Asymptotic behavior of plasmas in Euclidean space

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Main goal: quantitative large-time asymptotics. In particular, behavior of

$$\rho(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{p}$$

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Long-time behavior:

- Bernstein-Greene-Kruskal (1957): explicit inhomogenous traveling wave solutions (BGK waves)
- On T^d: Decay to homogeneous equilibrium ('damping'): Landau (1946), Glassey, Guo, Schaeffer, Strauss (1990s), Mouhot-Villani (2010), Lin-Zeng (2010s)
- On ℝ^d: dispersion to 'infinity': Horst, Rein, Pankavich, Ionescu-Pausader-Wang-Widmayer

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One would expect even better decay in the plasma (repulsive!!) case

$$\partial_t f + \boldsymbol{p} \cdot \nabla_x f + \left| \boldsymbol{F} \cdot \nabla_{\boldsymbol{p}} f \right| = \mathbf{0}$$

but that question is still largely open!

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Important Known Results for VP (d = 3)

Theorem (Bardos-Degond, 1985)

Any small data solution of (VP) satisfies

$$\|\rho(t)\|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-3}, \qquad \|E(t)\|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-2}.$$

Theorem (Horst, 1990)

Any spherically symmetric solution of (VP) satisfies

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Theorem (Yang, 2016)

Any solution of (VP) satisfies

$$\|E(t)\|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-rac{1}{6}+}.$$

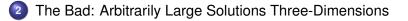
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Two-dimensional radially-symmetric plasmas

Radial-symmetry allows us to replace coordinates $(x, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ by

$$r = |x|,$$
 $w = \frac{x \cdot p}{r},$ $\ell = |x \times p|^2,$

(3 deg of freedom instead of 4) and Vlasov-Poisson equations reduce to

$$\partial_t f + w \partial_r f + \left(\frac{\ell}{r^3} + \frac{m(t,r)}{2\pi r}\right) \partial_w f = 0,$$

where

$$m(t,r)=2\pi\int_0^r\rho(t,q)q\,\mathrm{d}q$$

and

$$\rho(t,r)=\frac{1}{r}\int_0^\infty\int_{-\infty}^\infty f(t,r,w,\ell)\ell^{-1/2}\,\mathrm{d}w\,\mathrm{d}\ell.$$

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Characteristics:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathcal{R}}(s) = \mathcal{W}(s) \\ \dot{\mathcal{W}}(s) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(s)}{\mathcal{R}(s)^3} + \frac{m(s, \mathcal{R}(s))}{2\pi \mathcal{R}(s)} \\ \dot{\mathcal{L}}(s) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{R}(t) &= \sup_{\substack{(r, w, \ell) \in \mathrm{supp}(f_0) \\ (r, w, \ell) \in \mathrm{supp}(f_0)}} \mathcal{R}(t, 0, r, w, \ell) = \text{``farthest particle''} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}(t,r) = -\Delta^{-1}\rho(t,r) = \text{electric potential}$$

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Theorem (JBA-Morisse-Pankavich, arXiv:2202.03717)

Let $f_0 \in C_0^1(\mathbb{R}^4)$ be radially-symmetric and let $p \in (2, +\infty]$. Assume that $\inf\{\ell : (r, w, \ell) \in \operatorname{supp}(f_0)\} > 0$. Then we have

$$\mathfrak{W}(t) \sim \sqrt{\log(t)}, \quad \mathfrak{R}(t) \sim t \sqrt{\log(t)}, \quad \|\mathcal{U}(t)\|_\infty \sim \log(t),$$

as well as the field and density estimates

$$ig(t\sqrt{\log(t)}ig)^{-1+rac{2}{
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and for $(r, w, \ell) \in \operatorname{supp}(f_0)$ the pointwise estimates

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These come from writing out m(t, r) and $m(t, \mathfrak{R}(t))$ and using the lower bound on \mathcal{R} .

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This uses ideas of Horst to use backwards characteristics to estimate the size of the *w* support of $f(t, r, w, \ell)$ for fixed $r, \ell > 0$.

The problem:
$$\mathcal{R} \sim r + wt + \iint E \sim r + wt + t \Rightarrow w \sim 1$$

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Now we consider Vlasov–Poisson in three-dimensions.

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f + \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f + \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} f = \mathbf{0}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho, \end{cases}$$

where $\rho(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(t, x, p) dp$.

