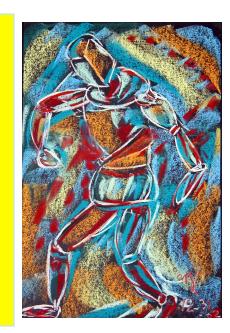
### Nonlinear Nonstationary Self-Organized Asymptotic States in High Energy Density Plasmas (ex: KEEN Waves)



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#### The Big Picture



- What are the Plasma Kinetic Theory Equations we need to solve? **VP, VM, VLFP, LGBT, ..., all the way to MD**.
- What are the physical states we wish to simulate?

  Nonlinear, Non-Stationary, Self-Organized, Asymptotic

  States of plasma and their interactions with each other and with classical, small-amplitude-excited, resonant waves such as EPW and IAW.

• How about their interactions? We also wish to study their stimulated scattering states, when, for example, crossing laser beams drive them and are amplified off these structures at the same time. Parametric Instabilities such as SRS, SBS, SKEENS, ... Rich physics, multiscale, cool!

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#### What is (Classical) Kinetic Theory?

• Klimontovich equation: Conservation of Densities in Phase Space of a finite number of classical point particles belonging to a set of species  $(q_s, m_s)$  meets self-consistent microscopic electric and magnetic fields via Maxwell's equations.  $\Sigma_i \delta(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_i) \delta(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{v}_i)$ .

$$\frac{DN_s}{Dt} = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \bullet \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{q_s}{m_s} \left(\mathbf{E}^m + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B}^m\right) \bullet \nabla_{\mathbf{v}}\right] N_s = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \bullet \mathbf{E}^m = 4\pi \, \rho^m$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \bullet \mathbf{B}^m = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{E}^m = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}^m}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{B}^m = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}^m}{\partial t} + \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}^m$$

$$\rho^m = \sum_s q_s \int d\mathbf{v} N_s$$

$$\mathbf{J}^m = \sum_{s} q_s \int d\mathbf{v} \, \mathbf{v} \, N_s$$

## Can We Separate Out the Smooth Part of the Distribution Function from the Fluctuating? This Is How You Get Plasma Kinetic Equations



$$N_{s} = f_{s} + \delta N_{s}$$
$$\mathbf{E}^{m} = \mathbf{E} + \delta \mathbf{E}$$
$$\mathbf{B}^{m} = \mathbf{B} + \delta \mathbf{B}$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \bullet \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{q_s}{m_s} \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B}\right) \bullet \nabla_{\mathbf{v}}\right] f_s = -\frac{q_s}{m_s} \left(\delta \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \delta \mathbf{B}\right) \bullet \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \delta N_s$$

The right hand side is less and less significant the more particles you have in a Debye sphere. Collective effects dominate when the plasma parameter is large:  $\Lambda = n \lambda_D^3 >> 1$ , where  $\lambda_D = \sqrt{\frac{T}{4\pi n q^2}}$ 

In the limit of RHS = 0 we have the **Vlasov** or **collisionless Boltzmann equation** description of the collective effects in a plasma.

How much of the fluctuating density and fields on the RHS do we want to keep? BBGKY

Lenard-Guernsey-Balescu theory (LGBT) or Fokker-Planck (Fo-Pla)? Or you can get tangled up in knots over the Boltzmann collisional operator: Knots in Boltz.

#### Lenard-Guernsey-Balescu Theory: Two-Point Correlation Functions Are In (correlations assumed small), Three Particle Collisions Are Completely Out.

$$f_2(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{v}_2, t) = f_1(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_1, t) + g(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{v}_2, t)$$

Ignoring spatial inhomogeneity, working in Fourier space, LGBT reads:

$$\frac{Df}{Dt} = -\frac{8\pi^4 n}{m^2} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \bullet \int d\mathbf{k} \, d\mathbf{v}' \mathbf{k} \, \mathbf{k} \bullet \frac{\varphi^2(k)}{|\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k} \bullet \mathbf{v})|^2} \delta \left[ \mathbf{k} \bullet (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}') \right] \left[ f(\mathbf{v}) \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{v}') - f(\mathbf{v}') \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{v}) \right]$$

Plasma Dielectric Function: 
$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{k},\omega) = 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{k^2} \int d\mathbf{v} \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{v})}{(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v})}$$

Coulomb Potential Fourier Transformed: 
$$\varphi(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2 k^2}$$

See Dwight Nicholson's Introduction to Plasma Theory for a derivation in Appendix A

See Ichimaru's Statistical Plasma Physics, Vol. I, Chapter 2. It is more comprehensive



#### Vlasov-Landau-Fokker-Planck:

Small Angle Scattering Takes Over the RHS

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \bullet \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{q_s}{m_s} \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B}\right) \bullet \nabla_{\mathbf{v}}\right] f_s = -\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \bullet \left[\mathbf{C}_{DF} f_s\right] + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \bullet \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} : \left[\ddot{\mathbf{D}}_{DC} f_s\right]$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{DF} = \frac{8\pi n e^4 \ln \Lambda}{m^2} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \int d\mathbf{v} \left| \frac{f}{|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}|} \right|$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{D}}_{DC} = \frac{8\pi ne^4 \ln \Lambda}{m^2} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \int d\mathbf{v} |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}| f$$

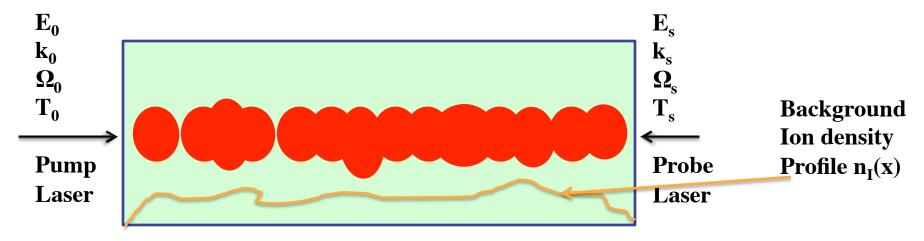
 $\mathbf{C}_{DF}$  Coefficient of dynamical friction: Slow down a particle by numerous small angle scattering events.

 $\ddot{\mathbf{D}}_{DC}$  Diffusion Coefficient: for diffusion or spread sideways.

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## We Aim To Understand the Behavior of Kinetic Electrostatic Oscillations Excited and Sustained in a Plasma: Nonlinear, Nonstationary, Self-Organized, Asymptotic States. Ex. KEEN Waves

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Make simulation box length between 30 and 100 vortices

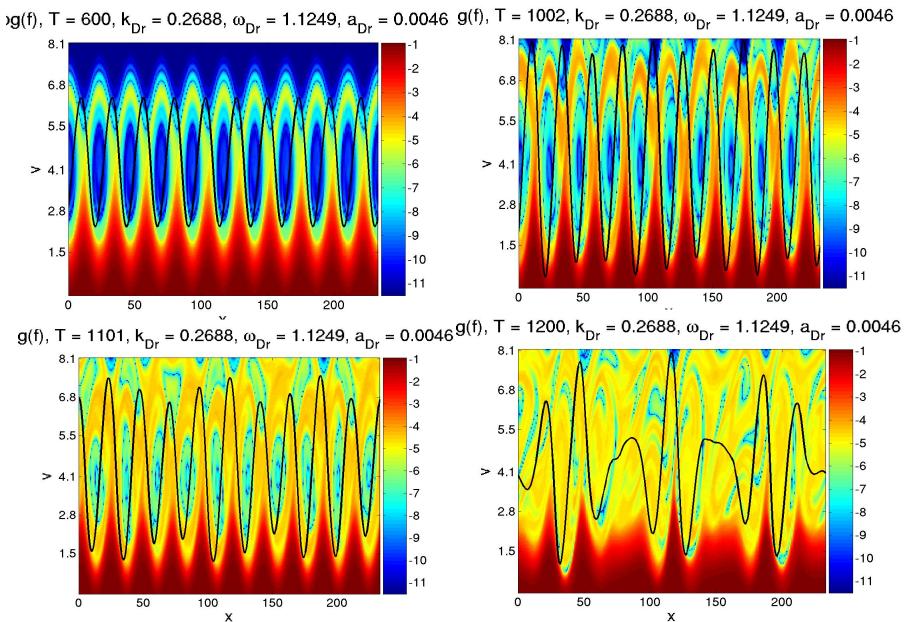
This depends on the amplitude and duration of the drive

The ponderomotive force drives waves as long as the pump and probe are both 'on' at the same time: (@ EPW frequency drive SRS)

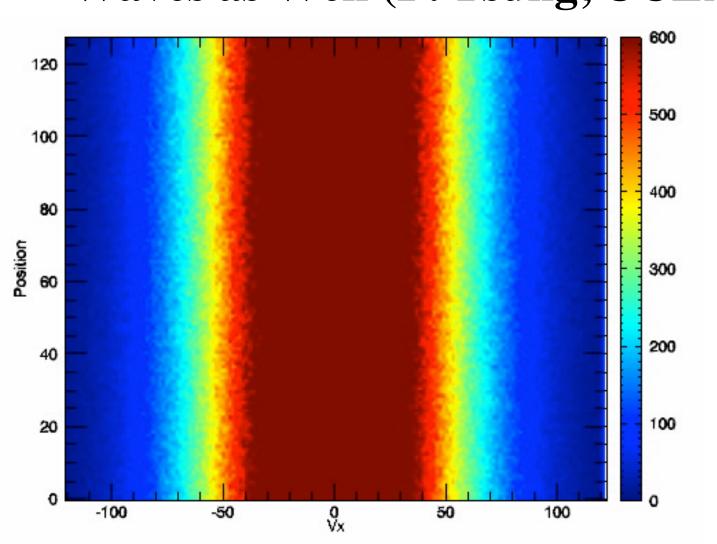
The plasma excitation will have a driver whose amplitude scales as  $\sqrt{(E_0 \cdot E_S)}$  Whose duration is the overlap between the Pump and Probe pulses Whose wavevector and frequency will be at the difference between the pump and the probe wavevectors and frequencies, respectively.

