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Key Points:

- The short-wavelength lower hybrid wave is observed inside a current sheet during guide field reconnection.
- Theoretical model for the dispersion relation of the lower hybrid wave based on local geometry is developed.
- Free energy source for the lower hybrid wave is the perpendicular current and high beta stabilizes the wave.

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31 1 Introduction

32 Magnetic reconnection (Yamada, Kulsrud, & Ji, 2010) rapidly releases magnetic
 33 energy through topological rearrangement of magnetic field lines. In the diffusion region
 34 where reconnection occurs, there are various free energy sources for waves and instabil-
 35 ities. In particular, the lower hybrid drift wave (LHDW) has been observed frequently
 36 near the diffusion region in both laboratory (e.g. Carter, Ji, Trintchouk, Yamada, & Kul-
 37 srud, 2001; H. Ji et al., 2004; Yoo, Yamada, Ji, Jara-Almonte, Myers, & Chen, 2014) and
 38 space (e.g. Chen et al., 2019; Graham et al., 2017; Norgren, Vaivads, Khotyaintsev, &
 39 André, 2012). The fast-growing, short-wavelength ($k\rho_e \sim 1$; k is the magnitude of the
 40 wave vector \mathbf{k} ; ρ_e is the electron gyroradius), electrostatic LHDW propagating nearly
 41 perpendicular to the local magnetic field (\mathbf{B}_0) does not exist near the electron diffusion
 42 region (EDR) during antiparallel reconnection (Carter et al., 2001; Roytershteyn, Daughton,
 43 Karimabadi, & Mozer, 2012; Roytershteyn et al., 2013) due to the stabilization by the
 44 high plasma beta (β) (Davidson, Gladd, Wu, & Huba, 1977). The long-wavelength ($k\sqrt{\rho_e\rho_i} \sim$
 45 1 ; ρ_i is the ion gyroradius) electromagnetic LHDW propagating obliquely to \mathbf{B}_0 is ob-
 46 served in the EDR (H. Ji et al., 2004; Roytershteyn et al., 2012) but it does not play an
 47 important role in fast reconnection under typical magnetosphere conditions (Roytershteyn
 48 et al., 2012).

49 In general, reconnection occurs with guide field, which is a relatively uniform out-
 50 of-plane magnetic field component. The presence of the guide field impacts the struc-

51 ture of the diffusion region and electron and ion dynamics (Fox et al., 2017; Pritchett
 52 & Coroniti, 2004; Ricci, Blackbill, Daughton, & Lapenta, 2004; Tharp et al., 2012). More-
 53 over, the guide field can reduce β in the EDR, such that the fast-growing, short-wavelength
 54 LHDW can exist in the EDR, potentially impacting on reconnection and electron dy-
 55 namics.

56 Here we demonstrate that the short-wavelength LHDW is generated near the EDR
 57 by analyzing data from the Magnetospheric Multiscale (MMS) mission. In this event,
 58 there is a moderate guide field ($B_g \sim 0.5B_{rec}$; B_g is the guide field magnitude; B_{rec} is
 59 the reconnecting field magnitude). Inside the EDR where β_e is high (~ 5), the long-wavelength
 60 LHDW is present, while the short-wavelength LHDW is excited slightly away from the
 61 EDR where β_e is about 0.6.

62 Observed LHDW activity are explained by a local theoretical model, improved from
 63 a previous model (H. Ji, Kulsrud, Fox, & Yamada, 2005) by including important effects
 64 from the electron temperature anisotropy, finite electron heat flux for the parallel tem-
 65 perature, and parallel electron flow. This model address LHDW with an arbitrary an-
 66 gles between \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{B}_0 unlike the classical formulation (Davidson et al., 1977). Results
 67 from the model agree with measured characteristics of the short-wavelength LHDW; \mathbf{k}
 68 is nearly perpendicular to \mathbf{B}_0 at $k\rho_e \sim 0.7$. The short-wavelength LHDW produces sig-
 69 nificant drag force between electrons and ions. This study proves that the short-wavelength
 70 LHDW can be excited within the EDR under a sufficiently large guide field, potentially
 71 affecting electron and reconnection dynamics.

72 **2 Overview of the MMS Event with LHDW**

73 An overview of a magnetopause event observed by MMS2 on December 14, 2015
 74 (Chen et al., 2017; Ergun et al., 2017) is shown in Fig. 1. Here we use burst-mode data
 75 from the Fluxgate Magnetometer (FGM) (Russell et al., 2016), Search Coil Magnetome-
 76 ter (SCM) (Le Contel et al., 2016), the electric field spin plane (Lindqvist et al., 2016),
 77 axial double probes (Ergun et al., 2016), and Fast Plasma Investigation (FPI) (Pollock
 78 et al., 2016). Two magenta vertical lines denote two regions, where the local dispersion
 79 relation for LHDW is calculated. The region A represents the EDR (Chen et al., 2017;
 80 Ergun et al., 2017), while B is slightly outside the EDR.

81 The magnetic field profile measured by FGM is shown in Fig. 1(a). The transfor-
 82 mation matrix from the geocentric solar ecliptic coordinate to the local LMN coordi-

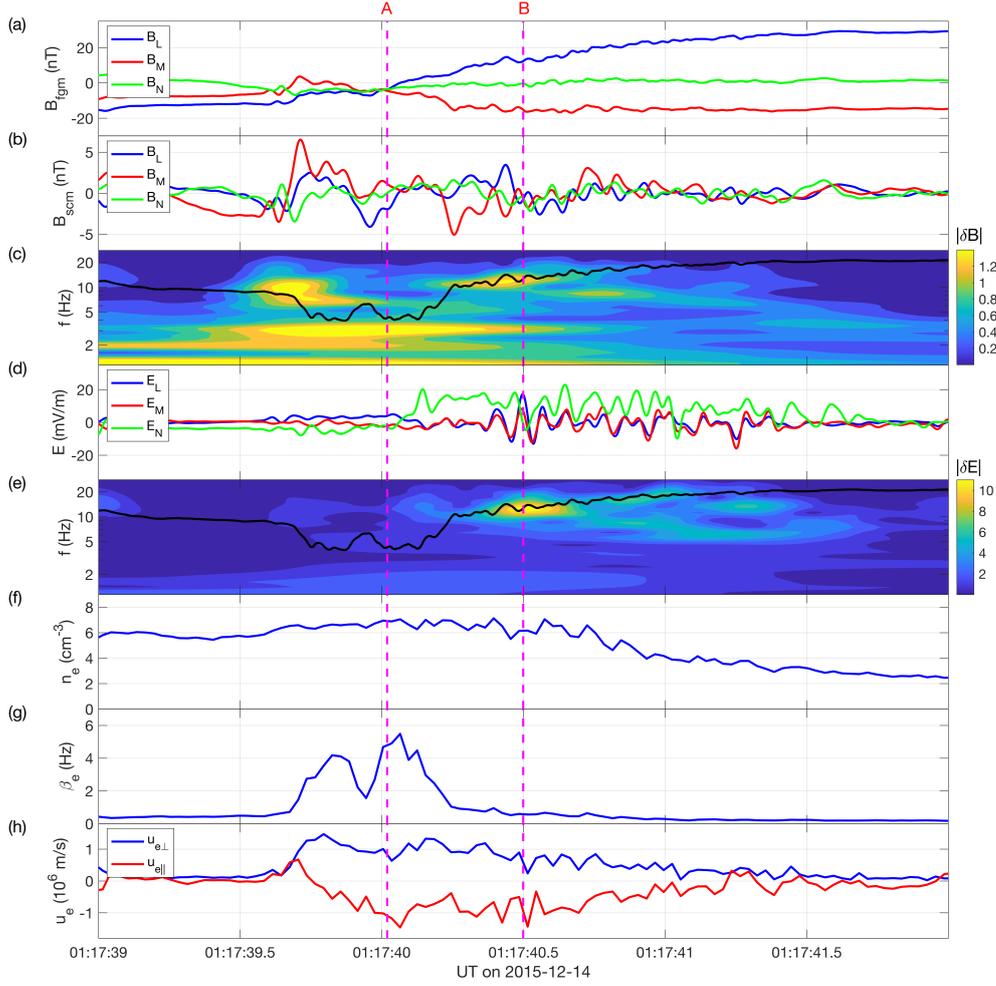


Figure 1. Overview of a magnetopause event with LHDW activity observed by MMS2. Two magenta dashed lines denoted by A and B indicate the time where LHDW stability analysis is performed. The region A represents the EDR, while the region B is slightly outside the EDR. (a) Magnetic field profile measured by FGM. Across the current sheet, there is an average negative B_M component. (b) Magnetic field profile measured by SCM, filtered by a low-pass filter with a cutoff frequency of 40 Hz. (c) Magnetic field spectrogram by the Morlet wavelet. The black line indicates f_{LH} . Fluctuations in the magnetic field persists throughout the current sheet crossing (01:17:39.7 – 01:17:41.5). In the region A, the fluctuations is below f_{LH} . (d) Electric field profile filtered by the same filter. There are strong fluctuations around the region B. (e) Electric field spectrogram by the wavelet analysis, which demonstrates fluctuations near f_{LH} around the region B. (f) Electron density profile. Density fluctuations exist near B. (g) Profile of β_e . In the region A, β_e is high, while it becomes small around the region B. (h) Profile of the electron flow. Both parallel (red) and perpendicular (blue) components exist throughout the current sheet crossing.

