating : quasilinear, nonlinear, Ion Pol & Dia → **Zonal flow**
- Implication for ITER
 - ┌ Turbulent vs collisional transfer
 - └ Turbulent transport vs Turbulent transfer
- Results and Discussion

Motivation

- Transfer vs Transport

$$n \frac{\partial T_\alpha}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot Q_\alpha}_{\text{Transport}} = \underbrace{\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J}_\alpha \rangle}_{\text{collisionless transfer}} \mp \underbrace{m \frac{m_e}{m_i} (T_e - T_i)}_{\text{Collisional transfer}} + \dots \quad \text{heat balance; } \alpha = e, i$$

→ Q heat flux, energy loss by turbulent transport

→ $\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle$ electron-ion collisionless energy transfer

→ **ITER: low collisionality, electron heated plasma**

- Issues with $\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle = \sum_{\alpha=e,i} \langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J}_\alpha \rangle$

- **Is the net heating zero?** (Manheimer 77)

- Periodical boundary condition, no boundary term exist

$$\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle = 0$$

But $\int dr \langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle = \underbrace{-\tilde{\phi} \tilde{J}_r \Big|_{r_1}^{r_2}}_{\text{Surface term survives!}} + \int dr (\nabla \cdot \tilde{J} \tilde{\phi}) \neq 0$ ➡

Surface term survives! ➡ **Net heating**



Boundary effects in a finite annular region

- *Another perspective: Poynting theorem*

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} + \langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} \rangle = 0$$

$W \equiv$ Wave energy density $S \equiv$ wave energy density flux

- *At steady state*

$$\int_{r_1}^{r_2} dr \langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} \rangle = -S_r \Big|_{r_1}^{r_2}$$

$$S_r = V_{gr,r} \epsilon_\omega = -2 \frac{\rho_s^2 k_r k_\theta \epsilon_\omega V_* \epsilon_\omega}{(1 + k_\perp^2 \rho_s^2)^2}$$

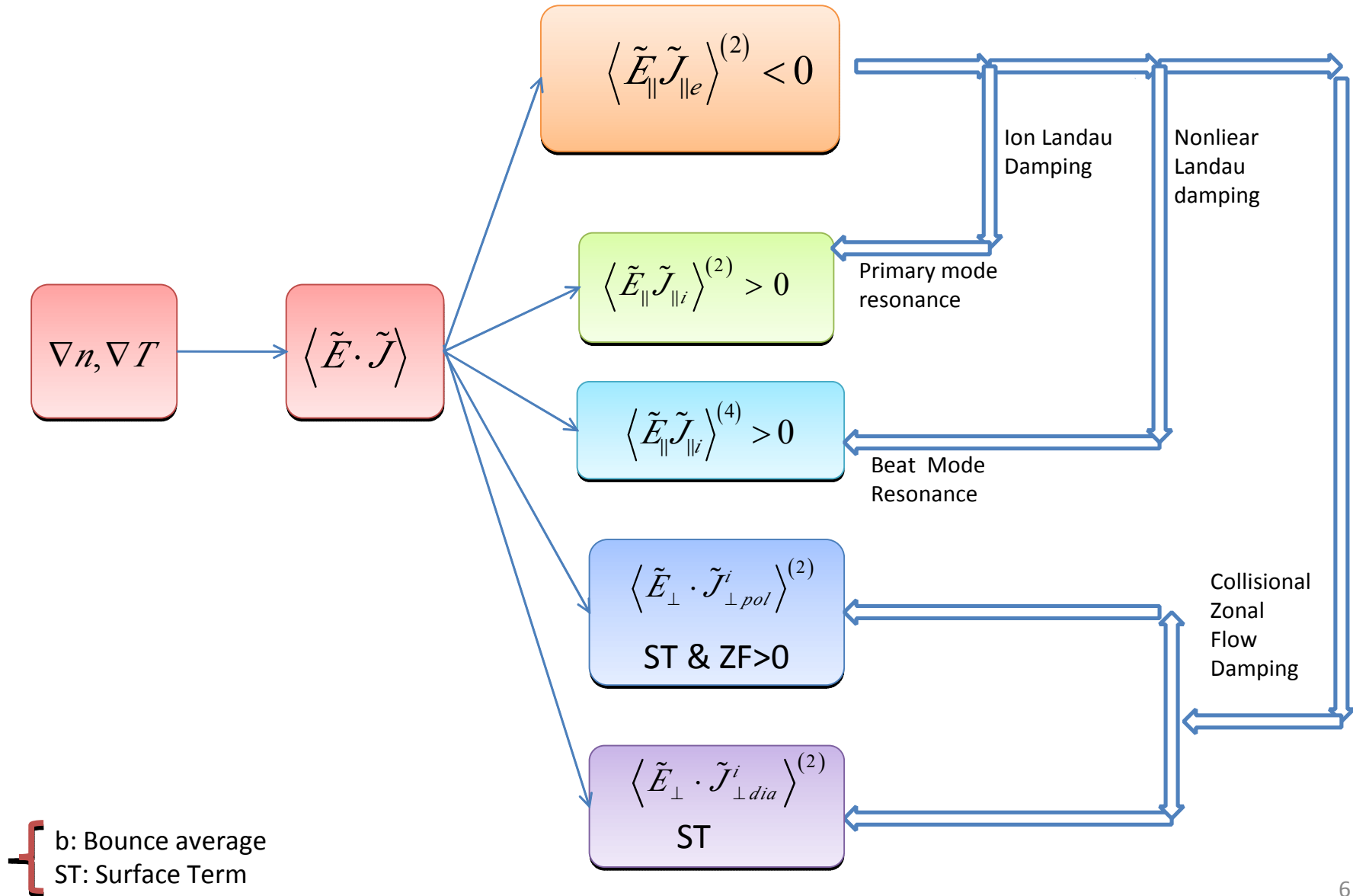
→ wave Energy flux differential → *net heating* $\langle \tilde{V}_r \tilde{V}_\theta \rangle = \sum -k_r k_\theta |\tilde{\phi}|^2$