### Vortex Merging Is Commonly Observed in V-P & V-M Simulations of SRS, For Instance





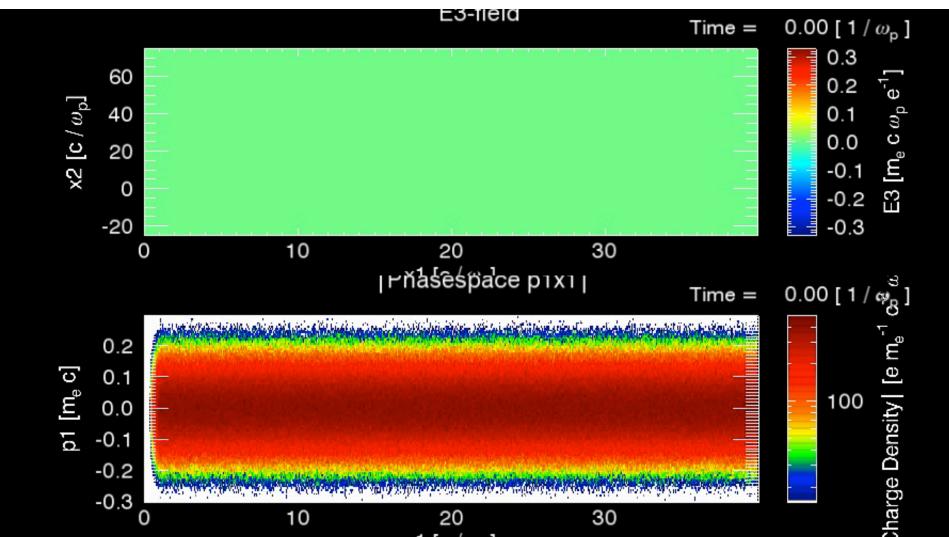
#### BEPS an ES PIC Codes Has Observed Ponderomotively Driven KEEN Waves as Well (F. Tsung, UCLA)





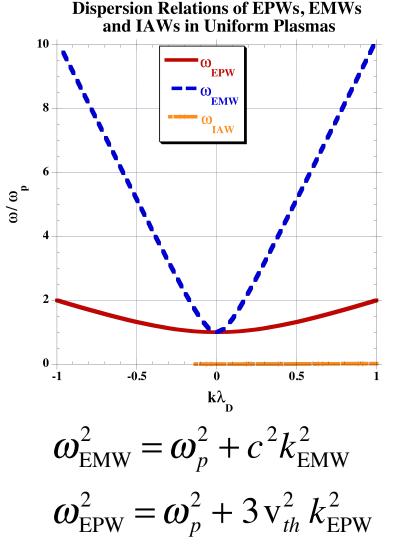
# Optical Mixing Driven KEEN Waves Are Also Detected with EM PIC Code (OSIRIS, F. Tsung)



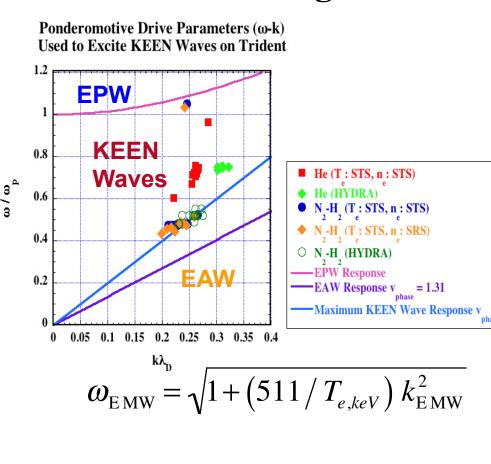


### The Origin of the Bias towards EPW, EMW, IAW & EAW-Centrism and Its Shortcomings





 $\omega_{\text{IAW}} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{\text{IAW}} + c_s k_{\text{IAW}}$ 

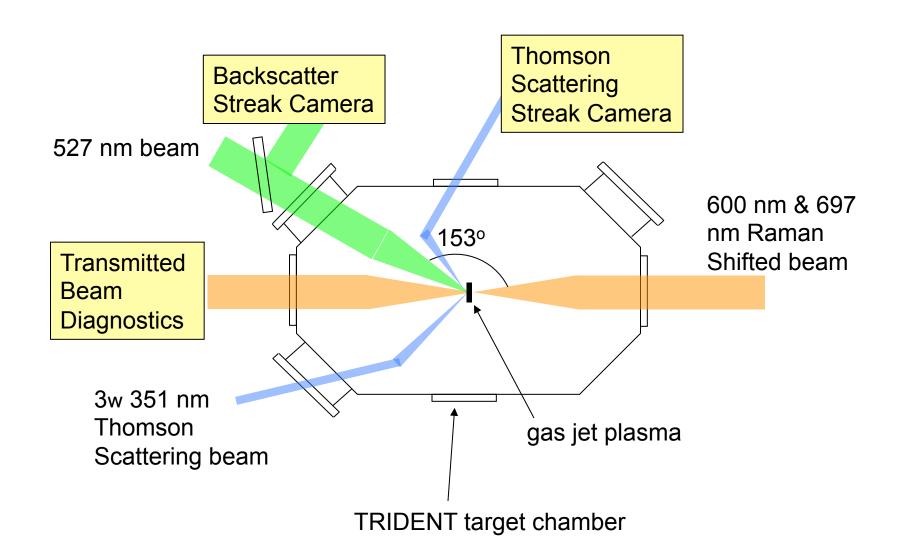


$$\omega_{\text{EPW}} = \sqrt{1 + 3 k_{\text{EPW}}^2}$$

$$\omega_{\text{IAW}} = \sqrt{\frac{Z m_e}{M_I}} k_{\text{IAW}}$$

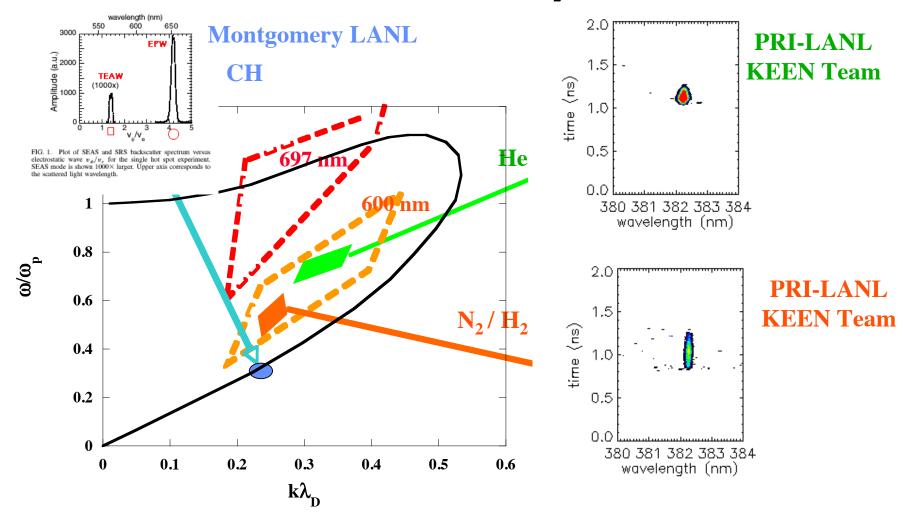
## **KEEN Wave Experimental Layout** of the Beams and Diagnostics on Trident





# We Have Excited and Detected via Thomson Scattering KEEN Waves on Trident at LANL in the Spectral Gap of Traditional Plasma Physics Lore

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#### Paradigms of Kinetic Behavior of Vlasov Plasmas: 4 Old, 1 New



Quasilinear Theory Flatten the e-VDF by Phase Space Diffusion balancing growing modes (RPA) dynamic Equilibrium '62