83 nate system is $(L, M, N) = ([0.095, -0.481, 0.865], [-0.445, -0.811, -0.392], [0.889, -0.346, -0.290])$,
 84 which is obtained by a hybrid method (Yoo & Yamada, 2012) using both the minimum
 85 variance analysis and timing analysis, particularly with the assumption of the constant
 86 thickness (Haaland et al., 2004). The current sheet thickness for this event is about 130
 87 km, which is larger than the ion skin depth d_i in the region B (~ 90 km). The region
 88 A is close to the reversal of the reconnecting field component B_L , while the region B is
 89 shifted to the low-density side. Note that there is a density asymmetry across the cur-
 90 rent sheet with a ratio of about 3, as shown in Fig. 1(f). Profiles of B_L and the electron
 91 flow \mathbf{u}_e in Fig. 1(h) suggest that MMS2 passes through the current sheet from 01:17:39.7
 92 to 01:17:41.5.

93 The out-of-plane magnetic field component B_M has a negative value on average,
 94 indicating there is a guide field for this event. The large perturbation of B_M from 01:17:39.7
 95 to 01:17:40.3 in Fig. 1(a) is due to the bipolar Hall field structure in asymmetric recon-
 96 nection (Mozer, Angelopoulos, Bonnell, Glassmeier, & McFadden, 2008; Pritchett, 2008;
 97 Yoo, Yamada, Ji, Jara-Almonte, & Myers, 2014). Excluding this variation, the guide field
 98 strength is about 14 nT. Considering the asymmetry (Cassak & Shay, 2007), B_{rec} is about
 99 28 nT. Thus, $B_g \sim 0.5B_{\text{rec}}$.

100 Near the region A, as shown in Fig. 1 (b) and (c), fluctuations in the magnetic field
 101 \mathbf{B} below the local lower hybrid frequency (f_{LH} , denoted by the black line in (c)) exist.
 102 Fluctuations in the electric field \mathbf{E} and electron density n_e are not strong, as shown in
 103 Fig. 1 (d) and (f). Around the region B, as shown in Fig. 1(b)–(f), there are fluctuations
 104 in \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{E} , and n_e near f_{LH} . As shown in spectrograms of \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{E} in Fig. 1(c) and (e),
 105 most power of the fluctuations exist close to f_{LH} .

106 Figures 1(g) and (h) shows the profile of β_e and the electron flow vector \mathbf{u}_e , respec-
 107 tively. Values of β_e are different in two regions; about 4.2 in A and 0.6 in B. Values of
 108 \mathbf{u}_e , in contrast, are similar. Note that both the perpendicular and parallel components
 109 of \mathbf{u}_e are significant. The observed features of fluctuations in the region B can be explained
 110 by the short-wavelength LHDW. First, the perpendicular electron flow $\mathbf{u}_{e\perp}$ is large. Sec-
 111 ond, the mode exists when β_e is small. Finally, the frequency of the wave is around f_{LH} .

112 **3 Calculation of the LHDW dispersion relation**

113 The geometry of our local model is similar to that of H. Ji et al. (2005); z is along
 114 \mathbf{B}_0 , and y is along the density gradient direction in the ion rest frame. The wave vec-

115 tor is assumed on the x - z plane with an assumption of negligible k_y . Unlike H. Ji et al.
 116 (2005), the equilibrium electron flow velocity (\mathbf{u}_{e0}) has a parallel component (u_{e0z}). Equi-
 117 librium temperature is assumed to be uniform and ion temperature anisotropy is ignored.

The detailed derivation of the dispersion relation is provided in the supporting in-
 formation. Here only important improvements over the model in H. Ji et al. (2005) are
 discussed. First, for the quasi-electrostatic nature of the short-wavelength LHDW, the
 perturbed electron density n_{e1} is independently obtained from the electron continuity
 equation:

$$(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0})n_{e1} = (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e1} - i\epsilon u_{e1y})n_{e0}, \quad (1)$$

118 where the subscript 1 indicates perturbed quantities, \mathbf{u}_{e1} is the perturbed electron flow
 119 velocity, n_{e0} is the equilibrium density, and $\epsilon = (dn_{e0}/dy)/n_{e0}$ is the inverse of the den-
 120 sity gradient scale. The electron temperature anisotropy is also taken into account; $T_{e0}^\perp \neq$
 121 T_{e0}^\parallel , where T_{e0}^\perp and T_{e0}^\parallel are the perpendicular and parallel electron equilibrium temper-
 122 ature, respectively.

123 The perturbed perpendicular electron pressure is assumed to be $p_{e1}^\perp \approx n_{e1}T_{e0}^\perp$, which
 124 means that the perpendicular temperature perturbation is ignored (isothermal limit).
 125 This simplification is justifiable because LHDW stability does not much depend on the
 126 specific form of p_{e1}^\perp ; other terms such as \mathbf{E}_1 , $\mathbf{u}_{e1} \times \mathbf{B}_0$, and $\mathbf{u}_{e0} \times \mathbf{B}_1$ are more impor-
 127 tant for the electron momentum balance along the perpendicular direction. Here, \mathbf{E}_1 and
 128 \mathbf{B}_1 are the perturbed electric and magnetic field, respectively. This isothermal limit im-
 129 plies infinite heat flux for the perpendicular temperature. We find that the dispersion
 130 relation does not change much even in the limit of the zero heat flux.

For the parallel direction, however, more rigorous treatment of the electron heat
 flux is required, as the perturbed electron parallel pressure p_{e1}^\parallel becomes important for
 the electron force balance due to the absence of $\mathbf{u}_{e1} \times \mathbf{B}_0$ term. To obtain p_{e1}^\parallel , we start
 from the following equation from the Vlasov equation:

$$\frac{\partial p_e^\parallel}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_e p_e^\parallel) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_e^\parallel + 2 \frac{\partial u_{ez}}{\partial z} p_e^\parallel = 0, \quad (2)$$

131 where $p_e^\parallel = m_e \int (v_z - u_{ez})^2 f_e d\mathbf{v}$, $\mathbf{q}_e^\parallel = m_e \int (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_e)(v_z - u_{ez})^2 f_e d\mathbf{v}$, and $n_e \mathbf{u}_e =$
 132 $\int \mathbf{v} f_e d\mathbf{v}$. Note that \mathbf{q}_e^\parallel is the electron heat flux affecting the parallel electron temper-
 133 ature rather than the parallel heat flux.

A closure for \mathbf{q}_e^{\parallel} is required for p_{e1}^{\parallel} . The 3+1 fluid model (J.-Y. Ji & Joseph, 2018) gives

$$\mathbf{q}_e^{\parallel} = \frac{\hat{z}}{m_e \omega_{ce}} \times \left(p_e^{\parallel} \nabla T_e + T_e \nabla p_e^{\parallel} - \frac{T_e}{2} \nabla \pi_e^{\parallel} - T_e^{\parallel} \nabla p_e^{\perp} \right) + q_{ez}^{\parallel} \hat{z}, \quad (3)$$

where $\pi_e^{\parallel} = 2(p_e^{\parallel} - p_e^{\perp})/3$, and $T_e = (2T_e^{\perp} + T_e^{\parallel})/3$. The derivation of this equation is also given in the supporting information. The closure for q_{e1z}^{\parallel} in the collisionless limit is J.-Y. Ji and Joseph (2018)

$$q_{e1z}^{\parallel} = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{k_{\parallel}}{|k_{\parallel}|} 2n_0 v_{te} T_{e1}^{\parallel}, \quad (4)$$

where $T_{e1}^{\parallel} = (p_{e1}^{\parallel} - T_{e0}^{\parallel} n_1)/n_0$ is the perturbed parallel temperature and $v_{te} = \sqrt{2T_{e0}/m_e}$ is the electron thermal speed. By linearizing Eq. 3, q_{e1x}^{\parallel} becomes

$$q_{e1x}^{\parallel} = -\frac{2}{9} \frac{(T_{e0}^{\parallel} - 4T_{e0}^{\perp})T_{e1}^{\parallel}}{T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0}} n_0 u_{e0x} = r_e^{\parallel} T_{e1}^{\parallel} n_0 u_{e0x}, \quad (5)$$

where $r_e^{\parallel} = 2(4T_{e0}^{\perp} - T_{e0}^{\parallel})/9(T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0})$. With Eqs. 2, 4, and 5, p_{e1}^{\parallel} is given by

$$p_{e1}^{\parallel} = n_{e1} T_{e0}^{\parallel} + \frac{2k_{\parallel} n_0 T_{e0}^{\parallel} u_{e1z}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0} - r_e^{\parallel} k_{\perp} u_{e0x} + i(2/\sqrt{\pi})|k_{\parallel}|v_{te}}. \quad (6)$$