We need reconsider both the turbulent heating and energy transfer channels in an annular region!

- Collisionless, inter-species energy transfer
 - Where does the net energy transfer go?
 - How is energy transferred from electrons to ions (**turbulent transfer channels**)?
 - How reconcile with saturation mechanisms?
 - Role of ZF in heating?
- **ZF is important to saturation, so must enter energy transfer as well!?**
 - **Zonal flow frictional damping is another energy transfer channel**
 - **Nonlinear damping (considered in future) is another possibility**

Turbulent Energy flow Channels



● **Necessary Correspondence:** Nonlinear Saturation and Energy Transfer

- Nonlinear saturation in turbulent state implies energy transfer from source $(\nabla T_e, \nabla n)$ to sink
- Schematically, saturation implies some balance condition must be satisfied

i.e. $0 = \gamma = \gamma_{\substack{\text{Linear} \\ \text{electron}}} + \gamma_{\substack{\text{Linear} \\ \text{ion}}} + \gamma_{\substack{\text{Zonal} \\ \text{Flow}}} + \gamma_{NLLD} + \dots$

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- Channels for electron \rightarrow ion energy transfer **must** be consistent with saturation balance

In particular:

- If zonal flows control saturation, they **must** contribute to energy transfer
- As zonal flows are nonlinearly generated (Reynolds stress), we should consider other nonlinear heating channels, as well, for completeness

Quasilinear Turbulent Heating in Drift Wave

- Calculate $\langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \tilde{J}_{\parallel e} \rangle^{(2)}$ in quasilinear theory

- DKE for electron

- Take non-adiabatic electron distribution function

$$\tilde{g}_k = \frac{(\omega_* - \omega)}{\omega - k_z v_z} \frac{e\tilde{\varphi}_k}{T_e} \langle f_e \rangle, \quad \omega_{*e} = \frac{k_y \rho_s c_s}{L_n}, \quad \langle f_e \rangle \text{ is Maxwellian}$$

- $\langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \tilde{J}_{\parallel e} \rangle^{(2)} = e \int dv v_z \tilde{E}_z \tilde{g}_k = \sum_k \pi n T_e \left| \frac{e\tilde{\varphi}_k}{T_e} \right|^2 \frac{\omega}{|k_z| V_{the}} (\omega - \omega_{*e}) \langle f_e \rangle_{\frac{\omega}{k_z}}$