#### **Landau Damping**

Linear Collisionless
Dissipation! '46

#### **KEEN Waves**

'02-' 03, Self Consistent NL non-stationary self-organized states

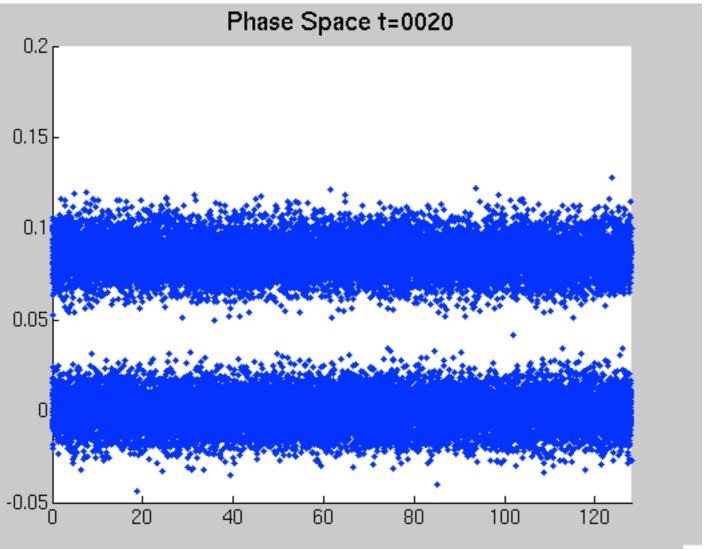
#### **BGK Modes**

Static Equilibria Nonlinear '57

**Stochasticity** found almost always when particles are injected into nonstationary electric or EM fields '80's and '90's Stochasticity, Diffusion, Loss of Coherence **NOT** Self-Consistent

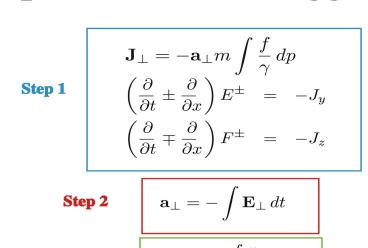
#### Archetypal Kinetic Instability Leading to Stochasticity in Plasma Physics is the Beam-Plasma Instability





### Our Relativistic V-M Code Solves Maxwell's Equations on a Staggered Mesh





Leapfrog scheme with advection on a Courant grid:

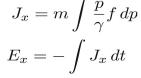
$$E^{\pm}(x \pm \Delta t, t_{n+1/2}) = E^{\pm}(x, t_{n-1/2}) - \Delta t J_z(x \pm \Delta t/2, t_n)$$
$$F^{\pm}(x \pm \Delta t, t_{n+1/2}) = F^{\pm}(x, t_{n-1/2}) - \Delta t J_z(x \mp \Delta t/2, t_n)$$

#### $\rightarrow$

#### Leapfrog scheme:

$$\mathbf{a}_{\perp}(x, t_{n+1}) = \mathbf{a}_{\perp}(x, t_n) - \Delta t \, \mathbf{E}_{\perp}(x, t_{n+1/2})$$

#### Step 3



#### Leapfrog scheme:

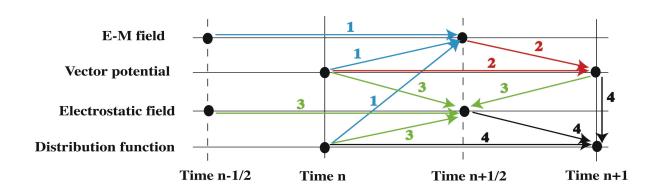
$$E_x(x, t_{n+1/2}) = E_x(x, t_{n-1/2}) - \Delta t J_x(x, t_n)$$

Step 4

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + m \frac{p}{\gamma} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \left( E_x + \frac{m}{2\gamma} \frac{\partial a_{\perp}^2}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} = 0$$

#### **>**

2-D interpolation using splines



#### The Vlasov Equation is Solved Using 2-D **Interpolation with a Tensor Product of Splines**



$$\frac{\partial f_e}{\partial t} + m_e \frac{p_{xe}}{\gamma_e} \frac{\partial f_e}{\partial x} - \left( E_x - \frac{m_e}{2\gamma_e} \frac{\partial a_\perp^2}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_{xe}} = 0$$

The characteristics are solutions of the equations:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = m \frac{p_{xe}}{m_e} \equiv V_{xe}(x, p_{xe}) \qquad \frac{dp_{xe}}{dt} = -E_x - \frac{m_e}{2\gamma_e} \frac{\partial a_\perp^2}{\partial x} \equiv V_{pe}(x, p_{xe})$$

Let  $x(t_n)$  and  $p_{xe}(t_n)$  be the point from whence the characteristic originates

at time  $t_n$ . Then

at time 
$$t_n$$
. Then 
$$\Delta_{xe} = \frac{\Delta t}{2} V_{xe} (x_{j_x} - \Delta_{xe}, p_{xe,j_p} - \Delta_{pe})$$
 
$$\Delta_{pe} = \frac{\Delta t}{2} V_{pe} (x_{j_x} - \Delta_{xe}, p_{xe,j_p} - \Delta_{pe})$$
 with 
$$\Delta_{xe} \equiv \frac{x_{j_x} - x(t_n)}{2} \text{ and } \Delta_{pe} \equiv \frac{p_{ej_p} - p_e(t_n)}{2}$$

These are two implicit equations for  $\Delta_{xe}$  and  $\Delta_{pe}$ . They are solved iteratively. All phase-space quantities are interpolated using a tensor product of splines.

Finally, the distribution function is shifted along those characteristics.

#### The Ponderomotive Force (PF) Driven Vlasov-Poisson System of Equations



#### Vlasov

$$\frac{\partial f_e^{1D}}{\partial \overline{t}} + \overline{\mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial f_e^{1D}}{\partial \overline{z}} - \left( E - \frac{\partial \psi_{PF}}{\partial \overline{z}} \right) \frac{\partial f_e^{1D}}{\partial \overline{\mathbf{v}}} = 0 \qquad \overline{t} = \omega_{pe} t; \overline{z} = z/\lambda_{De}; \overline{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{v}/\mathbf{v}_{th}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \overline{z}} = 1 - \int f_e^{1D} \, d\overline{v}$$

**Poisson** 

$$\int v^2 f_e^{3D} \, dv^3 = 3 v_{th}^2$$

$$\psi_{PF} = \sum_{\#driver \bmod es} \psi_{AMP}^{(i)} \cos(\overline{k}_i \overline{z} - \overline{\omega}_i \overline{t})$$

$$\psi_{AMP} = \frac{\left(\frac{eE_0}{m\omega_0}\right)\left(\frac{eE_s}{m\omega_s}\right)}{V_{th}^2}$$

$$\overline{t} = \omega_{pe} t; \overline{z} = z/\lambda_{De}; \overline{v} = v/v_{th}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}} = \left(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_{\phi}\right) / \mathbf{v}_{\phi}$$

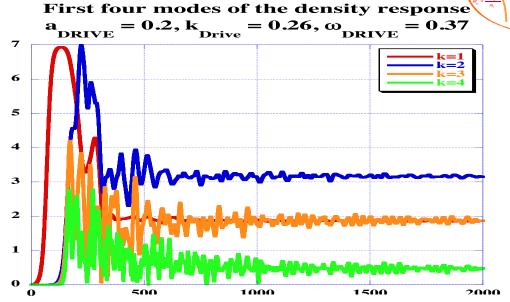
$$\psi_{AMP} = \frac{0.037}{T_{e,keV}} \left( I_{0,10^{14} W/cm^2} \lambda_{0,\mu m}^2 \right) \sqrt{\frac{I_s}{I_0}} \left( \frac{\lambda_s}{\lambda_0} \right)$$

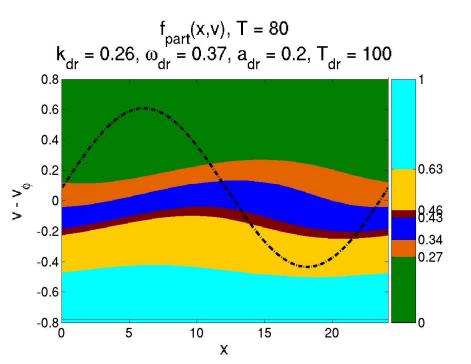
$$\frac{\partial \psi_{PF}}{\partial \overline{z}} = -\sum_{\# driver \bmod es} \psi_{AMP}^{(i)} \, \overline{k}_i \sin \left( \overline{k}_i \overline{z} - \overline{\omega}_i \overline{t} \right)$$

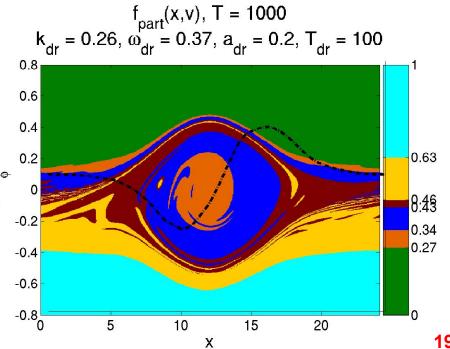
#### What Are KEEN Waves?