With these closures, the electron momentum equation is solved to obtain the perturbed electron current density, \mathbf{J}_{e1} . The ion current is given by the Eq. (8) in the Ref. (H. Ji et al., 2005). With $\mathbf{J}_1 = \mathbf{J}_{e1} + \mathbf{J}_{i1}$, the Maxwell equation without the displacement current $\mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}_1) = -i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{J}_1$ can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_{xx} & D_{xy} & D_{xz} \\ D_{yx} & D_{yy} & D_{yz} \\ D_{zx} & D_{zy} & D_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{1x} \\ E_{1y} \\ E_{1z} \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad (7)$$

134 with a tensor \mathbf{D} . The dispersion relation for the wave can be obtained from $\det \mathbf{D} =$
 135 0. The calculation for each component of \mathbf{D} is provided in the supporting information.

136 Dispersion relations are obtained with plasma parameters measured in the region
 137 A and B. For the region A, parameters averaged over 01:17:39.989–01:17:40.049 are $B_0 =$
 138 6.5 nT, $n_0 = 6.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $T_{e0}^{\parallel} = 79.5 \text{ eV}$, $T_{e0}^{\perp} = 70.9 \text{ eV}$, $T_{i0} = 395 \text{ eV}$, $u_{e0x} = 17.9V_A$,
 139 and $u_{e0z} = -14.1V_A$, where $V_A = 57.7 \text{ km/s}$ is the local Alfvén speed. With these val-
 140 ues, $\beta_e = 4.24$ and $f_{LH} = 4.4 \text{ Hz}$. For the region B, parameters averaged over 01:17:40.469
 141 – 529 are $B_0 = 19.8 \text{ nT}$, $n_0 = 6.2 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $T_{e0}^{\parallel} = 122 \text{ eV}$, $T_{e0}^{\perp} = 77.6 \text{ eV}$, $T_{i0} = 402 \text{ eV}$,
 142 $u_{e0x} = 2.65V_A$, and $u_{e0z} = -5.07V_A$ with $V_A = 174 \text{ km/s}$, $\beta_e = 0.58$, and $f_{LH} = 12.9$
 143 Hz.

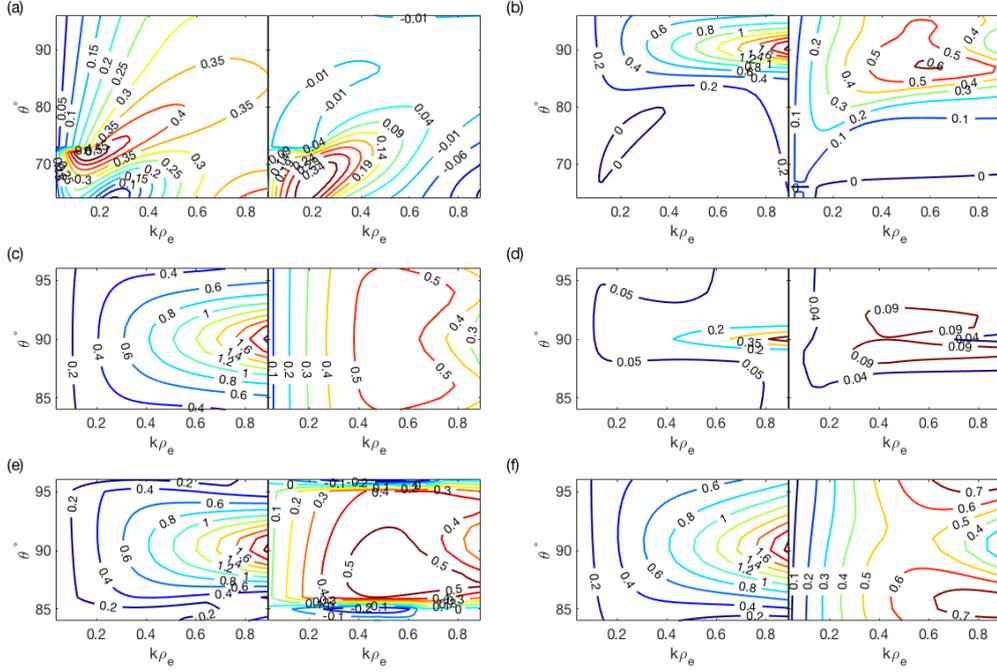


Figure 2. Dispersion relation of LHDW. For each subplot, the left (right) panel shows the contour plot for the real (imaginary) part of the angular frequency normalized by the local lower hybrid frequency ω_{LH} as a function of $k\rho_e$ and θ . Here ρ_e is the electron gyroradius in the region B even for the axis of panels (a). (a) In the region A, the long-wavelength LHDW ($\theta \sim 70^\circ$) is unstable, while the short-wavelength LHDW is marginally stable due to high β . (b) In the region B, the short-wavelength LHDW has fast growth rates $\gamma \sim 0.6\omega_{\text{LH}}$ with $\Re(\omega) \sim \omega_{\text{LH}}$. (c) Without the parallel flow, the dispersion becomes symmetric with respect to $\theta = 90^\circ$ but there is no significant change in γ . (d) When the perpendicular flow is reduced to $0.7V_A$, γ becomes much smaller, which indicates u_{e0x} is the free energy source. The range of θ is different for panels (c) and (d). (e) Without \mathbf{q}_e^{\parallel} , oblique modes are stabilized. (f) Without T_{e1}^{\parallel} (infinite heat flux), γ becomes even larger especially for more oblique modes, which shifts $\Re(\omega)$ with the maximum γ to about $0.4\omega_{\text{LH}}$.

144 The calculated dispersion relation is shown in Fig. 2(a); the left (right) panel shows
 145 the real (imaginary) part of the angular frequency as a function of k and θ , which is nor-
 146 malized by the local (angular) lower hybrid frequency, ω_{LH} . In the region A, the short-
 147 wavelength LHDW around $\theta = 90^\circ$ is marginally stable despite the strong electron flow.
 148 The long-wavelength LHDW around $\theta = 70^\circ$, in contrast, is unstable around $f < 0.5f_{\text{LH}}$,
 149 which agrees with measurements in Fig. 1(c).

150 In the region B, the short-wavelength LHDW has large growth rates with the max-
 151 imum growth rate $\gamma_{\text{max}} \sim 0.6\omega_{\text{LH}}$, as shown in Fig. 2(b). The frequency around γ_{max}
 152 is $\sim 0.8f_{\text{LH}}$. The model expects $k_{\perp} \gg |k_{\parallel}|$. All these features are consistent with those
 153 of the short-wavelength LHDW (Davidson et al., 1977).

154 This model indicates that the free energy source is the perpendicular current. Even
 155 with zero parallel electron velocity, the dispersion expects similar γ , as shown in Fig. 2(c).
 156 When the perpendicular velocity is decreased from $2.65V_A$ to $0.7V_A$, however, γ becomes
 157 small, as shown in Fig. 2(d). If u_{e0x} is reduced below $0.5V_A$, the mode disappears.

To understand the effect of \mathbf{q}_e^{\parallel} on the dispersion, we have tested two limits – no
 heat flux and infinite heat flux. Without the heat flux, p_{e1}^{\parallel} in Eqn. 6 becomes

$$p_{e1}^{\parallel} = n_{e1}T_{e0}^{\parallel} + \frac{2k_{\parallel}n_0T_{e0}^{\parallel}u_{e1z}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0}}. \quad (8)$$

158 With the infinite heat flux ($v_{th} \rightarrow \infty$), $p_{e1}^{\parallel} = n_{e1}T_{e0}^{\parallel}$, which means $T_{e1}^{\parallel} = 0$. Figure 2
 159 (e) and (f) show the dispersion for these two limits. When θ is close to 90° , results are
 160 not affected. For oblique modes, however, the heat flux significantly affects the disper-
 161 sion relation, especially the growth rate. Without \mathbf{q}_e^{\parallel} , oblique modes are quickly stabi-
 162 lized; as shown in the bottom panel of Fig. 2(e), γ becomes negative for $\theta \sim 85^\circ$ or $\theta \sim$
 163 96° . With the infinite heat flux (zero T_{e1}^{\parallel}), on the other hand, γ for oblique modes be-
 164 comes larger than values in Fig. 2(b), as shown in Fig. 2(f).

