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ELECTRON BOUNCE RESONANCE HEATING IN A  
BUMPY CYLINDER

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## ABSTRACT

In bumpy cylinder geometry, the electrons are classified into trapped and passing particles. The interaction between a wave near the electron bounce frequency and the electrons is studied both numerically and analytically for the appropriate parameters of ELMO Bumpy Torus-Scale (EBT-S). It is shown that coupling of the waves to the electron bounce motion parallel to the magnetic field can lead to heating of those electrons near the passing/trapped boundary in velocity space. The stochastic threshold condition is  $eE_0k_0/m\omega_b^2 \simeq 0.1$ . For this mechanism, it is found that the wave energy density required to induce stochastic heating in EBT by rf [in the frequency range of ion cyclotron resonance heating (ICRH)] is about an order of magnitude more than that estimated on the basis of cold plasma wave theory. It is hypothesized that this discrepancy would disappear when the thermal correction to the wave propagation and the effects of collisions and toroidicity are included. We also suggest that the bounce resonance can enhance the electron cyclotron resonance heating (ECRH) efficiency in an EBT-like heating scheme.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Recent work<sup>1</sup> on charged particle heating by wave particle bounce resonance processes in tokamaks and mirrors has assumed a quadratic magnetic well ( $B \propto 1 + z^2/L^2$ ) or uniform magnetic field. Under these conditions, the required threshold wave amplitude for stochastic electron motion is  $eE_0k_0/m\omega_b^2 \geq 1$ . In a bumpy magnetic system such as Elmo Bumpy Torus (EBT), however, the magnetic field variation along a field line is more accurately modeled by  $B = B_0[1 - \epsilon \cos(k_0 z)]$ . The electrons can then be cataloged into mirror-trapped and passing electrons. Passing electrons circulate completely around the torus. A transition between the two groups of electrons occurs near the separatrix (the location of the maximum field). At a very weak wave perturbation (i.e.,  $eE_0k_0/m\omega_b^2 \leq 0.1$ ), the electrons' motion near the separatrix becomes chaotic. The electrons are heated by this tiny disturbance. Two effects, collisions<sup>1</sup> and toroidicity,<sup>2</sup> that could increase the stochasticity and reduce the threshold  $E_0$  are not considered here.

The heating theory presented in this paper has been motivated by recent experimental observations of hot electron ring heating during which ion cyclotron range of frequency (ICRF) wave heating on EBT-S.<sup>3</sup> The hot electron ring is generated by electron cyclotron resonance heating (ECRH). The ring temperature is about 500 KeV without the ICRF heating. With the application of ion cyclotron resonance heating (ICRH), the ring stored energy ( $nT_{\text{ring}} \times V_{\text{ring}}$ ) approximately doubles at a power level of 15 kW.<sup>3</sup> It will be shown in Sec. III that the stochastic heating process presented here may not explain the ring energy increases based upon imposed cold plasma fast magnetosonic wave fields. Other waves having a large parallel electric field are

required to induce substantial stochastic heating. It has been shown that the fast wave by itself cannot directly heat the ions in EBT-Scale (EBT-S). Using hot-plasma theory and Monte-Carlo calculations, ion-Bernstein waves have been postulated to play a role in ICRH on EBT.<sup>4</sup> The presence of ion-Bernstein waves in the EBT experiment may induce a much stronger stochastic heating of electrons than would the fast wave.

The equation of motion that we study in this paper was first used to study the stochastic instability of magnetic trapped particles by Zaslavskii and Filonenko<sup>5</sup> in 1968. Escande<sup>6</sup> has applied the renormalization method on the same equation to obtain the stochasticity threshold condition. In Sec. II, we derive a single-particle motion model from the Hamiltonian. Results of the calculation and the application to rf heating in EBT are presented in Sec. III. The conclusions and a discussion are found in Sec. IV.