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**Nonlinear Kinetic Self-organized Non-stationary Coherent States** of a Vlasov Plasma

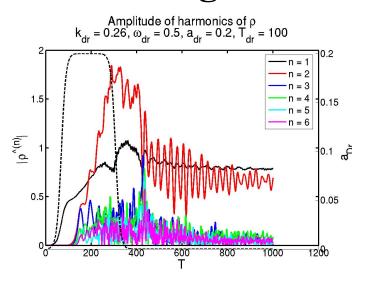




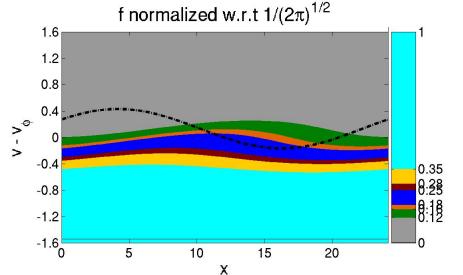


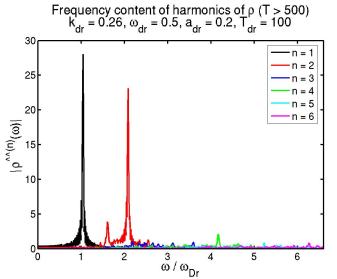
#### At a Higher Drive Frequency, More Intricate Entanglements in Phase Space Arise



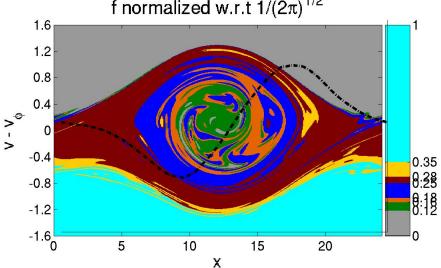


$$f_{part}(x,v), T = 80$$
  
 $k_{dr} = 0.26, \omega_{dr} = 0.5, a_{dr} = 0.2, T_{dr} = 100$ 



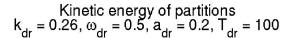


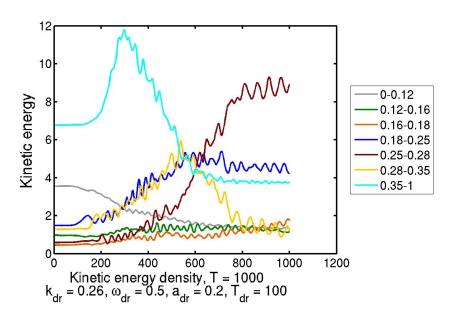
$$f_{part}(x,v), T = 1000$$
  
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f normalized w.r.t  $1/(2\pi)^{1/2}$ 

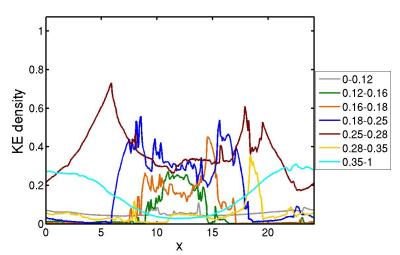


### Detailed Diagnostics Reveal Classic Features of KEEN Waves at this $k_{Dr} = 0.26$ . $\omega_{Dr} = 0.5$

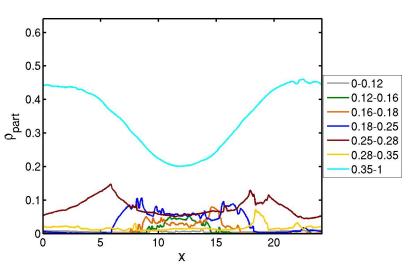




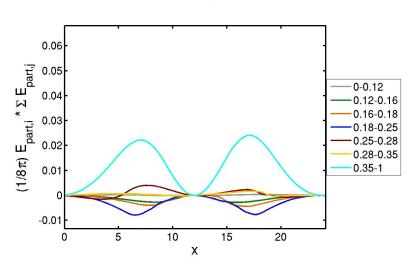




$$\rho$$
-partitions, T = 1000  
 $k_{dr} = 0.26$ ,  $\omega_{dr} = 0.5$ ,  $a_{dr} = 0.2$ ,  $T_{dr} = 100$ 

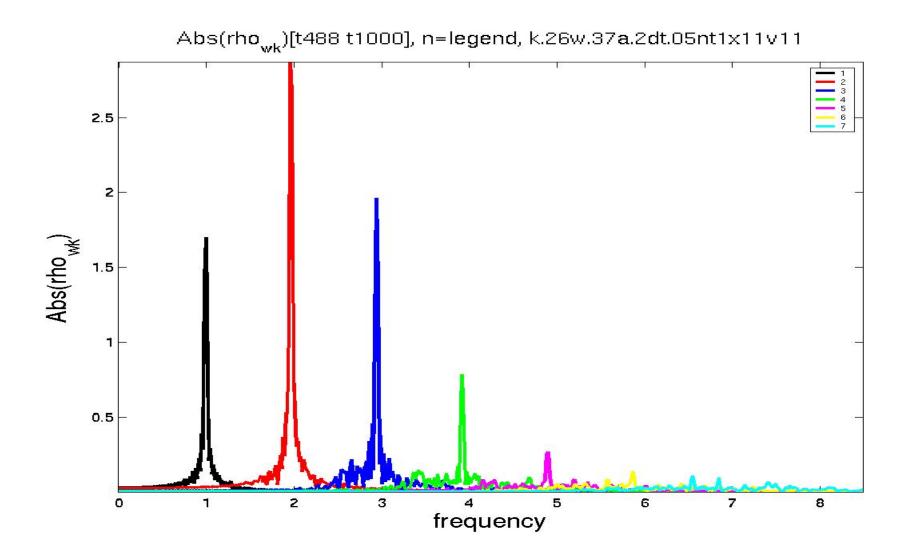


Sum of ESE densities, T = 1000  $k_{dr}$  = 0.26,  $\omega_{dr}$  = 0.5,  $a_{dr}$  = 0.2,  $T_{dr}$  = 100



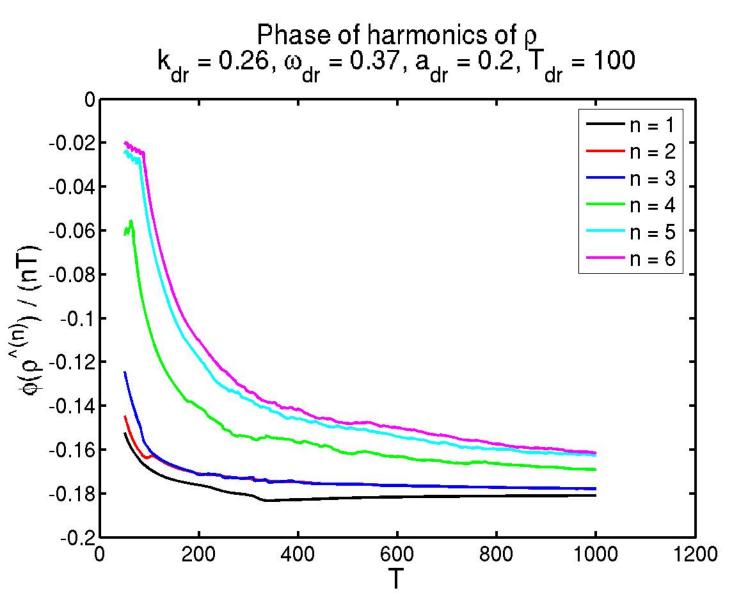
## The Various Harmonic Modes of the Density Response of KEEN Waves: Higher Harmonics Have Wider Frequency Content as they are Chaotically Evolving





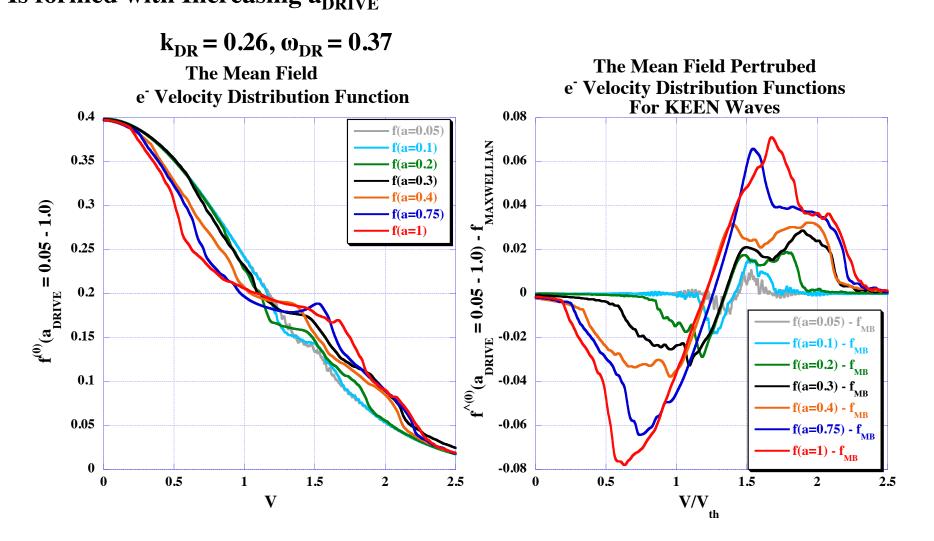
### The First Few Harmonics Are Phase Locked and Evolve in Step





The e<sup>-</sup> VDF in its Non-Oscillatory Component when a KEEN Wave Is Formed. As Expected a Wider and *Flatter* Region around  $v_{\phi} = 1.423$  Is formed with Increasing  $a_{DRIVE}$ 