165 This dependence of γ on \mathbf{q}_e^{\parallel} can be understood by the parallel force balance. The
 166 perturbed pressure term, ikp_{e1}^{\parallel} can be interpreted as a restoring force against the elec-
 167 tric field perturbation. The heat flux reduces the temperature perturbation, which means
 168 that the restoring force decreases as the heat flux increases. Thus, in the limit of the in-
 169 finite (zero) heat flux, γ becomes larger (smaller) for oblique modes.

170 4 Comparison between theory and observation

171 The dispersion relation is crucial for identifying the wave and understanding its prop-
 172 agation. If all MMS satellites observed the same wave packet, \mathbf{k} could be estimated di-

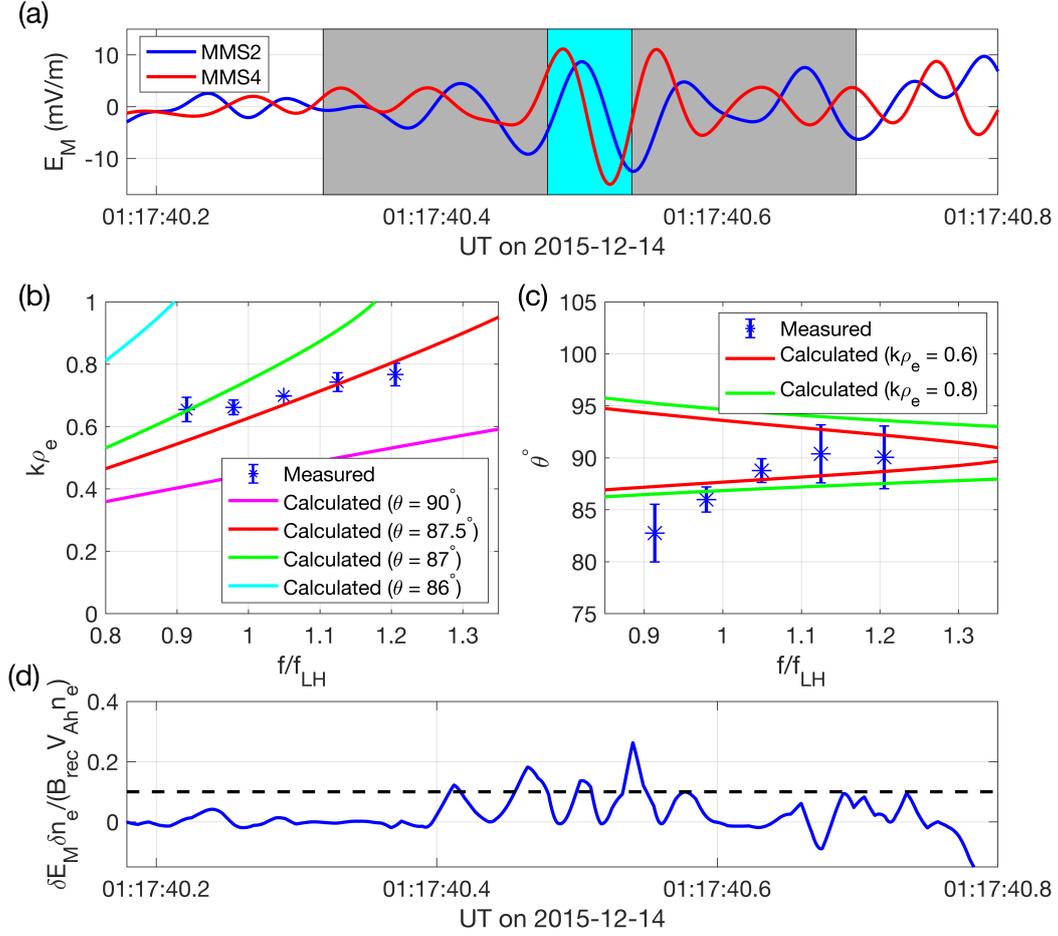


Figure 3. Wave vector measurement and comparison with the theory. (a) Profile of E_M near the region B, which is filtered by a low-pass filter with a cutoff frequency of 40 Hz. Signals from MMS2 and MMS4 correlate. The cyan box indicates the period where the analysis for the wave vector is performed. The gray box indicates the range of data used for the wavelet analysis. (b) Magnitude of the wave vector. Blue asterisks are measured values ($k\rho_e \sim 0.7$). Theoretical values with various θ are plotted with solid lines. (c) Angle between \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{B}_0 . Blue asterisks are values estimated by the SVD analysis. Theoretical values with various k are plotted with solid lines. The wave propagates almost perpendicular to \mathbf{B}_0 . Error bars in (b) and (c) are from the standard deviation of the values computed during the period indicated by the cyan box in (a). Frequency values in (b) and (c) are the central frequency of the Morlet wavelet. (d) Anomalous drag by LHDW. $\delta E_M \delta n_e$ is normalized by $B_{rec} V_{Ah} n_e$. The black dashed line represents the nominal normalized reconnection rate for collisionless reconnection, 0.1 (Birn et al., 2001).

173 rectly from the phase difference (Yoo et al., 2018). However, for this event, signals from
 174 only MMS2 and MMS4 have correlation, while they are near the region B. Thus, single
 175 spacecraft methods such as the singular value decomposition (SVD) analysis (Santolík,
 176 Parrot, & Lefeuvre, 2003) should be considered.

177 The SVD analysis has its own caveat; this method relies on the assumption that
 178 there is only one dominant \mathbf{k} for a given frequency. This assumption is not valid for LHDW;
 179 as shown in Fig. 2(b), there is a range of k and θ that has a positive growth rate for a
 180 given frequency. In this case, the estimated \mathbf{k} is a power-weighted average of multiple
 181 wave vectors, which underestimates the magnitude of \mathbf{k} (Yoo et al., 2019). The direc-
 182 tion of the estimated \mathbf{k} , on the other hand, still indicates the average propagation di-
 183 rection.

The wave vector \mathbf{k} is estimated by combining two methods. With the unit vector
 $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ from the SVD analysis, the magnitude k is

$$k = \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_4}{\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_4)}, \quad (9)$$

184 where ϕ_2 and ϕ_4 are the phase of the correlated signal measured by MMS2 and MMS4,
 185 while \mathbf{r}_2 and \mathbf{r}_4 are the location of MMS2 and MMS4, respectively. The phase informa-
 186 tion comes from the Morlet wavelet transform of E_M (Torrence & Compo, 1998). As shown
 187 in Fig. 3(a), E_M signals from two satellites are correlated in the region B (cyan box).

188 Figure 3(b) shows the measured $k\rho_e$ (blue asterisks), compared with theoretical val-
 189 ues (solid lines). For theoretical values, the Doppler shift due to the frame difference is
 190 considered, which is $\Delta f = \mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{k}/2\pi$. Here \mathbf{u}_i is the ion flow velocity in the spacecraft
 191 frame ($u_{ix} = 33$ km/s, $u_{iz} = -38$ km/s). At $f = 0.98f_{LH}$, $k\rho_e = 0.66$, which agrees
 192 with the theoretical value with $\theta \sim 87^\circ$. Note that the mode with the highest growth
 193 rate exists around $\theta \sim 87^\circ$ and $k\rho_e \sim 0.6$, as shown in Fig. 2(b).

194 Figure 3(c) shows the measured θ (blue asterisks), compared with theoretical val-
 195 ues of various k (solid lines). The measurement shows that LHDW propagates almost
 196 perpendicular to \mathbf{B}_0 , which agrees with the model. The measured $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ has a dominant com-
 197 ponent along the x direction ($\hat{\mathbf{k}} = (0.987, -0.155, -0.019)$ for $f = 1.05f_{LH}$), which sup-
 198 ports the ignorance of k_y .

199 The short-wavelength LHDW generates correlated fluctuations of the electron den-
 200 sity and electric field, generating anomalous drag force between electrons and ions (Mozer,
 201 Wilber, & Drake, 2011). Figure 3(d) shows $\delta E_M \delta n_e$, normalized by $B_{\text{rec}} V_{\text{Ah}} \langle n_e \rangle$, where
 202 $V_{\text{Ah}} = 274$ km/s is the hybrid upstream Alfvén velocity for asymmetric reconnection

203 (Cassak & Shay, 2007). Here the angle bracket means the average of a quantity A from
 204 01:17:40.2 to 01:17:40.8 and a fluctuating quantity is defined as $\delta A = A - \langle A \rangle$. Two
 205 fluctuating quantities δE_M and δn_e are correlated, producing a positive net value of $\delta E_M \delta n_e$,
 206 especially from 01:17:40.4 to 01:17:40.6. The value of $\delta E_M \delta n_e / \langle n_e \rangle$ over this period is
 207 significant, compared to the nominal reconnection rate for collisionless reconnection, $0.1 B_{\text{rec}} V_{\text{Ah}}$
 208 (Birn et al., 2001), indicating a potential importance of the electrostatic LHDW for elec-
 209 tron and reconnection dynamics.