- $\omega = \frac{\omega_{*e}}{1 + k_{\perp}^2 \rho_s^2}, \quad \langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \tilde{J}_{\parallel e} \rangle^{(2)} < 0$ **the electrons cool via inverse electron Landau damping**

- Similarly, calculate $\langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \tilde{J}_{\parallel i} \rangle^{(2)}$ for ion

- $\langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \tilde{J}_{\parallel i} \rangle^{(2)} = \sum_k \pi n T_i \left| \frac{e\tilde{\varphi}_k}{T_i} \right|^2 \frac{\omega}{|k_z| V_{the}} \left(\omega + \frac{T_i}{T_e} \omega_{*e} \right) \langle f_i \rangle_{\frac{\omega}{k_z}}$

- $\langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \tilde{J}_{\parallel i} \rangle^{(2)} > 0,$ **the ions gain energy via ion Landau damping**

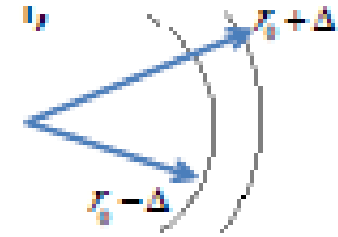
Perpendicular Current Induced Turbulent Heating

- The turbulent heating induced by ion polarization current

$$- \langle \tilde{E}_\perp \cdot \tilde{J}_{\perp i}^{pol} \rangle = - \langle \vec{\nabla}_\perp \cdot (\tilde{\phi} \tilde{J}_{\perp i}^{pol}) \rangle + \langle \tilde{\phi} \vec{\nabla}_\perp \cdot \tilde{J}_{\perp i}^{pol} \rangle$$

- Defining an annular region

$$\langle \dots \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi R} dz \int_0^{2\pi} r d\theta \int_{r_0-\Delta}^{r_0+\Delta} (\dots) dr$$



- Net turbulent heating

$$\langle \tilde{E}_\perp \cdot \tilde{J}_{\perp i}^{pol} \rangle = nm_i A \left(\underbrace{\langle V_\theta \rangle \langle \tilde{V}_r \tilde{V}_\theta \rangle}_{\text{Surface term}} \Big|_{r-\Delta}^{r+\Delta} - \int_{r-\Delta}^{r+\Delta} dr \langle V_\theta \rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle \tilde{V}_r \tilde{V}_\theta \rangle \right)$$

Surface term

- Reynolds work on mean flow in annular
- Directly linked to zonal flow drive

- At steady state

$$\langle \tilde{E}_\perp \cdot \tilde{J}_{\perp i}^{pol} \rangle = \int_{r-\Delta}^{r+\Delta} dr n v_{col} \langle V_\theta \rangle^2 > 0, \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Zonal flow frictional damping is the fate of net electron-ion energy transfer}$$

- Diamagnetic current induced turbulent heating

$$\langle \tilde{E}_\perp \cdot \tilde{J}_{\perp i}^{Di} \rangle = -nc\tilde{\phi} \frac{\underline{B} \times \nabla \tilde{p}}{B^2} \Big|_{r-\Delta}^{r+\Delta} \longrightarrow \text{Heat flux differential} \longrightarrow \text{Zonal flow}$$

Nonlinear Turbulent Heating

- ZF coupling to $\propto \left(\frac{e\tilde{\phi}}{T}\right)^4$, so need calculate parallel heating to $\propto \left(\frac{e\tilde{\phi}}{T}\right)^4$
- Nonlinear turbulent heating \longrightarrow perturbation theory (Dupree 68)

$$\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle^{(4)} = - \int dV m V_{\parallel} D_4 \frac{\partial}{\partial V_{\parallel}} \langle f \rangle \quad D_4 \text{ fourth order diffusion coefficient}$$