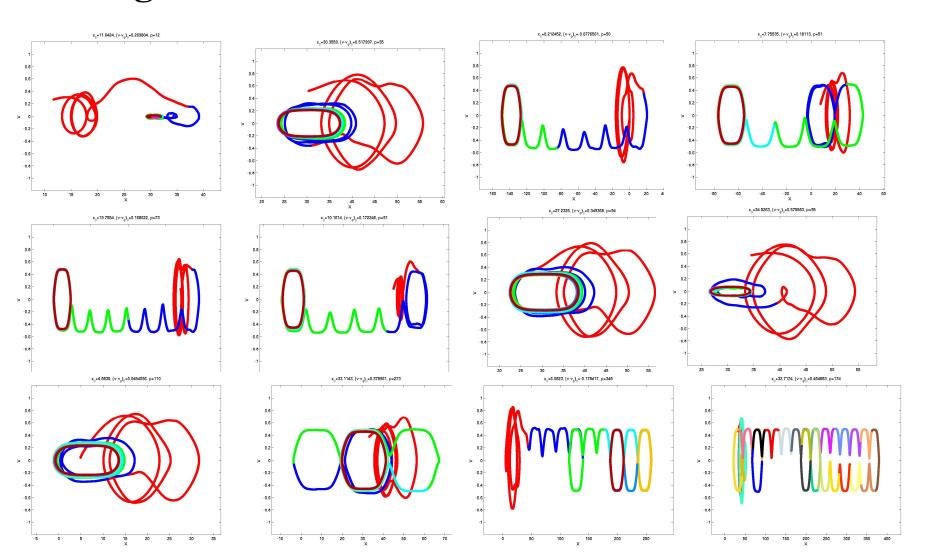




#### Unusual Trapped Particle Orbits Start Demystifying KEEN Wave Dynamics &

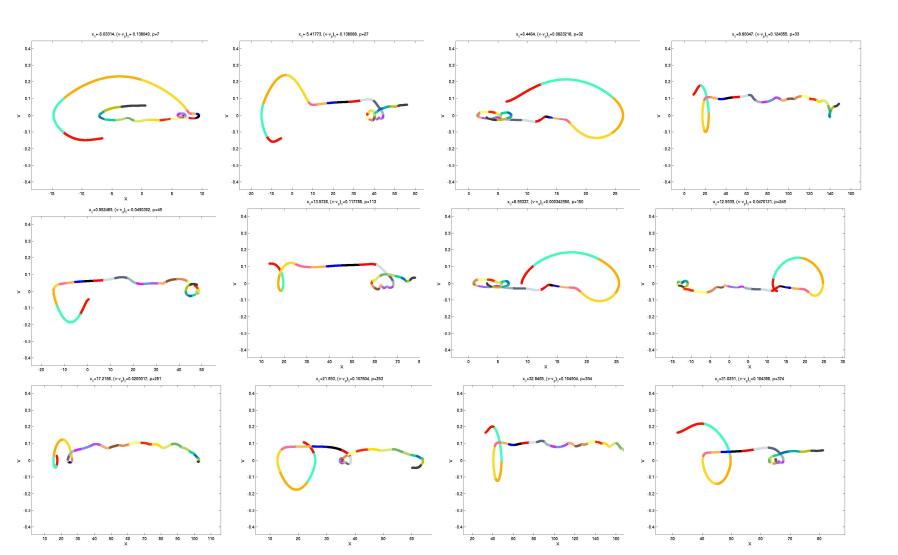


#### Pointing Out Essential Differences with BGK Modes

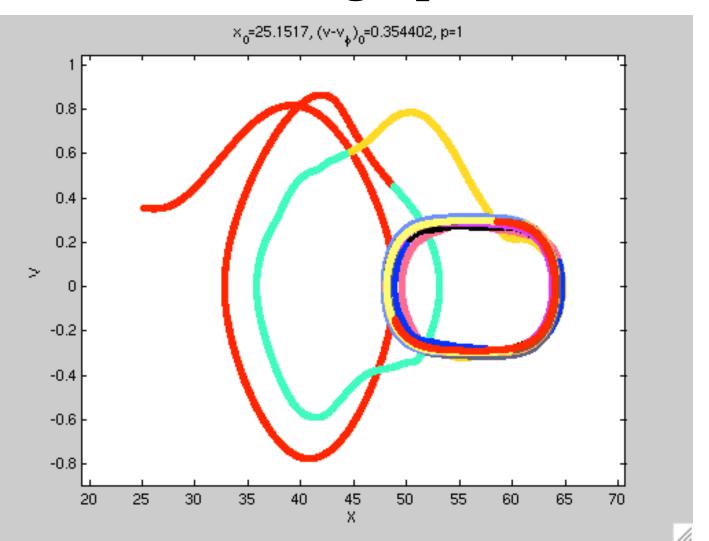


## Unusual Trapped Particle Orbits at Lower Amplitude Drive $a_{drive} = 0.0125$ and $t_{drive} = 100$ : Left with Randomly Distributed "Action Loops"





## Imagine Some Heavy Metal Music (Accompanying this Movie of Particle Orbits Making Up the KEEN Wave



• Each color represents a 100  $\omega_p^{-1}$  units.

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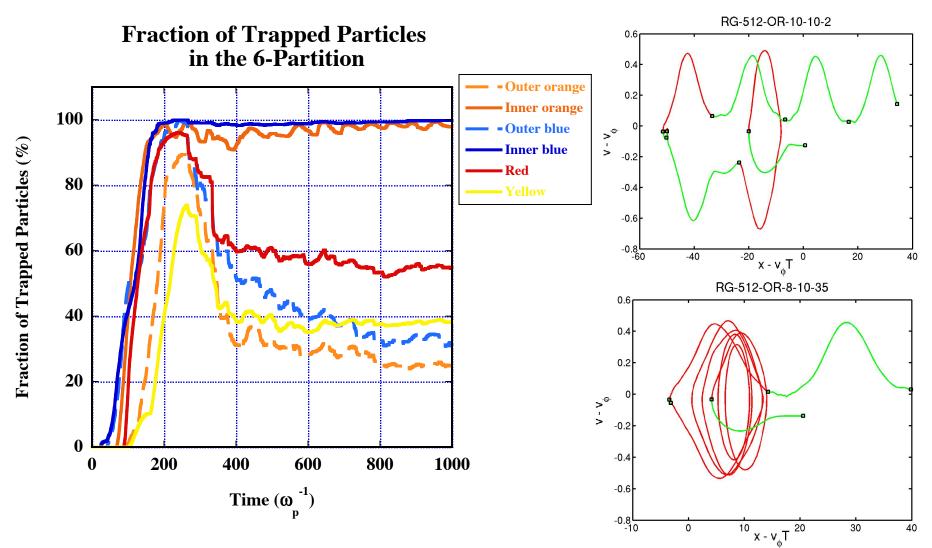
 400 particle orbits with initial conditions in the v range

(-0.896 to 1.046.)

#### Lagrangian Particle Statistics Gathered By Running them Backwards in the Self-Consistent Electric Field of a KEEN Wave Shows Differences btw Partitions







#### A Useful Representation of the Time-Frequency Evolution of a Field Is Via its Wigner Transform



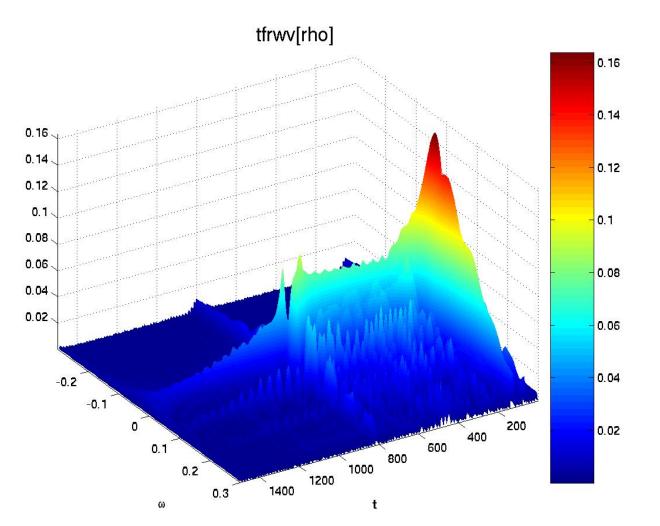
The Wigner transform  $W_{ppart}(t,\omega)$  is a bilinear functional of the scalar  $\rho_{part}(t)$ , (density field in one phase space partition), which represents the signal in  $(t,\omega)$  *phase space* -- which is to say-- in time and frequency space simultaneously.

$$W_{\rho_k}(t,\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega t'} \rho_k(t+t'/2) \rho_k^*(t-t'/2)$$

$$W_{\rho_k}(t,\boldsymbol{\omega}) = FFT\{ \rho_k(t+t'/2) \rho_k^*(t-t'/2) \}$$

We will track the evolution of the frequency of  $\rho_{part}(t)$  as a function of time by studying its Wigner transform and showing how the various partitions have their own distinct temporal signatures.