210 5 Summary and Discussions

211 In summary, we present LHDW activity inside a reconnecting current sheet mea-
 212 sured by MMS with a moderate guide field. The long-wavelength LHDW exists inside
 213 the EDR where β_e is high, while the short-wavelength LHDW exists slightly outside the
 214 EDR where β_e is low. The analysis on the wave number \mathbf{k} shows that \mathbf{k} has a dominant
 215 perpendicular component with a magnitude of $k_{\rho_e} \sim 0.7$ for $f \sim f_{\text{LH}}$, which agrees
 216 with features of the fast-growing, short-wavelength LHDW (Davidson et al., 1977). For
 217 better understanding of LHDW, we have developed a local theoretical model for the dis-
 218 persion relation. Overall, results from this model explains the observed LHDW activ-
 219 ity, including the magnitude and direction of \mathbf{k} .

220 The model is based on the previous work in H. Ji et al. (2005) but improved to in-
 221 clude the electron heat flux for better modeling of the perturbed parallel electron pres-
 222 sure, electron temperature anisotropy, parallel electron flow, and independent compu-
 223 tation of the perturbed electron density for electrostatic effects. This model can calcu-
 224 late the dispersion with an arbitrary angle between the wave vector and magnetic field,
 225 unlike the kinetic treatment of LHDW (Davidson et al., 1977).

226 The limitation of this local model should be discussed. This analysis assumes no
 227 wave propagation along the gradient direction, neglecting the global structure of the cur-
 228 rent sheet. To address this issue, a global eigenmode analysis (Daughton, 2003; ?) should
 229 be carried out, which is our future work. For this event with a large current sheet width,
 230 however, this local analysis seems acceptable. The negligible k_y over k_x is also supported
 231 by the measurement.

232 This model assumes no temperature gradient for both electrons and ions but the
 233 temperature gradient may be important for LHDW activity. With parameters measured

234 in the region B, however, the results are not sensitive against relatively small change in
 235 the local temperature.

236 This study shows that the short-wavelength LHDW is potentially important for
 237 electron and reconnection dynamics by generating drag force between electrons and ions
 238 under a sufficient guide field. Further systematic research on this topic within or near
 239 the EDR is warranted both in space (i.e. Chen et al., 2019) and in laboratory (i.e. Ste-
 240 chow et al., 2018).

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Supporting Information of “lower hybrid drift waves during guide field reconnection”

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1 Derivation of \mathbf{q}^{\parallel} (Eqn. 12)

From the kinetic equation in the $(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w} \equiv \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{V})$ coordinates (\mathbf{V} is the fluid velocity),

$$\frac{df}{dt} - (\mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{V}) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{w}f) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \cdot (\mathbf{A}f) + \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{B} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = C(f), \quad (1)$$

where

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla, \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{m} [\mathbf{F}_* + q(\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B})] - \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}. \quad (3)$$

For the p^{\parallel} fluid equation, we need to obtain the closure

$$\mathbf{q}^{\parallel} = \int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} f = q_{\parallel}^{\parallel} \hat{z} + \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^{\parallel} \quad (4)$$

where $q_{\parallel}^{\parallel} = \int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^3 f$ has been obtained in J.-Y. Ji and Joseph (2018) and we will obtain the $\mathbf{q}_{\perp}^{\parallel}$ closure. We adopt the closure (transport) ordering $d/dt \approx 0$ and the linear response theory.

We take the moments $\int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w}$ of the kinetic equation:

$$\int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{q}^{\parallel} : \text{ignored by the closure ordering}, \quad (5)$$

$$\int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{V}) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}} : \text{ignored by the linearization}, \quad (6)$$

$$\int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{w}f) = \nabla \cdot (\hat{z} \hat{z} : \int d^3v m \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w} f). \quad (7)$$

We should decompose $\mathbf{w} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w}$ into orthogonal polynomials (see J.-Y. Ji and Held (2008)) for the consistent truncation in the expansion of a distribution function.

$$\mathbf{c} = \frac{\mathbf{w}}{v_T} = \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\sqrt{2T/m}} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} &= \mathbf{p}^4 + \frac{6}{7} \left(c^2 - \frac{7}{2} \right) \{ \mathbf{p}^2 \mathbf{l} \} + 3 \{ \mathbf{p}^2 \mathbf{l} \} + \left(\frac{2}{5} \mathbf{p}^{02} - \mathbf{p}^{01} + \frac{3}{4} \right) \{ \mathbf{l} \mathbf{l} \} \\ &= \mathbf{p}^{40} - \frac{6}{7} \{ \mathbf{p}^{21} \mathbf{l} \} + 3 \{ \mathbf{p}^{20} \mathbf{l} \} + \left(\frac{2}{5} \mathbf{p}^{02} - \mathbf{p}^{01} + \frac{3}{4} \right) \{ \mathbf{l} \mathbf{l} \} \\ &= 3 \{ \mathbf{p}^2 \mathbf{l} \} + \frac{3}{4} \{ \mathbf{l} \mathbf{l} \} + \text{higher order moments to be truncated}, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where the operator $\{\dots\}$ is the symmetrization of the tensor (J.-Y. Ji & Held, 2008). For $\mathbf{bb} : \mathbf{cccc}$ (notation $\mathbf{b} = \hat{z}$),

$$\mathbf{bb} : \{\mathbf{p}^2\mathbf{l}\} = \frac{1}{6} (\mathbf{bb} : \mathbf{p}^2\mathbf{l} + 2\mathbf{bb} \cdot \mathbf{p}^2 + 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{p}^2\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{p}^2), \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{bb} : \{\mathbf{l}\mathbf{l}\} = \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{l} + 2\mathbf{bb}). \quad (11)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\mathbf{v} m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w} f &= m v_T^4 \int d\mathbf{v} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b} : \left(3 \{\mathbf{p}^2\mathbf{l}\} + \frac{3}{4} \{\mathbf{l}\mathbf{l}\} \right) f \quad (12) \\ &= m v_T^4 \int d\mathbf{v} \left[3 \frac{1}{6} (\mathbf{bb} : \mathbf{p}^2\mathbf{l} + 2\mathbf{bb} \cdot \mathbf{p}^2 + 2\mathbf{bb} \cdot \mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{p}^2) + \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{3} (\mathbf{l} + 2\mathbf{bb}) \right] f \\ &= \frac{v_T^2}{2} (\pi_{\parallel} \mathbf{l} + 2\mathbf{bb} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} + 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} \mathbf{b} + \boldsymbol{\pi}) + m v_T^4 \frac{1}{4} n (\mathbf{l} + 2\mathbf{bb}) \\ &= \frac{T}{m} (\pi_{\parallel} \mathbf{l} + 2\mathbf{bb} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} + 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} \mathbf{b} + \boldsymbol{\pi}) + T \frac{p}{m} (\mathbf{l} + 2\mathbf{bb}) \\ &= \frac{T}{m} p_{\parallel} \mathbf{l} + 2 \frac{T}{m} \mathbf{bb} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} + 2 \frac{T}{m} \mathbf{b} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} \mathbf{b} + \frac{T}{m} \boldsymbol{\pi} + T \frac{p}{m} 2\mathbf{bb}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$p_{\parallel} = p + \pi_{\parallel}, \quad (13)$$

$$p^{\perp} = p - \frac{1}{2} \pi_{\parallel}, \quad (14)$$

$$\pi_{\parallel} = \frac{2}{3} (p_{\parallel} - p^{\perp}), \quad (15)$$

$$p = \frac{1}{3} (p_{\parallel} + 2p^{\perp}), \quad (16)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = \frac{3}{2} \pi_{\parallel} (\mathbf{bb} - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{l}), \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} = \pi_{\parallel} \mathbf{b}. \quad (18)$$

Hereafter we will drop \mathbf{b} terms, which will be nullified by the $\mathbf{b} \times$ operation:

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} = \frac{3}{2} \mathbf{b} \partial_{\parallel} \pi_{\parallel} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \pi_{\parallel} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \nabla \pi_{\parallel}, \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \int d\mathbf{v} m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w} f &\approx \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{T}{m} p_{\parallel} \mathbf{l} + 2 \frac{T}{m} \mathbf{bb} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} + 2 \frac{T}{m} \mathbf{b} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} \mathbf{b} + \frac{T}{m} \boldsymbol{\pi} + T \frac{p}{m} 2\mathbf{bb} \right) \quad (20) \\ &= \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{T}{m} p_{\parallel} \mathbf{l} + 4 \frac{T}{m} \pi_{\parallel} \mathbf{bb} + \frac{T}{m} \boldsymbol{\pi} + T \frac{p}{m} 2\mathbf{bb} \right) \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{m} p_{\parallel} \nabla T + \frac{1}{m} T \nabla p_{\parallel} - \frac{T}{2m} \nabla \pi_{\parallel}. \end{aligned}$$