- The nonlinear turbulent heating for ions

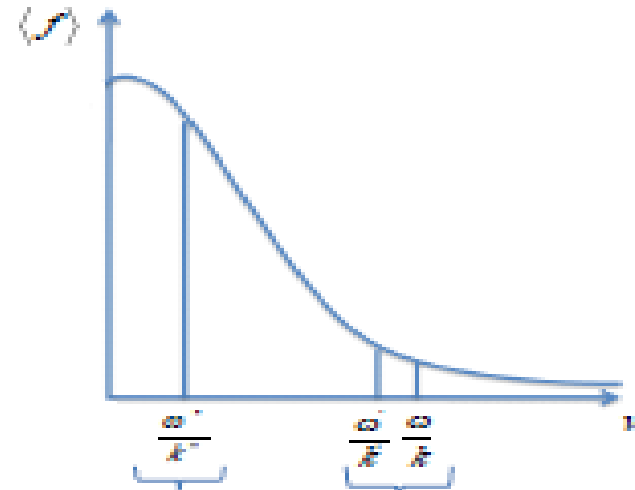
$$\langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \cdot \tilde{J}_{\parallel i} \rangle^{(4)} = \sum_{k, k'} \pi n T_i \left(\frac{e\tilde{\phi}_k}{T_i}\right)^2 \left(\frac{e\tilde{\phi}_{k'}}{T_i}\right)^2 \frac{k_z^2 k_z'^2 V_{thi}^3 \omega''^2}{k_z''^2 |k_z''|} \left(\frac{k-k'}{(k\nu-\omega)(k'\nu-\omega')}\right)^2 \langle f_i \rangle \Big|_{\nu=\frac{\omega''}{k}} > 0$$

- The beat mode resonance

$$\omega'' = \omega \pm \omega', \quad k'' = k \pm k'$$

- Nonlinear beat Landau resonance is a strong nonlinear effect !

$$\longrightarrow \langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \cdot \tilde{J}_{\parallel i} \rangle^{(4)} / \langle \tilde{E}_{\parallel} \cdot \tilde{J}_{\parallel i} \rangle^{(2)} \sim \left| \frac{e\tilde{\phi}}{T} \right|^2 \exp(\omega^2 / k_{\parallel}^2 V_{thi}^2)$$



- Beat modes
- Strong resonance and damping
- Primary resonances
- Weak linear Landau damping

Overview of Results

★ Estimation of the turbulent heating

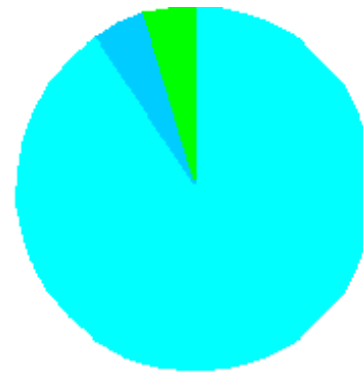
Turbulent heating	analytical	Mixing length approximation for fluctuation levels $\frac{e\tilde{\varphi}}{T_e} \sim \rho_*$
$\left \left\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \right\rangle_e^{(2)} \right $	$\left \frac{e\tilde{\varphi}}{T_e} \right ^2 \frac{(\omega - \omega_{*e})\omega}{ k_z V_{the}}$	$\rho_*^2 \frac{Rq\omega_*^2}{V_{the}} F_1(k_\perp \rho_s)$
$\left\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \right\rangle_i^{(2)}$	$\left \frac{e\tilde{\varphi}}{T_i} \right ^2 \frac{(\omega - \omega_{*i})\omega}{ k_z V_{thi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\omega}{k_z V_{thi}}\right)^2$	$\rho_*^2 \frac{Rq\omega_*^2}{V_{thi}} F_2(k_\perp \rho_s)$
$\left\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \right\rangle_i^{(4)}$	$\left \frac{e\tilde{\varphi}_k}{T_i} \right ^2 \left \frac{e\tilde{\varphi}_{k'}}{T_i} \right ^2 \frac{\omega^2 k_z'^2 k_z^2 V_{thi}^3}{(k_z v - \omega)^2 (k_z' v - \omega')^2 k_z }$	$\rho_*^2 \rho_*'^2 \frac{V_{thi}^3}{L_n C_s^2} F_3(k_\perp \rho_s)$
$\left\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \right\rangle_{pol}^{(2)}$	$m_i v_{col} \left\langle V_\theta \right\rangle^2$	$\rho_*^2 v_* \varepsilon^{3/2} m_i C_s^2 \frac{V_{thi}}{Rq}$