## II. EQUATION OF MOTION

### A. Basic equation

We consider an idealized magnetic field model for EBT as shown in Fig. 1. Here, we assume an infinitely long axisymmetric and periodic bumpy cylinder. This field is given by

$$\vec{B} = B_r \hat{r} + B_z \hat{z} \quad . \quad (1)$$

where  $\hat{r}$  and  $\hat{z}$  are unit vectors in the radial and axial direction, respectively, and

$$B_r = -B_0 \epsilon I_1(k_0 r) \sin(k_0 z) \quad , \quad (2a)$$

$$B_z = B_0 [1 - \epsilon I_0(k_0 r) \cos(k_0 z)] \quad . \quad (2b)$$

Here  $k_0 = \pi/L$ ,  $L$  is half of one mirror cell length,  $I_0$  and  $I_1$  are Bessel functions, and  $\epsilon$  is related to the mirror ratio  $M$  by  $\epsilon = (M - 1)/(M + 1)$ . We will consider  $\epsilon$  and  $k_0 r$  as the small parameters in the following discussion; that is, we let  $I_1(k_0 r) = 0$  and  $I_0(k_0 r) = 1$  in Eq. (2).

The vector potential corresponding to this model is then

$$\vec{A} = A_\theta \hat{\theta} \quad , \quad (3a)$$

where

$$\hat{\theta} = \hat{z} \times \hat{r} \quad ,$$

$$A_\theta \simeq B_0(r - \epsilon r \cos k_0 z) \quad . \quad (3b)$$

In cylindrical coordinates, the Hamiltonian can be rewritten as

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{2} [P_r^2 + P_z^2 + (P_\theta - \frac{e}{mc} A_\theta)^2] . \quad (4)$$

Substituting Eq. (3b) into Eq. (4) and keeping only terms of order  $\epsilon$ , we obtain

$$H = H_0 - \mu B = \frac{1}{2} P_z^2 - \epsilon \mu B_0 \cos k_0 z . \quad (5)$$

For the adiabatic particles ( $\mu B_0 \simeq \text{constant}$ ), the constant of motion is  $H$ . Adding the wave perturbation to Eq. (5), the energy of the particle becomes a function of time and is

$$H = \frac{1}{2} P_z^2 - \epsilon \mu B_0 \cos k_0 z - \frac{e E_0}{k_{\parallel}} \cos(k_{\parallel} z - \omega t) , \quad (6)$$

where  $E_0$  is the parallel component of electric field strength of the rf wave and  $k_{\parallel}$  and  $\omega$  are the corresponding wave vector and frequency, respectively. Figure 2 shows a contour plot of unperturbed  $H(P_z, z)$  [Eq. (5)]. The gross structure of this picture is not changed very much by a small amplitude wave field. However, in the next section, we will show that the motion of those particles near the vicinity of the separatrix (x points of Fig. 2) becomes stochastic.

The equation of motion from Eq. (6) can be written as

$$\frac{dv_{\parallel}}{dt} + \epsilon \mu B_0 k_0 \sin k_0 z + e E_0 \sin(k_{\parallel} z - \omega t) = 0 , \quad (7a)$$

where  $v_{||} = \dot{z} = dz/dt$ . Here, we let  $m_e = 1$ . By defining  $\omega_b^2 = e\mu B_0 k_0^2$ ,  $x = k_0 z$ ,  $k = k_{||}/k_0$ ,  $\nu = \omega/\omega_b$ , and  $T = \omega_b t$ , we can obtain the dimensionless equation of motion:

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dT^2} + \sin x + \alpha \sin(kx - \nu T) = 0, \quad (7b)$$

where  $\alpha = eE_0 k_0 / \omega_b^2$  and  $dx/dT = v_{||} = k_0 v / \omega_b$ . For small  $x$ ,  $\sin x \simeq x$ , Eq. (7b) can be reduced to  $d^2 x / dT^2 + x + \alpha \sin(kx - \nu T) = 0$ . This equation has been discussed in Ref. 1. It is interesting to point out that Eq. (7b) implies a particle interaction with a standing wave and a traveling wave if  $\alpha \ll 1$ . For our purpose, we only discuss the situation with small  $\alpha$  and integer  $\nu$ ,  $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