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Reminder:

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Three-dimensional radially-symmetric plasmas

Spherical-symmetry allows us to replace coordinates $(x, p) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ by

$$r = |x|,$$
 $w = \frac{x \cdot p}{r},$ $\ell = |x \times p|^2,$

(3 deg of freedom instead of 6) and Vlasov-Poisson equations reduce to

$$\partial_t f + w \partial_r f + \left(\frac{\ell}{r^3} + \frac{m(t,r)}{r^2}\right) \partial_w f = 0,$$

where

$$m(t,r) = 4\pi \int_0^r \rho(t,q) q^2 \,\mathrm{d}q$$

and

$$\rho(t,r) = \frac{\pi}{r^2} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(t,r,w,\ell) \,\mathrm{d}w \,\mathrm{d}\ell.$$

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Characteristics

Particles obey the ODEs:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathcal{R}}(\boldsymbol{s}) = \mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{s}), \\ \dot{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{s}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{s})}{\mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{s})^3} + \frac{m(\boldsymbol{s}, \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{s}))}{\mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{s})^2}, \\ \dot{\mathcal{L}}(\boldsymbol{s}) = \boldsymbol{0}, \end{cases}$$

with

$$\mathcal{R}(0) = r, \qquad \mathcal{W}(0) = w, \qquad \mathcal{L}(0) = \ell.$$

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Trajectories

A lemma about behavior of characteristics, and in particular the time T_0 when each particle is closest to origin:

Lemma

Let L > 0, $P \ge 0$, $y_0 > 0$ and $y_1 < 0$ be given. Assume y satisfies

$$0 \leq \ddot{y}(t) - Ly(t)^{-3} \leq Py(t)^{-2}, \qquad y(0) = y_0, \quad \dot{y}(0) = y_1.$$

- $1 \exists! minimum T_0 > 0.$
- 2 $y(T_0) \le y_*$ and $T_0 \ge \frac{y_0 y_*}{|y_1|}$, where $y_* = y_0 \sqrt{\frac{L + Py_0}{y_0^2 y_1^2 + L + Py_0}}$.
- **3** $y(t)^2 \leq (y_0 + y_1 t)^2 + (Ly_0^{-2} + Py_0^{-1})t^2, \quad \forall t \in [0, T_0].$

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At Time t = 0

Previous conditions imply

$$\frac{3\epsilon^3}{a_0} \le M \le \frac{8\epsilon^3}{a_0}$$

and

 $\|\rho(0)\|_{\infty}, \|E(0)\|_{\infty} \leq C_{1}.$

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$$\|\rho(T)\|_{\infty} \ge \frac{3M}{4\pi \left(100\epsilon^2\right)^3} \ge \frac{1}{200^3 a_0 \epsilon^3} \ge C_2$$

and

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Our theorem was later improved by Zhang to handle C^k norms:

Theorem (Zhang, 2019)

For any constants C_1 , $C_2 > 0$ there exists a smooth, spherically-symmetric solution of (VP) such that

 $\|\rho(0)\|_{C^k}, \quad \|E(0)\|_{C^k} \leq C_1$

but for some time T > 0,

$$\|\rho(T)\|_{\infty}, \quad \|E(T)\|_{\infty} \geq C_2.$$

There is also some characterization of how T depends on the initial data.

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The Good: Decay for Two-Dimensional Symmetric Plasmas

2) The Bad: Arbitrarily Large Solutions Three-Dimensions

The Ugly: The Vlasov–Maxwell System

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Maxwell's equations are hyperbolic, unlike Poisson which is elliptic \Rightarrow existence theory is much harder.

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Theorem (Glassey-Schaeffer, multiple results 1990s)

Global-in-time existence results in various lower dimensional settings.

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Theorem (Luk-Strain, 2014)

Some improvements of the 1986 Glassey-Strauss result (weaker assumptions).

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We want improved asymptotic quantitative results for the fields, which require solving equations like $\Box E^{i} = -\partial_{x_{i}}\rho - \partial_{t}j^{i}$, and we need these in C^{1} .