Basic comparison of channels

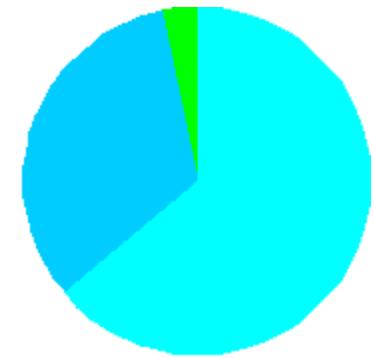
ITER Parameters R=6.2m, a=2m,q=2	
$Ratio = \frac{\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J}_i \rangle}{\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J}_e \rangle}$	Short wavelength
	$k_{\perp} \rho_s \sim 1$
$\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle_i^{(2)}$	1.56×10^{-2}
$\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle_{pol}^{(2)}$	$0.8 v_*$
$\langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle_i^{(4)}$	$0.08 \times 10^4 \rho_*^2$

★ *Ratios of energy dissipation channels at different collisionality*

- Landau Damping
- Zonal flow friction
- Nonlinear LD



$$v_* = 10^{-3} \quad \rho_* = 10^{-3}$$



$$v_* = 10^{-1} \quad \rho_* = 10^{-3}$$

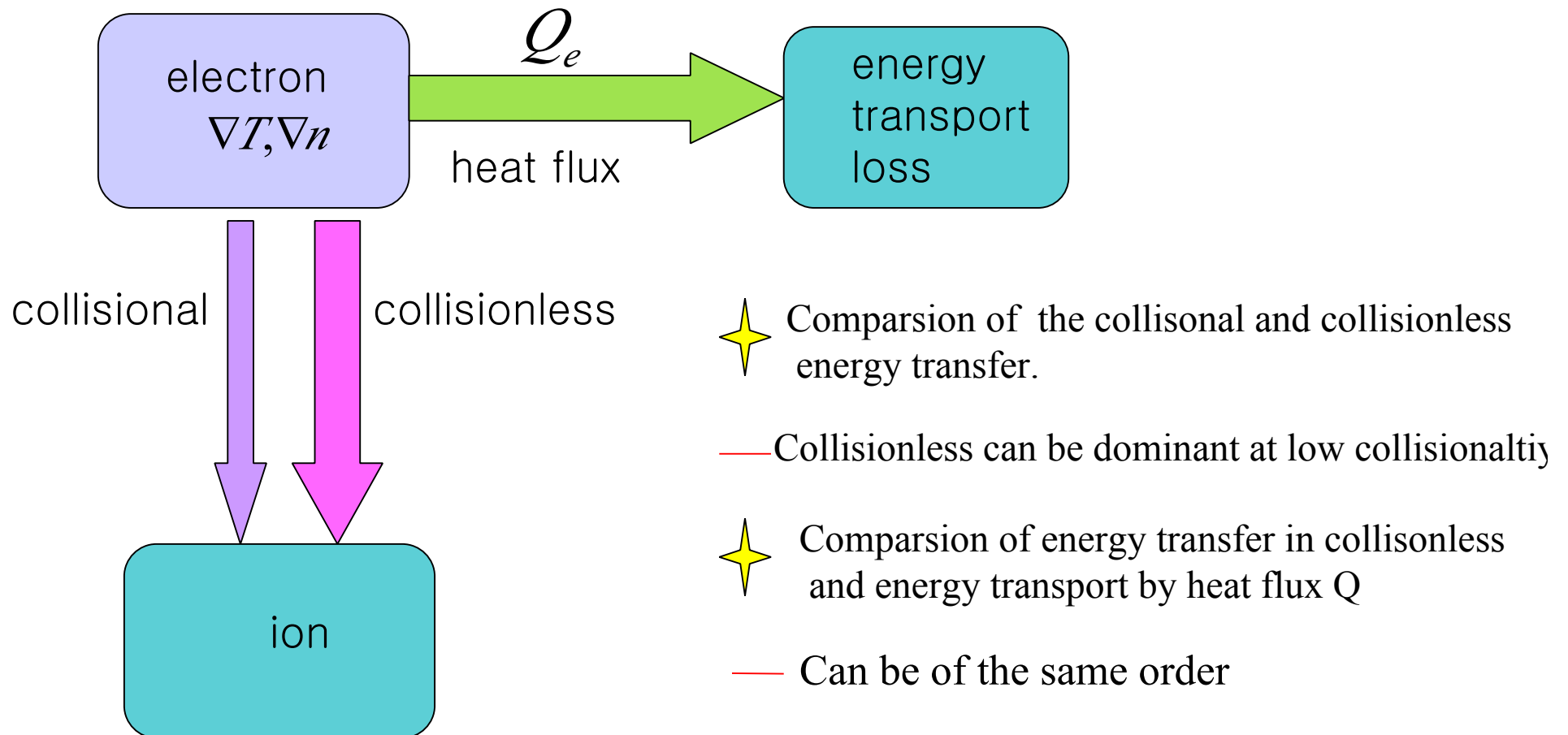
★ Zonal flow frictional damping can be a significant dissipation channel