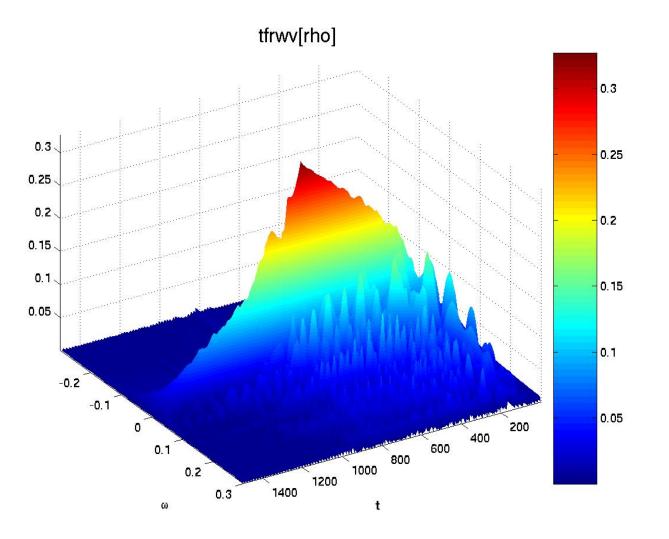




#### Orange $\rho_{part}$

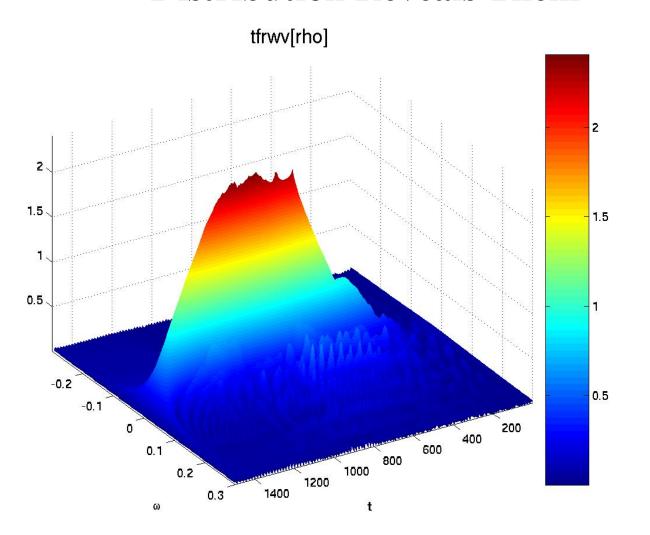
f range **0.27-0.34** 





Blue  $\rho_{part}$  f range 0.34-0.43

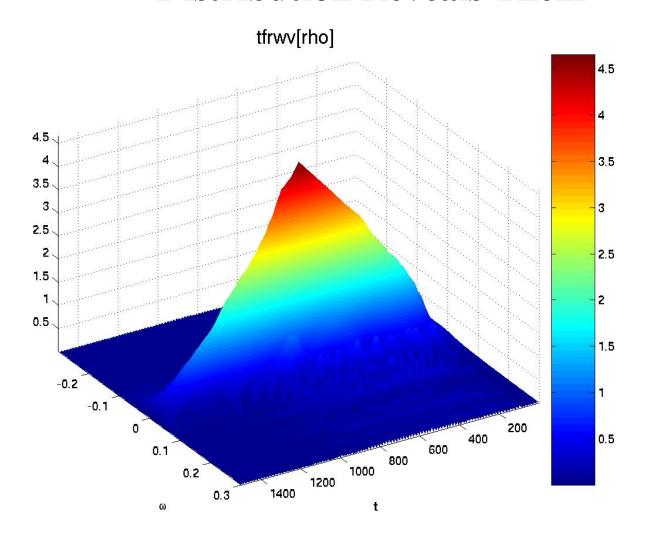




 $Red \; \rho_{part}$ 

f range **0.43-0.46** 

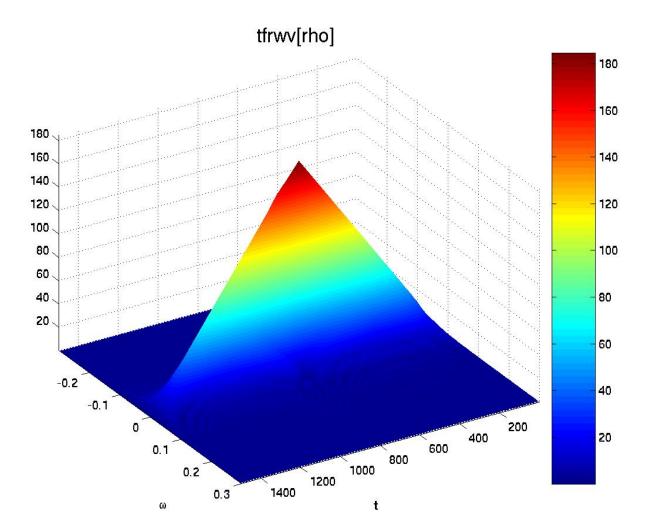




Yellow  $\rho_{part}$ 

f range **0.46-0.63** 





#### Turquoise $\rho_{part}$

f range **0.63-1.0** 

## Concrete Plan of Action for VP and VM Code Comparisons



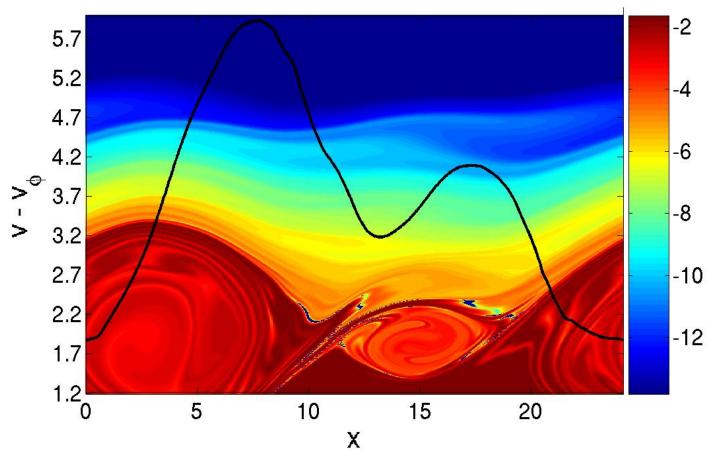
- Simulate 30 -100 vortex long trains in phase space driven by a prescribed ponderomotive force or by the crossing of counterpropagating laser beams.
- Vary the amplitude of the drive,  $\mathbf{a_{Dr}}$ , as well as the drive duration,  $\mathbf{T_{Dr}}$ , and drive location in  $(\boldsymbol{\omega_{Dr}}, \mathbf{k_{Dr}})$  space.
- Show long time states being created (KEEN waves, EPWs) after all drives are turned off.
- Run full suite of diagnostics up to partition of phase space and particle orbit statisticsgathering in those partitions.
- Ccompute the Wigner transform  $(t, \omega)$  of the evolution of partitions of  $\varrho_{part}^{\Lambda(k)}(t)$  and  $E_{part}^{\Lambda(k)}(t)$  and  $E_{part}^{\Lambda(k)}(t)$
- Establish compressibility of KEEN wave physics into low mode Fourier truncation and phase space partition condensation.

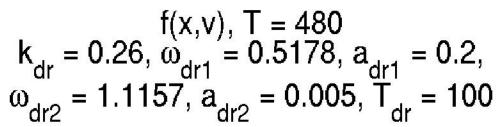
#### How Can We Use KEEN Waves? Demonstration of the suppression of a PF driven EPW in the

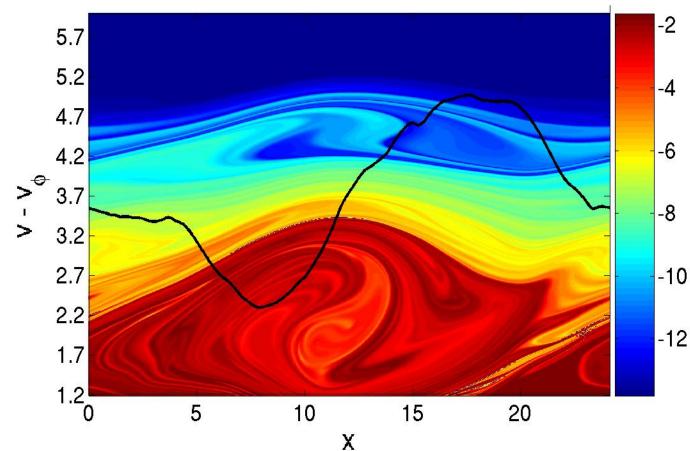
Demonstration of the suppression of a PF driven EPW in the presence of a PF driven KEEN wave