For the $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \cdot (\mathbf{A} f)$ term,

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{m} [\mathbf{F}_* + q(\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B})] - \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} = \frac{1}{mn} (\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi}). \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \cdot (\mathbf{A}f) &= - \int d^3v m \mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} (w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w}) f \\
 &= - \int d^3v m (2\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{b} + w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{A}) f \\
 &= -2\mathbf{b} \cdot p \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{b} - p_{\parallel} \mathbf{A} \\
 &= -2p_{\parallel} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b} - p_{\parallel} \mathbf{A} \\
 &\rightarrow -p_{\parallel} \frac{1}{mn} (\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi}) \\
 &= -p_{\parallel} \frac{1}{mn} (\nabla p - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \pi_{\parallel} + \frac{3}{2} \mathbf{b} \partial_{\parallel} \pi_{\parallel}) \\
 &\rightarrow -\frac{p_{\parallel}}{mn} \nabla p^{\perp}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

All together, $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{w}f) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \cdot (\mathbf{A}f)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{all} &= \frac{1}{m} p_{\parallel} \nabla T + \frac{1}{m} T \nabla p_{\parallel} - \frac{T}{2m} \nabla \pi_{\parallel} - \frac{p_{\parallel}}{mn} \nabla p^{\perp} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \left(p_{\parallel} \nabla T + T \nabla p_{\parallel} - \frac{T}{2} \nabla \pi_{\parallel} - \frac{p_{\parallel}}{n} \nabla p^{\perp} \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \cdot (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{B}f) &= -m \int d^3v (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{B}f) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} (w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w}) \\
 &= -m \int d^3v (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{B}f) \cdot (2w_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} + w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{1}) \\
 &= -m \int d^3v w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{B}f \\
 &= -\mathbf{q}_{\parallel} \times \mathbf{B}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

$$\frac{q}{m} \int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \cdot (\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{B}f) = -\Omega \mathbf{q}_{\parallel} \times \mathbf{b}. \tag{25}$$

The final equation becomes

(terms dropped by closure ordering) + \mathbf{all} + (terms $\propto \mathbf{b}$) - $\Omega \mathbf{q}_{\parallel} \times \hat{z} = 0$ (collisionless)

$$\mathbf{q}_{\perp} = \frac{1}{\Omega} \hat{z} \times \mathbf{all}. \tag{26}$$

$$\mathbf{q}_{\parallel} = \int d^3v m w_{\parallel}^2 \mathbf{w} f = q_{\parallel} \hat{z} + \mathbf{q}_{\perp}. \tag{27}$$

$$\mathbf{q}_{\perp} = \frac{1}{m\Omega} \mathbf{b} \times \left(p_{\parallel} \nabla T + T \nabla p_{\parallel} - \frac{T}{2} \nabla \pi_{\parallel} - \frac{p_{\parallel}}{n} \nabla p^{\perp} \right). \tag{28}$$

2 Derivation of the dispersion relation

The geometry of the model is shown in 1. From the equilibrium momentum equations, the equilibrium electric field is

$$E_0 = \frac{T_{i0}}{T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0}} u_{e0x} B_0. \tag{29}$$

The inverse of the gradient scale is given by

$$\epsilon = \frac{e u_{e0x} B_0}{T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0}}. \tag{30}$$

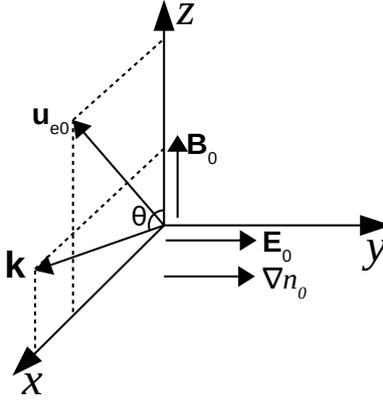


Figure 1. Geometry of the local theory for the LHDW dispersion calculation. The model is in the ion rest frame with z toward the equilibrium magnetic field (\mathbf{B}_0) and y along the density gradient direction. The equilibrium electric field \mathbf{E}_0 is also along y for the force balance. The equilibrium electron flow velocity \mathbf{u}_{e0} and wave vector \mathbf{k} reside on the x - z plane. The angle between \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{B}_0 is given by θ .

For the dispersion relation, the following Maxwell's equation without the displacement current term is used:

$$\mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}_1) = -i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{J}_1. \quad (31)$$

The perturbed ion current density (\mathbf{J}_{i1}) is given by (H. Ji, Kulsrud, Fox, & Yamada, 2005)

$$\mathbf{J}_{i1} = -\frac{in_0e^2}{m_ikv_{ti}} \left[Z(\zeta)\mathbf{E}_1 + \frac{Z''(\mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}})}{2}\hat{\mathbf{k}} - i\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2k}\right)Z''E_{1y}\hat{\mathbf{k}} \right]. \quad (32)$$

The first order electron momentum equation is given by

$$im_en_0(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0})\mathbf{u}_{e1} = i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{e1} + en_0(\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{u}_{e1} \times \mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{u}_{e0} \times \mathbf{B}_1) + e(\mathbf{E}_0 + \mathbf{u}_{e0} \times \mathbf{B}_0)n_{e1}. \quad (33)$$

The perturbed electron density n_{e1} is given by the electron continuity equation, which is

$$(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0})n_{e1} = (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e1} - i\epsilon u_{e1y})n_{e0}. \quad (34)$$

Assuming that the perpendicular temperature perturbation is negligible, p_{e1}^\perp is just

$$p_{e1}^\perp \approx n_{e1}T_{e0}^\perp. \quad (35)$$

For the parallel electron pressure, the following equation from the Vlasov equation is used:

$$\frac{\partial p_e^\parallel}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_e p_e^\parallel) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_e^\parallel + 2\frac{\partial u_{ez}}{\partial z} p_e^\parallel = 0, \quad (36)$$

where

$$p_e^{\parallel} = m_e \int (v_z - u_{ez})^2 f_e d\mathbf{v}, \quad (37)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_e^{\parallel} = m_e \int (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_e)(v_z - u_{ez})^2 f_e d\mathbf{v}, \quad (38)$$

$$n_e \mathbf{u}_e = \int \mathbf{v} f_e d\mathbf{v}. \quad (39)$$

Linearizing Eqn. 36 yields

$$-i\omega p_{e1}^{\parallel} + \epsilon u_{e1y} p_{e0}^{\parallel} + i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0}) p_{e1}^{\parallel} + i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e1}) n_0 T_{e0}^{\parallel} + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{e1}^{\parallel} + 2ik_{\parallel} u_{e1z} n_0 T_{e0}^{\parallel} = 0. \quad (40)$$

As shown in the previous section, the 3 + 1 fluid model gives us

$$\mathbf{q}_e^{\parallel} = \frac{\hat{z}}{m_e \omega_{ce}} \times \left(p_e^{\parallel} \nabla T_e + T_e \nabla p_e^{\parallel} - \frac{T_e}{2} \nabla \pi_e^{\parallel} - T_e^{\parallel} \nabla p_e^{\perp} \right) + q_{ez}^{\parallel} \hat{z}, \quad (41)$$

where $\pi_e^{\parallel} = 2(p_e^{\parallel} - p_e^{\perp})/3$, $T_e = (2T_e^{\perp} + T_e^{\parallel})/3$. The closure for q_{e1z}^{\parallel} in the collisionless limit is given by J.-Y. Ji and Joseph (2018)

$$q_{e1z}^{\parallel} = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{k_{\parallel}}{|k_{\parallel}|} 2n_0 v_{te} T_{e1}^{\parallel}, \quad (42)$$

where $T_{e1}^{\parallel} = (p_{e1}^{\parallel} - T_{e0}^{\parallel} n_1)/n_0$ is the perturbed parallel temperature. Since $k_y = 0$, only q_{e1x}^{\parallel} is required to close Eqn. 40. By linearizing Eqn. 41 and using Eqn. 30, q_{e1x}^{\parallel} becomes

$$q_{e1x}^{\parallel} = -\frac{2}{9} \frac{(T_{e0}^{\parallel} - 4T_{e0}^{\perp}) T_{e1}^{\parallel}}{T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0}} n_0 u_{e0x} = r_e^{\parallel} T_{e1}^{\parallel} n_0 u_{e0x}, \quad (43)$$

where $r_e^{\parallel} = 2(4T_{e0}^{\perp} - T_{e0}^{\parallel})/9(T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0})$.