### B. Unperturbed solution

When  $\alpha = 0$ , the solution of Eq. (7b) is well known from the theory of the free oscillations of a pendulum.<sup>5</sup> For trapped particles,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{2p} \oint \dot{x} \, dx \\ &= \frac{8}{\pi} [E(q) - (1 - q^2)K(q)] \quad , \end{aligned} \quad (8a)$$

$$\Omega = \frac{d\theta}{dT} = \frac{\pi \omega_b}{2K(q)} \quad , \quad (8b)$$

$$\dot{x} = 2qc n(T) \quad , \quad (8c)$$

and for untrapped particles,



$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \dot{x} \, dx \\
 &= \frac{8}{\pi} q^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{q} \right) , \quad (9a)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{\pi q \omega_b}{K(1/q)} , \quad (9b)$$

$$\dot{x} = 2q \operatorname{dn}(T) , \quad (9c)$$

where  $q^2 = 1/2(1 + H)$ ,  $E$  and  $K$  are the complete elliptic integrals, and  $\operatorname{cn}$  and  $\operatorname{dn}$  are Jacobian elliptic functions. The parameter  $q$  is related to the cosine of the pitch angle at the midplane,  $\zeta_m \equiv V_{\parallel}/V|_{x=0}$ , by

$$q = \frac{\zeta_m}{\sqrt{(M-1)(1-\zeta_m^2)}} . \quad (10a)$$

and related to the energy,  $E_{\parallel}$  and  $E_{\perp}$ , by

$$q^2 = \frac{E_{\parallel}}{(M-1)E_{\perp}} . \quad (10b)$$

In the following sections, it will be useful to note that the separatrix ( $H \rightarrow 1$ ,  $q \rightarrow 1$ , and  $\Omega \rightarrow 0$ ) of particle motion in velocity space occurs near  $V_{\parallel 0} \equiv V_{\parallel}|_{x=0} = 2$ .<sup>5</sup> This is most easily seen in terms of the pendulum analog by recognizing that the maximum potential energy difference is 2 in the present notation whereas the kinetic energy is  $1/2V_{\parallel 0}^2$  at  $x=0$  (the point of minimum potential energy).

In order to see the difference between our model and the quadratic magnetic field model, we compare the unperturbed solutions in both cases. A plot of  $\Omega$  versus  $q$ , Eqs. (8b) and (9b), for different  $\omega_b$  is shown in Fig. 3(a). If the quadratic magnetic field is used, Eqs. (8b) and (9b) can be written simply as  $\Omega = \omega_b$  for all  $q$ . Then, the curves in Fig. 3(a) become straight horizontal lines (constant). However, we can see that here the curves merge together and approach zero at the point  $q = 1$  (the separatrix). This implies much greater resonance overlap at the separatrix ( $q = 1$ ), if a perturbation is applied. Since resonance overlap causes stochasticity,<sup>7</sup> the required stochastic threshold wave amplitude is found to be a factor of 10 less for the sinusoidal well than in previous work using a parabolic well.<sup>1</sup> In the next section we will see that only  $\alpha \simeq 0.1$  is needed to produce stochasticity compared to  $\alpha \geq 1$  for the parabolic well. Figure 3(a) shows that the resonance frequency decreases as the cosine of the pitch angle increases for trapped particles and then again increases for increasing  $q$  or  $\xi_m$  for passing particles. Figure 3(b) is a contour plot of  $\Omega$  versus the energy,  $E_{\parallel}$  and  $E_{\perp}$ . This plot tells us the relationship between particle energy, pitch angle, and bounce frequency. For example, a 30-MHz ICRH wave is resonant with those electrons that have  $T_{e\perp} = 3$  keV when  $V_{\parallel 0} = 0$  and with those electrons that have higher energy at or near  $q = 1$ .