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Theorem (JBA-Pankavich, in preparation)

Non-neutral / Neutral

- Every particle has a limiting velocity, achieved at rate t^{-1} t^{-2}
- $\int f(t, x, p) dx$ has a limit, convergence at rate $t^{-1} \log^4(t) t^{-2}$
- There exists $\rho_{\infty}(p)$ such that

$$\sup_{(x,p)} \left| t^3
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ho_\infty(p)
ight| \lesssim t^{-1} \log^7(t) \ \|
ho(t)\|_\infty \lesssim t^{-4}$$

- Similarly for j and for the derivatives of ρ, j.
- There exists $E_{\infty}(p)$ such that inside the light cone (similarly B_{∞})

$$\begin{split} \sup_{(x,p)} \left| t^2 E(t,x+v(p)t) - E_\infty(p) \right| &\lesssim t^{-1} \log^7(t) \\ \sup_{(x,p)} \left| E(t,x+v(p)t) \right| &\lesssim t^{-3} \end{split}$$

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The rates in the neutral case are faster than free-streaming which suggests that there is some damping mechanism.

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So $\partial_t h$ is integrable in time.

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1. Characteristics

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Since we know that the fields decay $\leq t^{-2}$ we easily find that

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(au, oldsymbol{x}, oldsymbol{p}) &= \lim_{t o +\infty} \mathcal{P}(t, au, oldsymbol{x}, oldsymbol{p}) \ &= oldsymbol{p} + \int_{ au}^{\infty} \mathcal{K}(oldsymbol{s}, \mathcal{X}(oldsymbol{s}), \mathcal{P}(oldsymbol{s})) \, \mathrm{d}oldsymbol{s} \end{aligned}$$

exists, and $\mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{P}_{\infty}$ at rate $\lesssim t^{-1}$.

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(for f it is $\|\nabla_{\rho}f(t)\|_{\infty} \leq t$)

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3. Decay of the Fields

The fields have decay rates

$$\begin{split} \| \boldsymbol{E}(t) \|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-2} \\ \| \nabla_{\boldsymbol{x}} \boldsymbol{E}(t) \|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-3} \log(t) \\ \| \nabla_{\boldsymbol{x}}^2 \boldsymbol{E}(t) \|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-4} \log^2(t) \end{split}$$

and similarly for B.

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$$\begin{split} \| \boldsymbol{E}(t) \|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-2} \\ \| \nabla_{\boldsymbol{x}} \boldsymbol{E}(t) \|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-3} \log(t) \\ \| \nabla_{\boldsymbol{x}}^2 \boldsymbol{E}(t) \|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-4} \log^2(t) \end{split}$$

and similarly for B.

Lemma

As a consequence we have

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ho}^2 g(t)\|_{\infty} \lesssim \log^4(t)$$

The proof of this lemma involves a lengthy Grönwall argument.

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4. Spatial Average

Lemma

Let $F(t,p) = \int f(t,x,p) dx$. Then F(t,p) converges uniformly as $t \to +\infty$ to some $F_{\infty}(p) \in C_0^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Moreover,

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5. Convergence of Macroscopic Densities

Let $\mathcal{D}(p) = |\det(\nabla v(p))|^{-1} = (1 + |p|^2)^{5/2}$ and $\mathbb{B}(q) = \nabla v^{-1}(q)$, and define

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ho_\infty(m{p}) = \mathcal{D}(m{p}) F_\infty(m{p}) \ & j_\infty(m{p}) = \mathcal{D}(m{p}) v(m{p}) F_\infty(m{p}) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma

We have

$$\sup_{\rho} \left| t^{3} \rho(t, x + v(\rho)t) - \rho_{\infty}(\rho) \right| \lesssim t^{-1} \log^{6}(t)$$
$$\sup_{\rho} \left| t^{4} \partial_{x_{i}} \rho(t, x + v(\rho)t) - \mathbb{B}_{ik}(v(\rho)) \partial_{\rho_{k}} \rho_{\infty}(\rho) \right| \lesssim t^{-1} \log^{7}(t)$$

and similarly for *j* (there's also a result for $\partial_t j$).

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From this it then follows that $\exists E_{\infty}(p)$ s.t.

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7. Modified Scattering

Let $\mathbb{A}(p) = \nabla v(p)$ and $K_{\infty}(p) = E_{\infty}(p) + v(p) \times B_{\infty}(p)$ and define $h(t, x, p) = g(t, x - \log(t)\mathbb{A}(p)K_{\infty}(p), p)$

 $= f(t, x + v(p)t - \log(t)\mathbb{A}(p)\mathcal{K}_{\infty}(p), p)$

Lemma

Then h(t, x, p) converges uniformly as $t \to +\infty$ to some $f_{\infty}(x, p) \in C(\mathbb{R}^6)$. Moreover,

$$\|h(t) - f_{\infty}\|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-1} \log^7(t)$$

The proof uses the convergence of the fields to integrate $\partial_t h$ in time.

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