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NONLINEAR CURRENTS IN A COLD MAGNETOACTIVE PLASMA UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A HIGH-FREQUENCY ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD

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Abstract: Starting from the tensor of nonlinear interaction [3], the expressions for nonlinear currents density as well as for generated magnetic field are obtained. These results are in agreement with those given in [1].

1. Introduction

The problem of plasma interaction with a high-frequency electromagnetic field has attracted many authors. Pustovalov and Silin [3] gave the nonlinear theory of plasma interaction with a high-frequency electromagnetic field. They introduced the tensor of nonlinear interactions in a plasma. Aliev et al. [2] solved this problem by kinetic theory and obtained expressions for the nonlinear current density as well as for the magnetic field generated in a cold isotropic plasma. The analogous expressions are given in [1] using the hydrodynamic description of magnetoactive plasma. Here, starting from the tensor of nonlinear interaction [3], we obtained the relations which agree with those obtained in [1].

2. Basic equations

To describe the evolution of the nonlinear interaction of self-oscillations of magnetoactive plasma, we can introduce the three-index tensor of nonlinear interaction $S_{ijs}(\omega, \vec{k}, \omega', \vec{k}')$

determined in a cold plasma [3] by the expression:

$$S_{ijs}(\omega, \vec{k}, \omega', \vec{k}') = -\frac{ie}{m\omega_p^2} \left\{ \frac{k_a}{\omega} [\omega' \delta\epsilon_{is}(\omega') \delta\epsilon_{aj}(\omega'') + \omega'' \delta\epsilon_{ij}(\omega'') \delta\epsilon_{as}(\omega')] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{k_b''}{\omega'} [\omega' \delta\epsilon_{js}(\omega) \delta\epsilon_{ib}(\omega) - \omega \delta\epsilon_{bs}(\omega') \delta\epsilon_{ij}(\omega)] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{k_c'}{\omega'} [\omega'' \delta\epsilon_{sj}(\omega'') \delta\epsilon_{ic}(\omega) - \omega \delta\epsilon_{cj}(\omega'') \delta\epsilon_{is}(\omega)] \right\} \quad (1)$$

where $\omega = \omega' + \omega''$, $\vec{k} = \vec{k}' + \vec{k}''$ and ω_p is the electron plasma frequency. The two-index tensor $\delta\epsilon_{ij}$ is given by the relation:

$$\epsilon_{ij}(\omega, 0) = \delta_{ij} + \sum \delta\epsilon_{ij}(\omega). \quad (2)$$

Here $\epsilon_{ij}(\omega, 0)$ is the dielectric tensor of a cold magnetoactive plasma.

Now, we can write the induced current density in presence of a high-frequency electromagnetic field as a sum [2]

$$\vec{j}(\omega, \vec{k}) = \vec{j}_0(\omega, \vec{k}) + \vec{j}_1(\omega, \vec{k}) + \vec{j}_2(\omega, \vec{k}) + \dots \quad (3)$$

The current density \vec{j}_0 is the unperturbed current density in equilibrium and is taken zero; \vec{j}_1 is the high-frequency perturbed current density, while \vec{j}_2 is the low-frequency nonlinear current density, given by the tensor S_{ijs} in the following way:

$$\vec{j}_2(\omega, \vec{k}) = -\frac{i\omega}{8\pi} \int d\omega' d\vec{k}' S_{ijs}(\omega, \vec{k}, \omega', \vec{k}') E_j(\omega'', \vec{k}'') E_s(\omega', \vec{k}') \quad (4)$$

This current density can be written as the sum:

$$\vec{j}_2 = \vec{j}_s + \vec{j}_d \quad (5)$$

where \vec{j}_e and \vec{j}_d are given by

$$(\vec{j}_e)_i = -\frac{e\omega}{4\pi m\omega_p^2} \int d\omega' d\vec{k}' E_j'' E_s' \frac{k_a'}{\omega} \delta\epsilon_{ij}(\omega'') \delta\epsilon_{as}(\omega') \quad (6)$$

and

$$(\vec{j}_d)_i = -\frac{e\omega}{4\pi m\omega_p^2} \int d\omega' d\vec{k}' \left[\frac{k_a'' \omega''}{\omega} \delta\epsilon_{ij}(\omega'') \delta\epsilon_{as}(\omega') E_j'' E_s' \right. \\ \left. + \frac{k_b'' \omega'}{\omega''} \delta\epsilon_{js}(\omega') \delta\epsilon_{ib}(\omega) E_j'' E_s' - \frac{k_b'' \omega}{\omega''} \delta\epsilon_{bs}(\omega') \delta\epsilon_{ij}(\omega) E_j'' E_s' \right] \quad (7)$$