### III. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND APPLICATION TO HEATING

We use the codes, LSODA and LSODAR,<sup>8</sup> to solve Eq. (7b). Some typical particle trajectories are shown in Fig. 4. For deeply trapped particles ( $V_{\parallel 0} \ll 2$ ) or strongly passing particles, the motion is a periodic oscillation as expected. However, those particles near the separatrix ( $V_{\parallel 0} \simeq 2$ ) show transitional motion — being detrapped or retrapped by the wave.

In order to reduce the three-dimensional character of  $\dot{x}$ ,  $x$ , and  $T$ , we plot the surface of section,<sup>1</sup> defined by  $x = 0$  for trapped particles or  $x = n\pi$  for passing particles. The particle trajectory is then a series of dots on the  $\dot{x}$ - $T$  plane where LSODAR is used to find the root of  $x(\dot{x}, T) = 0$ . In Figs. 5-7, we show a sequence of surface of section plots for  $\nu$  from 1.0 to 4.0 with  $\alpha = 0.05$  to 0.2. A stochastic motion strip is always present near  $V_{\parallel 0} = 2$  (the separatrix). For this small  $\alpha$ , no random motion occurs if one assumes a quadratic magnetic field. The width of random motion region increases as  $\alpha$  increases. The islands or smooth curves correspond to the existence of an adiabatic invariant of motion. The number of islands is determined by the integer  $\nu = \omega/\omega_b$ . As  $\alpha$  is increased, these islands expand and overlap together; then, the particle motion becomes stochastic over all the trapped region ( $V_{\parallel 0} \leq 2$ ). From Figs. 5-7, we also can see that the external waves not only induce the stochasticity near the separatrix but also push nonstochastic low  $V_{\parallel}/V$  particles to a high  $V_{\parallel}/V$  over part of their trajectory. This is an important result and will be discussed later.

Figure 8 shows the upper bound (untrapped region) and lower bound (trapped region) on the velocity of the stochastic motion region for  $\alpha = 0.1$ . The solid line is obtained from our numerical calculations and the dashed line is reproduced from renormalization theory by Escande.<sup>6</sup> The two results are in reasonable agreement. A maximum that implies strongest resonance effects appears near  $\nu = 2$  because the particles get longer kicks through the waves. The strength of the kick is the same for all  $\nu$ . For a particular wave,  $\alpha$  and  $\nu$  are the only two variables that determine the character of the surface of sections. The above results would apply to any plasma that has magnetic ripple.

We now estimate the heating produced by the stochastic motion induced by the parallel electric field. The simplest way to study heating is to compute  $\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle$  from the trajectory calculation, where  $\langle \dots \rangle$  means ensemble average. This quantity is proportional to the parallel energy and diffusion coefficient. To do this average, we use 200 particles with random initial velocity within  $|V_{\parallel 0}| \leq 4$  and initial position inside  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ . The typical time evolution of this quantity, which is normalized to  $\langle V_{\parallel}^2(T=0) \rangle$ , is shown in Fig. 9. The rapid increase in  $\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle$  of particles is observed within a time of  $T = 2 \times 10^4$ . This is followed by a slower increase, which implies the heating processes are saturated, because the particles have spread out to fill the whole stochastic region of velocity space. By remembering that we define  $T \equiv \omega_b t$ ,  $T = 2 \times 10^4$  is equivalent to the time period of  $2 \times 10^4$  particle bounces. In Fig. 9 we have taken  $\nu = 1$  and  $\alpha = 0.1$ . For the case illustrated in Fig. 9,  $\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle$  increased by a factor of 5 during the ion cyclotron heating. The diffusion rate can be obtained from the linear part of curve.