Then, $i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{e1}^{\parallel}$ becomes

$$i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{e1}^{\parallel} = i \left[k_{\perp} r_e^{\parallel} u_{e0x} - i(2/\sqrt{\pi}) |k_{\parallel}| v_{te} \right] n_0 (p_{e1}^{\parallel} - T_{e0}^{\parallel} n_1) - ik_{\perp} r_e^{\perp} u_{e0x} n_0 T_{e1}^{\perp}. \quad (44)$$

Then, from Eqn. 40, p_{e1}^{\parallel} becomes

$$p_{e1}^{\parallel} = n_{e1} T_{e0}^{\parallel} + \frac{2k_{\parallel} n_0 T_{e0}^{\parallel} u_{e1z}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0} - r_e^{\parallel} k_{\perp} u_{e0x} + i(2/\sqrt{\pi}) |k_{\parallel}| v_{te}}. \quad (45)$$

The z component of Eqn. 33 is

$$im_e n_0 (\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0}) u_{e1z} = ik_{\parallel} p_{e1}^{\parallel} + \epsilon n_0 (E_{1z} + u_{e0x} B_{1y}), \quad (46)$$

From the Faraday's Law ($\omega \mathbf{B}_1 = \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E}_1$), $B_{1y} = (k_{\parallel} E_{1x} - k_{\perp} E_{1z})/\omega$. With Eqn. 45, Eqn. 46, and $\alpha_e = (\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0})/\omega_{ce}$, u_{e1z} is expressed as

$$i\alpha_{ez} u_{e1z} = A_{ez} + i \frac{\cos \theta}{2\alpha_e} \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\parallel}}{\omega_{ce}} \right)^2 \left[u_{e1x} \sin \theta - i \left(\frac{\epsilon}{k} \right) u_{e1y} \right], \quad (47)$$

where

$$\alpha_{ez} = \alpha_e - \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\parallel} \cos \theta}{\omega_{ce}} \right)^2 \left[\frac{1}{2\alpha_e} + \frac{1}{\alpha_e - r_e^{\parallel} (ku_{e0x}/\omega_{ce}) \sin \theta + i(2/\sqrt{\pi}) (|k_{\parallel}| v_{te}/\omega_{ce})} \right], \quad (48)$$

$$A_{ez} = \frac{E_{1z}}{B_0} + \frac{ku_{e0x}}{\omega} \frac{E_{1x} \cos \theta - E_{1z} \sin \theta}{B_0}. \quad (49)$$

The x component of Eqn. 33 is

$$im_en_0(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0})u_{e1x} = ik_{\perp}p_{e1}^{\perp} + en_{e0}(E_{1x} + B_0u_{e1y} - u_{e0z}B_{1y}). \quad (50)$$

With Eqns. 35, 34, and 47, u_{e1y} can be expressed as

$$\gamma_{ey}u_{e1y} = i\alpha_{ex}u_{e1x} - \frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{2\alpha_e\alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\perp}}{\omega_{ce}}\right)^2 A_{ez} - A_{ex}, \quad (51)$$

where γ_{ey} , α_{ex} , and A_{ex} are

$$\gamma_{ey} = 1 + \frac{\sin\theta}{2\alpha_e} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{k}\right) \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\perp}}{\omega_{ce}}\right)^2 \left[1 + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{2\alpha_e\alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\parallel}}{\omega_{ce}}\right)^2\right], \quad (52)$$

$$\alpha_{ex} = \alpha_e - \frac{\sin^2\theta}{2\alpha_e} \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\perp}}{\omega_{ce}}\right)^2 \left[1 + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{2\alpha_e\alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\parallel}}{\omega_{ce}}\right)^2\right], \quad (53)$$

$$A_{ex} = \frac{E_{1x}}{B_0} - \frac{ku_{e0z}}{\omega} \frac{E_{1x} \cos\theta - E_{1z} \sin\theta}{B_0}. \quad (54)$$

The y component of Eqn. 33 is

$$im_en_{e0}(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0})u_{1y} = en_{e0}(E_{1y} - B_0u_{e1x} - u_{e0x}B_{1z} + u_{e0z}B_{1x}) + e(E_0 - u_{e0x}B_0)n_{e1}. \quad (55)$$

With Eqns. 34, 29, and 47, u_{e1x} can be expressed as

$$\gamma_{ex}u_{e1x} = -i\alpha_{ey}u_{e1y} + \frac{i \cos\theta}{\alpha_e\alpha_{ez}} \frac{T_{e0}^{\perp}}{T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0}} \left(\frac{ku_{e0x}}{\omega_{ce}}\right) A_{ez} + A_{ey}, \quad (56)$$

where γ_{ex} , α_{ey} , and A_{ey} are

$$\gamma_{ex} = 1 + \frac{\sin\theta}{\alpha_e} \frac{T_{e0}^{\perp}}{T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0}} \left(\frac{ku_{e0x}}{\omega_{ce}}\right) \left[1 + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{2\alpha_e\alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\parallel}}{\omega_{ce}}\right)^2\right], \quad (57)$$

$$\alpha_{ey} = \alpha_e - \frac{1}{\alpha_e} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{k}\right) \frac{T_{e0}^{\perp}}{T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0}} \left(\frac{ku_{e0x}}{\omega_{ce}}\right) \left[1 + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{2\alpha_e\alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\parallel}}{\omega_{ce}}\right)^2\right], \quad (58)$$

$$A_{ey} = \frac{E_{1y}}{B_0} - \frac{k}{\omega} \frac{(u_{e0x} \sin\theta + u_{e0z} \cos\theta)E_{1y}}{B_0}, \quad (59)$$

With Eqns. 51 and 56, u_{e1y} is given by

$$u_{e1y} = i(iC_{yx}^e A_{ex} + C_{yy}^e A_{ey} + iC_{yz}^e A_{ez}), \quad (60)$$

where

$$C_{yx}^e = \left(\gamma_{ey} - \frac{\alpha_{ex}\alpha_{ey}}{\gamma_{ex}}\right)^{-1}, \quad (61)$$

$$C_{yy}^e = C_{yx}^e \frac{\alpha_{ex}}{\gamma_{ex}}, \quad (62)$$

$$C_{yz}^e = C_{yx}^e \left[\frac{\sin\theta \cos\theta}{2\alpha_e\alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{kv_{te}^{\perp}}{\omega_{ce}}\right)^2 + \frac{\alpha_{ex} \cos\theta}{\gamma_{ex}\alpha_e\alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{T_{e0}^{\perp}}{T_{e0}^{\perp} + T_{i0}} \frac{ku_{e0x}}{\omega_{ce}}\right) \right]. \quad (63)$$

Similarly, u_{e1x} is given by

$$u_{e1x} = iC_{xx}^e A_{ex} + C_{xy}^e A_{ey} + iC_{xz}^e A_{ez}, \quad (64)$$

where

$$C_{xy}^e = \left(\gamma_{ex} - \frac{\alpha_{ex}\alpha_{ey}}{\gamma_{ey}} \right)^{-1}, \quad (65)$$

$$C_{xx}^e = C_{xy}^e \frac{\alpha_{ey}}{\gamma_{ey}}, \quad (66)$$

$$C_{xz}^e = C_{xy}^e \left[\frac{\cos \theta}{\alpha_e \alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{T_{e0}^\perp}{T_{e0}^\perp + T_{i0}} \frac{k u_{e0x}}{\omega_{ce}} \right) + \frac{\alpha_{ey} \sin \theta \cos \theta}{2 \gamma_{ey} \alpha_s \alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{k v_{te}^\perp}{\omega_{ce}} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (67)$$

Then, u_{s1z} can be written as

$$u_{e1z} = i C_{zx}^e A_{ex} + C_{zy}^e A_{ey} + i C_{zz}^e A_{ez}, \quad (68)$$

where

$$C_{zz}^e = -\frac{1}{\alpha_{ez}} + \frac{\cos \theta}{2 \alpha_e \alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{k v_{te}^\parallel}{\omega_{ce}} \right)^2 \left(C_{xz}^e \sin \theta + C_{yz}^e \frac{\epsilon}{k} \right), \quad (69)$$

$$C_{zx}^e = \frac{\cos \theta}{2 \alpha_e \alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{k v_{te}^\parallel}{\omega_{ce}} \right)^2 \left(C_{xx}^e \sin \theta + C_{yx}^e \frac{\epsilon}{k} \right), \quad (70)$$

$$C_{zy}^e = \frac{\cos \theta}{2 \alpha_e \alpha_{ez}} \left(\frac{k v_{te}^\parallel}{\omega_{ce}} \right)^2 \left(C_{xy}^e \sin \theta + C_{yy}^e \frac{\epsilon}{k} \right). \quad (71)$$