Now, introduce new quantities $\vec{V}(\omega'', \vec{k}'')$, $\vec{R}(\omega', \vec{k}')$ and $\vec{v}(\omega'', \vec{k}'')$ by the following expressions:

$$V_i(\omega'', \vec{k}'') = \omega'' \delta\epsilon_{ij}(\omega'') E_j(\omega'', \vec{k}'') \\ R_a(\omega', \vec{k}') = \delta\epsilon_{as}(\omega') E_s(\omega', \vec{k}') \\ v_j(\omega'', \vec{k}'') = \frac{E_j(\omega'', \vec{k}'')}{\omega''} \quad (8)$$

Having used (8) in equation (6) we obtain

$$\vec{j}_e = \frac{ie}{4\pi m\omega_p^2} \vec{V} \nabla \vec{R} \quad (9)$$

To represent the dependence of the nonlinear current density \vec{j}_d on quantities \vec{V} and \vec{v} we use the relation [3]

$$\omega' \Gamma_{ia}(\omega) \Gamma_{aj}(\omega'') = \Gamma_{ij}(\omega'') \Gamma_{ij}(\omega), \quad (10)$$

where the tensor Γ_{ij} is determined by the following expression:

$$\Gamma_{ij}(\omega) = -\frac{\omega}{\omega_p^2} \delta \epsilon_{ij}(\omega). \quad (11)$$

After elementary transformations in equations (10) and (7) we get the slowly current density \vec{j}_d in the form:

$$\vec{j}_d(\omega) = \frac{e\hat{\sigma}}{m\omega_p^4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \nabla V^2 - \left[\vec{V} \times \text{rot} (\vec{V} + \omega_p^2 \vec{v}) \right] \right\}, \quad (12)$$

where the conductivity tensor $\hat{\sigma}$ is given by

$$\hat{\sigma} = -\frac{i\omega}{4\pi} \delta \hat{\epsilon}.$$

Now, we can introduce a complex amplitude $E_1(\vec{r}, t)$ of the high-frequency electric field $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\omega t} + c.c. \quad (13)$$

Quantities $\vec{v}(\vec{r}, t)$, $\vec{V}(\vec{r}, t)$ and $\vec{R}(\vec{r}, t)$ can be expressed in terms of the amplitude $\vec{E}_1(\vec{r}, t)$. So, starting from the relation:

$$\vec{v}(\vec{r}, t) = \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \frac{\vec{E}(\omega, \vec{r})}{\omega} \quad (14)$$

and taking into consideration that $\omega \ll \omega'_0$, we obtain:

$$\vec{v}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}_1 e^{-i\omega_0 t} - c.c. \quad (15)$$

where \vec{v}_1 is given by:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\omega_0} \left(1 - \frac{i}{\omega_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \vec{E}_1. \quad (16)$$

Using the relation

$$\vec{R}(\vec{r}, t) = \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \delta \hat{\epsilon}(\omega) \vec{E}(\omega, \vec{r}), \quad (17)$$

we have the following expression for the quantity $\vec{R}(\vec{r}, t)$:

$$\vec{R}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{R}_1 e^{-i\omega t} + c.c. \quad (18)$$

where $\vec{R}_1(\vec{r}, t)$ is given by:

$$\vec{R}_1 = \left[\delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0) + i \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega_0} \delta\varepsilon(\omega_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right] \vec{E}_1. \quad (19)$$

In a similar way, $\vec{V}(\vec{r}, t)$ can be written as follows:

$$\vec{V}(\vec{r}, t) = \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \omega \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega) \vec{E}(\omega, \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{V}_1 e^{-i\omega_0 t} + c.c. \quad (20)$$

where the amplitude \vec{V}_1 has the form:

$$\vec{V}_1 = \left[\omega_0 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0) + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega_0} (\omega_0 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0)) \right] \vec{E}_1 \quad (21)$$