To estimate the energy increases, we assume that we have  $n$  electrons in this group. The total energy of those particles before the heating is

$$E_B = \frac{1}{2} nm_e (\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle_B + \langle V_{\perp}^2 \rangle_B) ; \quad (11)$$

after the heating it is

$$E_A = \frac{1}{2} nm_e (\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle_A + \langle V_{\perp}^2 \rangle_A) = \frac{1}{2} nm_e (5\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle_B + \langle V_{\perp}^2 \rangle_A) , \quad (12)$$

where the indexes A and B represent after and before heating, respectively. We have assumed that these electrons have  $\mu B_0$  constant. Hence, we expect that  $\langle V_{\perp}^2 \rangle_B \simeq \langle V_{\perp}^2 \rangle_A$ . Furthermore, we know that for the resonance particles

$$V_{\parallel B} \sim \frac{\omega}{k_{\parallel}} \sim \frac{\nu \omega_b}{k_{\parallel}} , \quad (13)$$

and, from the definition of  $\omega_b$ , we have

$$V_{\perp B} \sim \frac{2\omega_b}{\sqrt{\epsilon} k_{\parallel}} = \frac{3\omega}{k_{\parallel}} . \quad (14)$$

Hence,  $V_{\parallel B} \sim \nu/3V_{\perp B}$  and, therefore,  $(E_A/E_B) \sim 2$ , if we assume  $\nu = 1$  and  $\epsilon = 0.5$ .

From this example, we have shown that the electrons could be heated by rf wave, if the rf wave field is strong enough. We summarize the results of stochastic heating in Tables 2 and 3. Table 2 gives  $E_0$  for different  $\alpha$  and  $\nu$ . The third column shows the initial temperature of the resonant electron. In Table 3, we list the increase of  $\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle$  for different  $\nu$  with  $\alpha = 0.1$ . From both tables, we observe that a group of 2.399-keV ( $Te_{\perp}$ ) electrons can be heated by 30-MHz ion cyclotron waves to about twice their initial energy if the waves have an electric field strength of 12.88 V/cm. The corresponding electron trajectory is shown in Fig. 8(a). However, for 150-eV electrons, we need an electric field of only 0.4 V/cm [see Table 3 and Fig. 5(d)]. If we include the effects of collisions and toroidicity, the threshold electric field could be lowered.

The increase of the cosine of the pitch angle is another effect of an rf wave field. In EBT the electrons are basically heated by electron cyclotron resonance heating (ECRH), from the fundamental resonance near  $L = \pm 10$  cm and the second harmonic resonance near the midplane. Not all of the electrons can be heated by fundamental resonance unless they can cross the heating zone. We list in Table 4 locations of the ring boundary, ECRH resonance, and separatrix in velocity space for EBT-S. From orbit plots [for example Fig. 8(a)], we can see that the lower  $V_{\parallel}$  electrons are pushed up to the fundamental resonance zone ( $V_{\parallel} = 1.414$ ), at which point they could be heated by ECRH. Hence, the electron bounce resonance with ion cyclotron waves could increase the ECRH efficiency.

#### IV. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

We have demonstrated that the electrons are heated in the direction along the magnetic field due to bounce resonance with waves if the electric field parameter of the wave satisfies  $\alpha \simeq 0.1$ . The stochastic threshold criterion  $\alpha$  is a factor of 10 less than previous works<sup>1</sup> if we include the transition motion between passing and trapped particles. The transition motion has not been considered previously.

We conclude that our theory predicts stochastic heating of transitional electrons with low  $T_{\perp e}$ . It also predicts increases in  $V_{\parallel}/V$ . Hence, in EBT, if the rf wave field strength can satisfy the threshold condition ( $\alpha \simeq 0.1$ ), the bounce resonance may be considered as a catalyst that pushes electrons to energies and pitch angles where the ECRH becomes important. These effects essentially feed particles into the part of velocity space where second harmonic electron cyclotron absorption is strong. Experimental identification of this population of feed electrons has not been made although large increases in the hot electron ring energy have been measured.<sup>4</sup> This hypothesis will have to remain speculative in the absence of a measurement of changes in feed electrons.