The final goal is to obtain the perturbed current density of electrons, which is given by $\mathbf{J}_1^e = -en_{e0}\mathbf{u}_{e1} - e\mathbf{u}_{e0}n_{e1}$. Thus, an expression for n_{e1} is required. From Eqns. 34, 60, 64, and 68, n_{e1} is given by

$$n_{e1} = \frac{kn_{e0}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0}} [i C_x'^e A_{ex} + C_y'^e A_{ey} + i C_z'^e A_{ez}], \quad (72)$$

where

$$C_x'^e = C_{xx}^e \sin \theta + C_{yx}^e \epsilon/k + C_{zx}^e \cos \theta, \quad (73)$$

$$C_y'^e = C_{xy}^e \sin \theta + C_{yy}^e \epsilon/k + C_{zy}^e \cos \theta, \quad (74)$$

$$C_z'^e = C_{xz}^e \sin \theta + C_{yz}^e \epsilon/k + C_{zz}^e \cos \theta. \quad (75)$$

Now we are ready for computing the dispersion relation. Eqn. 31 is

$$k_\parallel^2 E_{1x} - k_\perp k_\parallel E_{1z} - i\omega\mu_0 J_{1x} = 0, \quad (76)$$

$$k^2 E_{1y} - i\omega\mu_0 J_{1y} = 0, \quad (77)$$

$$k_\perp^2 E_{1z} - k_\perp k_\parallel E_{1x} - i\omega\mu_0 J_{1z} = 0. \quad (78)$$

By multiplying d_i^2 , the above equation can be written as

$$K^2 \cos^2 \theta E_{1x} - K^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta E_{1z} - i\Omega \frac{B_0}{en_0} J_{1x} = 0, \quad (79)$$

$$K^2 E_{1y} - i\Omega \frac{B_0}{en_0} J_{1y} = 0, \quad (80)$$

$$K^2 \sin^2 \theta E_{1z} - K^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta E_{1x} - i\Omega \frac{B_0}{en_0} J_{1z} = 0, \quad (81)$$

where $K \equiv kd_i$.

Eqns. 79–81 can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_{xx} & D_{xy} & D_{xz} \\ D_{yx} & D_{yy} & D_{yz} \\ D_{zx} & D_{zy} & D_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{1x} \\ E_{1y} \\ E_{1z} \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad (82)$$

From Eqn. 32, each component of $i\Omega B_0 \mathbf{J}_{1l}/en_0$ is

$$\frac{i\Omega B_0}{en_0} J_{i1x} = \zeta Z E_{1x} + \frac{\zeta Z'' \sin \theta}{2} \left(E_{1x} \sin \theta - i \frac{\epsilon}{k} E_{1y} + E_{1z} \cos \theta \right), \quad (83)$$

$$\frac{i\Omega B_0}{en_0} J_{i1y} = \zeta Z E_{1y}, \quad (84)$$

$$\frac{i\Omega B_0}{en_0} J_{i1z} = \zeta Z E_{1z} + \frac{\zeta Z'' \cos \theta}{2} \left(E_{1x} \sin \theta - i \frac{\epsilon}{k} E_{1y} + E_{1z} \cos \theta \right). \quad (85)$$

From Eqns. 64 and 72, $i\Omega J_{1x}^e/en_0$ is given by

$$\frac{i\Omega B_0}{en_0} J_{1x}^e = \Omega B_0 \left[(C_{xx}^e + u_{e0x} C_k^e C_x'^e) A_{ex} - i (C_{xy}^e + u_{e0x} C_k^e C_y'^e) A_{ey} + (C_{xz}^e + u_{e0x} C_k^e C_z'^e) A_{ez} \right], \quad (86)$$

where $C_k^e = K/(\Omega - \mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{e0})$ and $\mathbf{u}_{e0} = \mathbf{u}_{e0}/V_A$. Here $V_A = B_0/\sqrt{\mu_0 m_i n_0} = d_i \omega_{ci}$ is the Alfvén speed. Similarly, from Eqns. 68 and 72, $i\Omega J_{1z}^e/en_0$ is given by

$$\frac{i\Omega B_0}{en_0} J_{1z}^e = \Omega B_0 \left[(C_{zx}^e + u_{e0z} C_k^e C_x'^e) A_{ex} - i (C_{zy}^e + u_{e0z} C_k^e C_y'^e) A_{ey} + (C_{zz}^e + u_{e0z} C_k^e C_z'^e) A_{ez} \right], \quad (87)$$

Since there is no y component in \mathbf{u}_{e0} , $i\Omega J_{1y}^e/en_0$ is simply

$$\frac{i\Omega B_0}{en_0} J_{1y}^e = \Omega B_0 (i C_{yx}^e A_{ex} + C_{yy}^e A_{ey} + i C_{yz}^e A_{ez}). \quad (88)$$

In terms of dimensionless parameters, $\Omega B_0 A_{ex}$, $\Omega B_0 A_{ey}$, and $\Omega B_0 A_{ez}$ can be written as

$$\Omega B_0 A_{ex} = (\Omega - K u_{e0z} \cos \theta) E_{1x} + (K u_{e0z} \sin \theta) E_{1z}, \quad (89)$$

$$\Omega B_0 A_{ey} = [K u_{e0z} \cos \theta - K (u_{e0x} \sin \theta + u_{e0z} \cos \theta)] E_{1y}, \quad (90)$$

$$\Omega B_0 A_{ez} = (K u_{e0x} \cos \theta) E_{1x} + (\Omega - K u_{e0x} \sin \theta) E_{1z}. \quad (91)$$

Then, each component of the tensor \mathbf{D} is

$$D_{xx} = K^2 \cos^2 \theta - \zeta Z - \frac{\zeta Z''}{2} \sin^2 \theta - [(C_{xx}^e + u_{e0x} C_k^e C_x'^e) (\Omega - K u_{e0z} \cos \theta) + (C_{xz}^e + u_{e0x} C_k^e C_z'^e) K u_{e0x} \cos \theta], \quad (92)$$

$$D_{xy} = i \left(\frac{\epsilon}{k} \right) \frac{\zeta Z''}{2} \sin \theta + (C_{xy}^e + u_{e0x} C_k^e C_y'^e) [\Omega - K (u_{e0x} \sin \theta + u_{e0z} \cos \theta)], \quad (93)$$

$$D_{xz} = -K^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - \frac{\zeta Z''}{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta - [(C_{xx}^e + u_{e0x} C_k^e C_x'^e) K u_{e0z} \sin \theta + (C_{xz}^e + u_{e0x} C_k^e C_z'^e) (\Omega - K u_{e0x} \sin \theta)], \quad (94)$$

$$D_{yx} = -i [C_{yx}^e (\Omega - K u_{e0z} \cos \theta) + C_{yz}^e K u_{e0x} \cos \theta], \quad (95)$$

$$D_{yy} = K^2 - \zeta Z - C_{yy}^e [\Omega - K (u_{e0x} \sin \theta + u_{e0z} \cos \theta)], \quad (96)$$

$$D_{yz} = -i [C_{yx}^e K u_{e0z} \sin \theta + C_{yz}^e (\Omega - K u_{e0x} \sin \theta)], \quad (97)$$

$$D_{zx} = -K^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - \frac{\zeta Z''}{2} \sin \theta \cos \theta - [(C_{zx}^e + u_{e0z} C_k^e C_x'^e) (\Omega - K u_{e0z} \cos \theta) + (C_{zz}^e + u_{e0z} C_k^e C_z'^e) K u_{e0x} \cos \theta], \quad (98)$$

$$D_{zy} = i \left(\frac{\epsilon}{k} \right) \frac{\zeta Z''}{2} \cos \theta + i (C_{zy}^e + u_{e0z} C_k^e C_y'^e) [\Omega - K (u_{e0x} \sin \theta + u_{e0z} \cos \theta)], \quad (99)$$

$$D_{zz} = K^2 \sin^2 \theta - \zeta Z - \frac{\zeta Z''}{2} \cos^2 \theta - [(C_{zx}^e + u_{e0z} C_k^e C_x'^e) K u_{e0z} \sin \theta + (C_{zz}^e + u_{e0z} C_k^e C_z'^e) (\Omega - K u_{e0x} \sin \theta)]. \quad (100)$$

Required input plasma parameters for the dispersion relation include B_0 , n_0 , T_{e0}^{\parallel} , T_{e0}^{\perp} , T_{i0} , and \mathbf{u}_{e0} . For \mathbf{u}_{e0} , the coordinate transform from the LMN to local xyz coordinate system is needed. The z direction is along \mathbf{B}_0 and the y direction is along $\mathbf{B}_0 \times$

\mathbf{u}_{e0} . The choice of the gradient (y) direction is based on the model geometry where there is no y component of \mathbf{u}_{e0} , and based on the MHD equilibrium, $\nabla p = \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{J}$, which also indicates no y component of \mathbf{u}_{e0} .

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