Substituting the expressions (15), (18) and (20) into (9) and (12) we obtain relations for the nonlinear currents density:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{j}_e &= \frac{ie}{16\pi m \omega_p^2} \left\{ \left[\omega_0 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0) + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega_0} (\omega_0 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0)) \right] \vec{E}_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \text{div} \left[\delta\hat{\varepsilon}^*(\omega_0) - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega_0} \delta\hat{\varepsilon}^*(\omega_0) \right] \vec{E}_1^* - c.c. \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{j}_d &= \frac{ie\omega \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega)}{16\pi m \omega_p^4} \left\{ \nabla \left| \left[\omega_0 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0) + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega_0} (\omega_0 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0)) \right] \vec{E}_1 \right|^2 \right. \\ &\quad - \left(\left[\omega_0 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}^*(\omega_0) + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega_0} (\omega_0 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}^*(\omega_0)) \right] \vec{E}_1^* \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \text{rot} \left[\frac{\omega_p^2 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0)}{\omega_0} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial\omega_0} \left(\frac{\omega_p^2 \delta\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega_0)}{\omega_0} \right) \right] \vec{E}_1 + c.c. \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

The current density \vec{j}_e results from the influence of the high-frequency density and the velocity oscillations, while \vec{j}_d comes from the slowly varying velocity [1]. Besides the nonlinear currents density \vec{j}_e and \vec{j}_d , the linear current density \vec{j}_0 is induced in plasma too. In accordance with the Maxwell equation:

$$\text{rot} \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} (\vec{j}_0 + \vec{j}_e + \vec{j}_d) \quad (24)$$

we can write the equation for the quasistationary magnetic field \vec{B} generated in plasma:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + \text{rot} \frac{c^2}{\omega_p^2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{rot} \vec{B} + Q_0 (\vec{h} \times \text{rot} \vec{B}) \right] &= \frac{4\pi c}{\omega_p^2} \text{rot} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{j}_e + Q_0 (\vec{h} \times \vec{j}_e) \right] \\ + \frac{ec}{4m\omega_p^4} \text{rot} \left\{ \left[\omega_0 \delta \varepsilon^*(\omega_0) - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} (\omega_0 \delta \varepsilon^*(\omega_0)) \right] \vec{E}_1^* \right. \\ \times \text{rot} \left[\frac{\hat{I} \omega_p^2 + \omega_0^2 \delta \varepsilon(\omega_0)}{\omega_0} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left(\frac{\hat{I} \omega_p^2 + \omega_0^2 \delta \varepsilon(\omega_0)}{\omega_0} \right) \right] \vec{E}_1 + c.c. \left. \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where $Q_0 = \frac{eB_0}{mc}$ is the electron cyclotron frequency and $\vec{h} = \frac{\vec{B}_0}{B_0}$ is the unit vector along the direction of the external magnetic field.

3 Discussion

The expressions (22), (23) and (25), in the case of a very slowly varying amplitude \vec{E}_1 , yield the expressions for the nonlinear currents density and the generated magnetic field obtained in [3] by the use of the hydrodynamic approach. This agreement of results account for description of the nonlinear current density \vec{j}_2 through the tensor S_{ij} .

In an isotropic plasma ($Q_0 = 0$), the current density \vec{j}_e is the only source of magnetic field generation and then the equation (25) turns into the same as obtained in [2]:

$$\left(c^2 \Delta - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \omega_p^2 \right) \langle \vec{B} \rangle = \frac{iec\omega_p^2}{4m\omega_0^3} \text{rot} \left(\vec{E}_1^* \text{div} \vec{E}_1 - c.c. \right) \quad (26)$$

This equation was obtained by many other authors too.

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NELINEARNE STRUJE U HLADNOJ MAGNETOAKTIVNOJ PLAZMI NA KOJU DELUJE VISOKOFREKVENTNO ELEKTROMAGNETNO ZRAČENJE

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Polazeći od tenzora nelinearne interakcije [3] dobijeni su izrazi za nelinearne gustine struje i generisano magnetno polje. Ovi rezultati se slažu sa onima koji su dati u radu [1].