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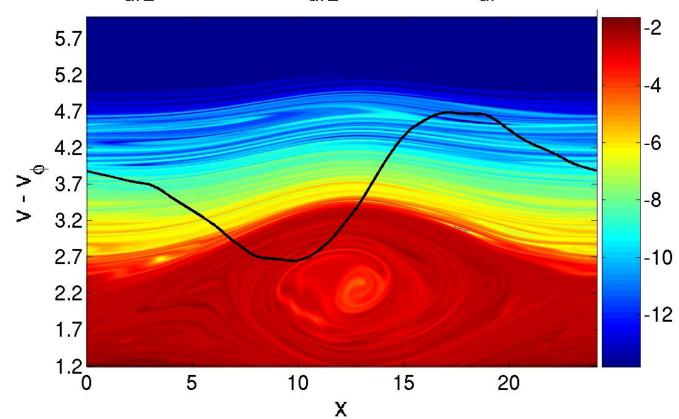






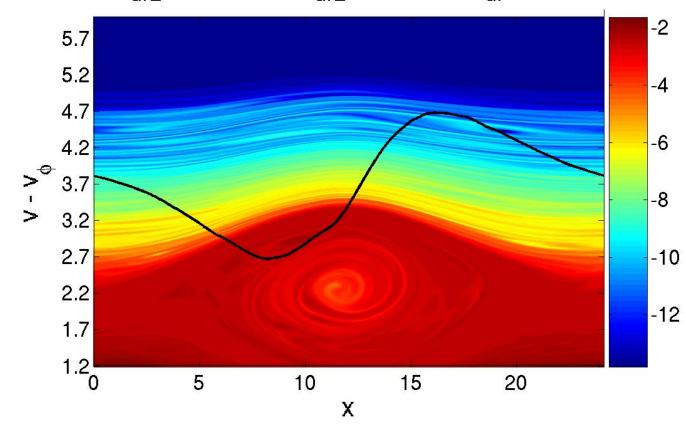


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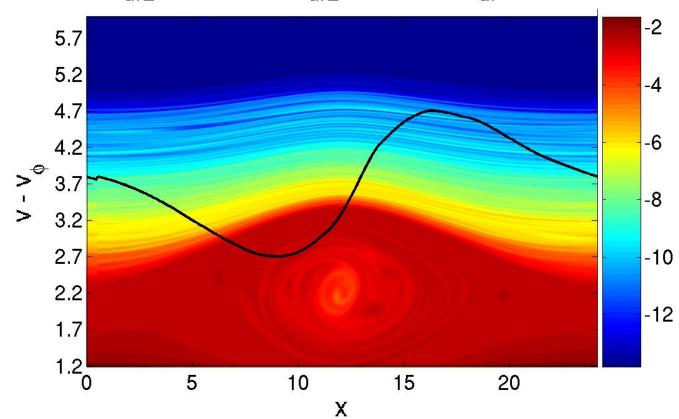


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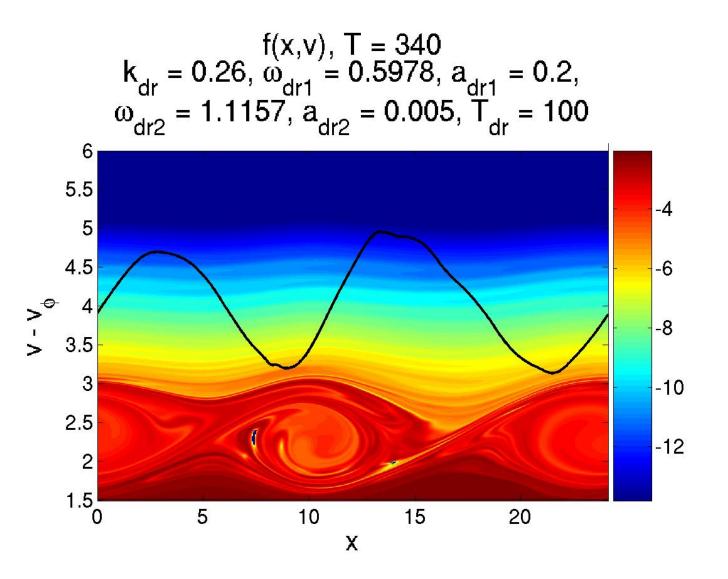




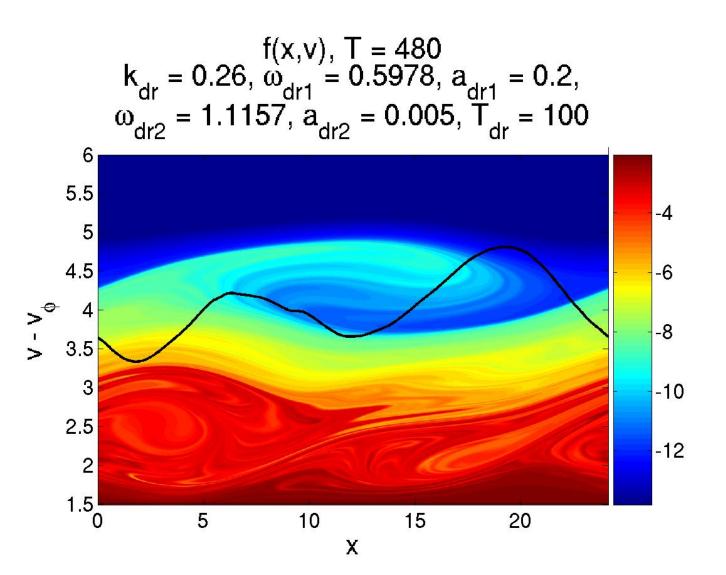
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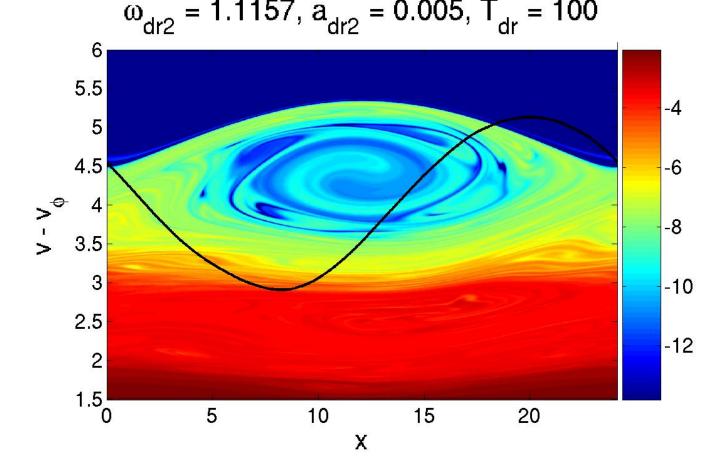




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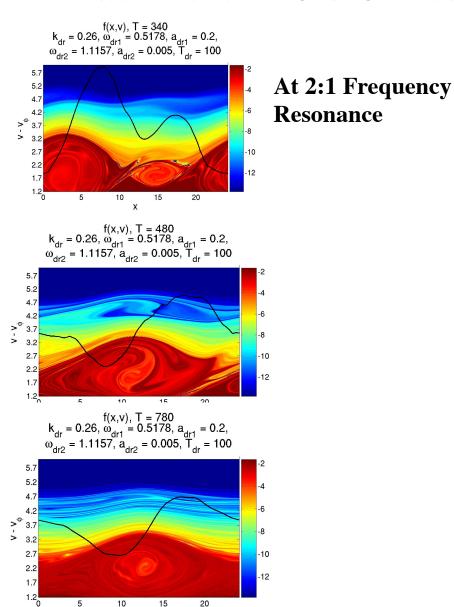




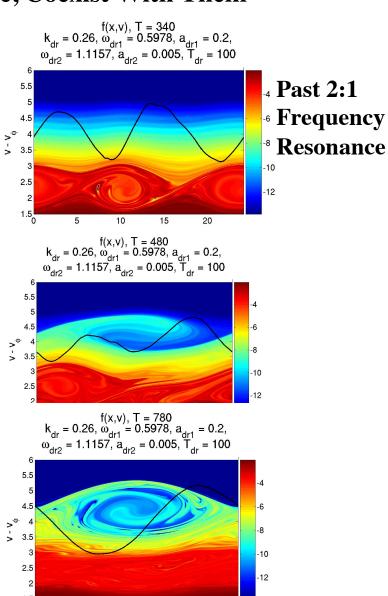
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# New Modes of Self-Organization in HED Plasma Can Destroy Old Undesirable Modes by a Novel 2:1 Resonance-- KEEN Waves Can Kill EPWs and SRS and Once Off Resonance, Coexist With Them