★ "Collisionless drift wave" $\omega \gg v_* > 0$

Implication → Bottom Line

- Electron turbulent energy transport

$$\frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot Q_e = \langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J}_e \rangle - n \frac{m_e}{m_i} (T_e - T_i) \rightarrow \text{Electron heat balance}$$



Collisionality

- Collisionality ν_* in ITER

– dimensionless

$$\nu_* = \frac{\varepsilon^{-3/2} R q \nu_e}{V_{the}} \longrightarrow \nu_* \sim 10^{-3}$$

- Collisionality at crossover of collisional and collisionless coupling

– Energy transfer in collision : $Q_i \approx \frac{nm_e \nu_e \tilde{T}_e}{m_i}$

– Quasilinear trapped electron cooling in CTM

$$\left\langle \tilde{\vec{E}} \cdot \tilde{\vec{J}}_e \right\rangle_b^{(2)} \simeq 4\pi^{1/2} \varepsilon^{1/2} n T_e \left(\frac{R}{2a} \right)^{3/2} \rho_*^2 (\omega - \omega_{*n}) \langle f_e \rangle \mathbb{I}_{E=\frac{\omega}{k_\theta} \frac{RT_e}{\rho_s C_s}}$$

– **At crossover** : $Q_i \approx \left\langle \tilde{\vec{E}} \cdot \tilde{\vec{J}}_e \right\rangle_b^{(2)} \longrightarrow \nu_* \sim 10^{-2}$



The collisionless turbulent energy transfer then dominates inter-species coupling process

Transfer vs Transport

- The **transfer** and **transport** energy loss in CTEM
 - Compare the volume integral of the electron cooling to the surface integrated of the electron heat flux

$$A\tilde{Q}_e \mathbb{I}_{boundary} = \int d^3 r \langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle$$

- The heat flux for electrons : $\tilde{Q}_e = \langle \tilde{v}_r \tilde{P}_e \rangle = -\frac{c}{B} \sum_k k_\theta \text{Im} \tilde{P}_e^{(1)} \tilde{\varphi}$

- The pressure fluctuation $\tilde{p}_e^{(1)} = \int d^3 v \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \tilde{g}_b$

$$\tilde{Q}_e = \sum 4\pi^{\frac{1}{2}} \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{R}{L_n} \right)^{\frac{5}{2}} \left| \frac{e\tilde{\varphi}}{T_e} \right|^2 \frac{V_{the}^2 k_\theta n T_e}{\Omega_e} (\omega - \omega_{*n}) \langle f_e \rangle \mathbb{I}_{E=\frac{\bar{\omega}_{de} R T_e}{\omega_* L_n}}$$



The ratio

$$\frac{\Delta r \langle \tilde{E} \cdot \tilde{J} \rangle}{\tilde{Q}_e \mathbb{I}_{boundary}} \approx 2 \frac{a}{R} \sim o(1) \quad \textit{The rate of energy lost by collisionless energy transfer is comparable as turbulent transport}$$

Result and Discussion

- Net heating
 - Quasilinear turbulent energy transfer in drift wave
 - electron cooling and ion heating
 - Nonlinear ion heating by beat wave resonance
 - Energy flux differential gives rise to the net heating → zonal flow
- Energy transfer channels
 - Identify a important energy transfer channels
 - Zonal flow frictional damping can be comparable to LD damping
- For low collisionity ITER plasma, collisionless energy transfer can be a critical element of transport model analysis
 - Collisionless energy transfer has same order as transport