

On the flow driven Alfvénic instability in anisotropic permeating plasmas

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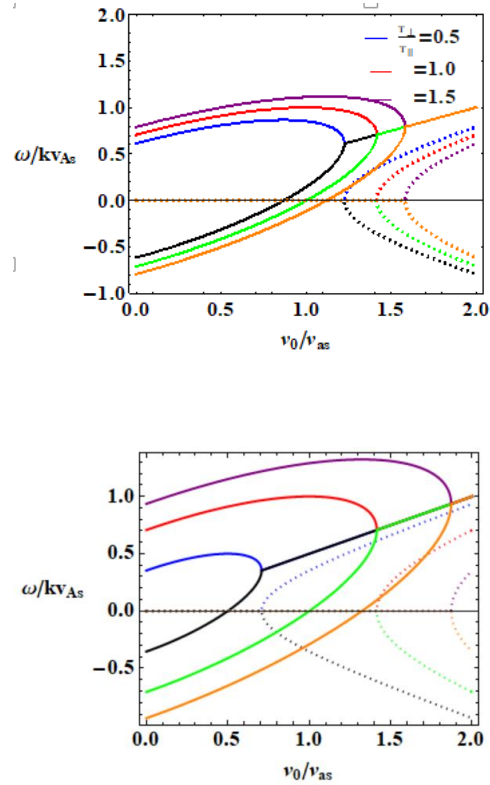
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In certain space plasma regions, when multiple plasmas interact and their constituent species penetrate one another, they are referred to as interpenetrating plasmas. This interaction can destabilize the region [1,2,3,4,5]. Alfvén wave instability may occur when Alfvén wave experience destabilization [6].

The present investigation derives the dispersion relations of the Alfvén wave for the case when one thermally anisotropic quasineutral plasma propagating with constant speed v_0 through another static quasineutral plasma. The dispersion relation of the two oppositely propagating Alfvén waves are substantially modified due to the flow speed of fast moving plasma along with the thermal temperature anisotropy. Positive and negative solutions are obtained. Thermal temperature anisotropy together with large flow speed exceeding the Alfvén speed in the static plasma make negative solutions non-propagating and represent a spatial variation of the electromagnetic field. The negative solution becomes a forward mode and merge with the positive one. This merging represents the starting point for a flow-driven instability. The energy for the instability is microscopic kinetic energy of the flowing plasma. The dynamics of plasma particles caused by such a coupled wave still remains similar to the ordinary Alfvén wave. This means that well-known stochastic heating by the Alfvén wave may work, and this should additionally support the potential role of the Alfvén wave in the coronal heating.



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