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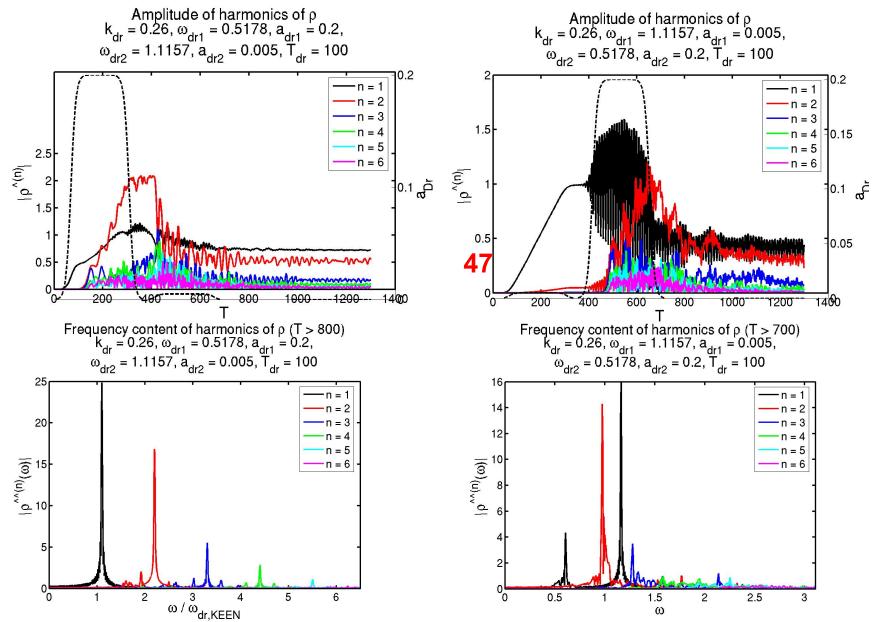
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#### The Density Response to KEEN + EPW Drives

#### (Commutator $\neq 0$ ) (Notice Difference in Scale btw L & R)

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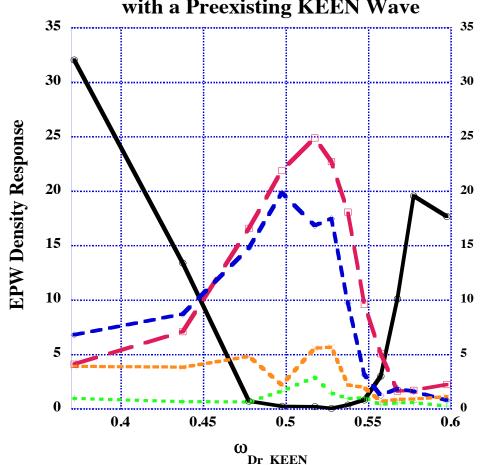


# Using the 2:1 Resonance Make Multimode KEEN Wave Suppress Otherwise Stable NL Kinetic EPW





**EPW Suppression by the 2:1 Resonance Interaction** with a Preexisting KEEN Wave

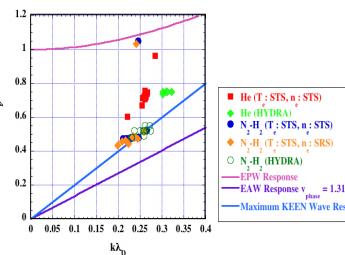


Now we can suppress Stimulated Raman Scattering and EPW growth! Use KEEN waves to make plasma phase space inhospitable to resonant (delicate, trapped particle frequency shift detuned/saturated) high frequency mode excitation.

• A good example of mode pruning, nonlinear structures suppressing each other and externally steered instability control.

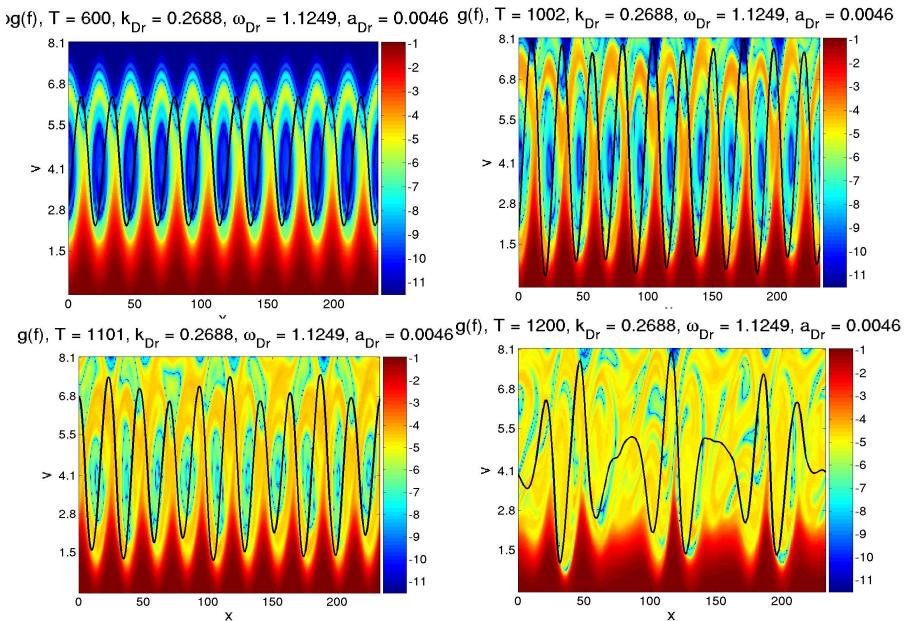
Ponderomotive Drive Parameters (ω-k) Used to Excite KEEN Waves on Trident

**KEEN Wave Density Response** 

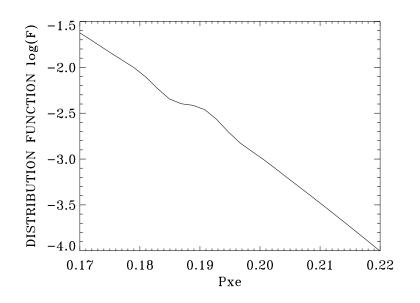


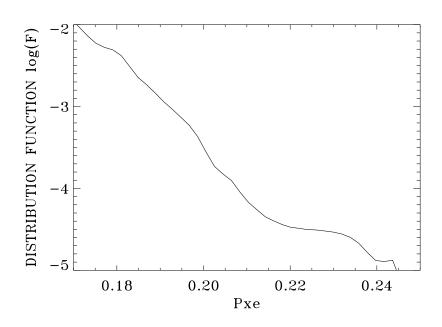
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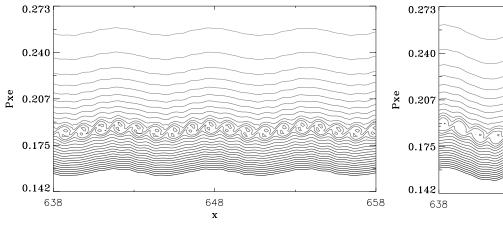


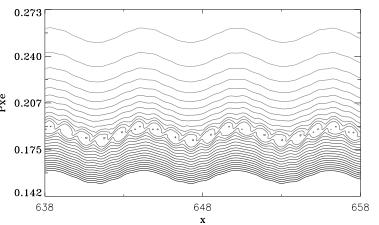


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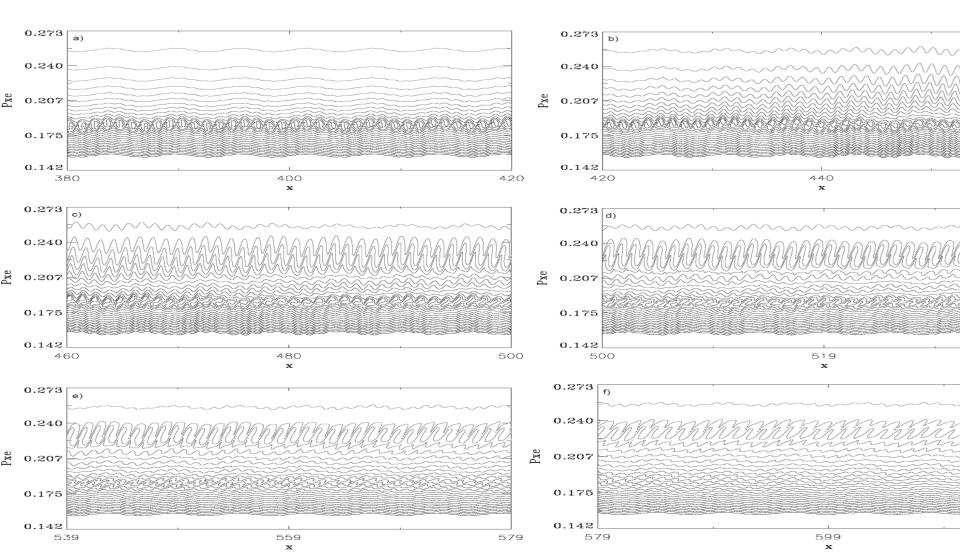








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**Figure 15.** Phase-space contour plot of the electron distribution function in  $x \in (380,619)$  at t=820.

### Kinetic Modeling of HED Plasmas-A General Program Might Also Include:



- Use adaptive grids and variational algorithms to preserve energy, momentum and entropy in discretized Lagrangian formulation of dynamics models. Make higher dimensional calculations possible (in 6 dimensional phase space). Do Vlasov right. Then add collisions.
- See how to disentangle complex dynamics projected down to low dimensional spaces such as the one body distribution function evolving in (x, v, t), by projecting back up to higher dimensional spaces.
- How high do you have to go before no meaningful collective (geometry, memory) effects are visible? Can computing just below that be optimal in terms of smooth tractable dynamics? Are sparse representations possible in that higher dimensional space?
- Is lower dimensional chaos an artifact of the downward projection? (Coifman's dream) Can turbulence be so disentangles or parts thereof? (Jones' truism: Everything looks like diffusion in high enough dimensions).