In most tokamaks and reactors, the field strength required to induce stochastic effects is easily satisfied. We do not have experimental results to determine if our  $E_0$  is reasonable in EBT-S. However, the cold plasma theory<sup>9</sup> for fast ion cyclotron waves predicts  $E_0$  is about 0.1 V/cm for 10 kW of wave power. This field amplitude is below the threshold for stochastic heating predicted above. The implication is that the fast wave cannot induce stochasticity of the type described in this paper. Recently, Monte-Carlo results<sup>8</sup> have

shown that the fast wave by itself cannot heat the ions. An electrostatic wave, the ion-Bernstein wave, may instead be responsible for the observed ion heating.<sup>4</sup> The ion-Bernstein waves could supply the larger parallel electric fields needed to induce stochasticity in electrons. The detailed structure of ICRH wave fields in an EBT configuration is currently under investigation.<sup>10</sup>

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## FIGURE CAPTIONS

FIG. 1. EBT magnetic field configuration.

FIG. 2. Unperturbed particle orbits in phase space.

FIG. 3. (a) A plot of  $\Omega$  vs  $q$ . (b) The contour plot of  $\Omega$  vs energy,  $E_{||}$  and  $E_{\perp}$ . No passing region is shown. The first contour is 11.18 MHz and the increment is 2.36 MHz. We use EBT-S parameters here.

FIG. 4. The typical plot of particle trajectories represented by both  $x$  vs time (dashed line) and  $V_{||}$  vs time (solid line).

FIG. 5. A plot of surface of section for  $\alpha = 0.05$  (low field) with (a)  $\nu = 1$ , (b)  $\nu = 2$ , (c)  $\nu = 3$ , and (d)  $\nu = 4$

FIG. 6. A plot of surface of section for  $\alpha = 0.2$  with (a)  $\nu = 1$ , (b)  $\nu = 2$ , (c)  $\nu = 3$ , and (d)  $\nu = 4$

FIG. 7. A plot of surface of section for  $\alpha = 0.2$  (high field) with (a)  $\nu = 1$ , (b)  $\nu = 2$ , (c)  $\nu = 3$ , and (d)  $\nu = 4$

FIG. 8. Stochastic boundary layer.

FIG. 9. The typical time evolution of  $\langle v_{||}^2 \rangle$ .

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Table 1. EBT-S parameters (at ring)

Half mirror cell length, $L$ (cm)	20
Mirror ratio, $M$	3
Magnetic field origin, $B_0$ (T)	1.0
ICRH wave frequency, $f$ (MHz)	15~50
Collision frequency for $T_e \sim 0.6$ keV, $\nu_e$ (Hz)	$10^4$
Density ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )	$10^{12}$
ECRH wave frequency, $f_{\text{ECRH}}$ (GHz)	28
Position of ECRH fundamental resonance, $L_S$ (cm)	$\sim 10$

Table 2. The corresponding  $E_0$  for different  $\nu$  and  $\alpha$  (with EBT-S parameters)

$\nu$	$\omega_b$ (Mhz)	$T_{e\perp}$ (eV)	$E_0(\text{V/cm})$		
			$\alpha = 0.05$	$\alpha = 0.1$	$\alpha = 0.2$
1	$2\pi \times 30.0$	2399	6.44	12.88	25.76
2	$2\pi \times 15.0$	599	1.60	3.20	6.40
3	$2\pi \times 10.0$	266	0.72	1.43	2.83
4	$2\pi \times 7.5$	150	0.40	0.81	1.61

Table 3.  $\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle / \langle V_{\parallel}^2(T=0) \rangle$  and  $E_A/E_B$  for different  $\nu$  with  $\alpha = 0.1$

$\nu$	$\langle V_{\parallel}^2 \rangle / \langle V_{\parallel}^2(T=0) \rangle$	$E_A/E_B$
1.0	5.0	2.0
1.3	6.3	2.6
1.5	7.5	3.2
2.0	12.0	5.4

Table 4. Some interesting locations in velocity space ( $M = 3$ )

	$V_{\parallel}$	$\xi_m$	$q(\xi_m)$
Second resonance (midplane)	0	0	0
Fundamental resonance	1.414	0.707	0.707
Separatrix	2.000	0.816	1.000

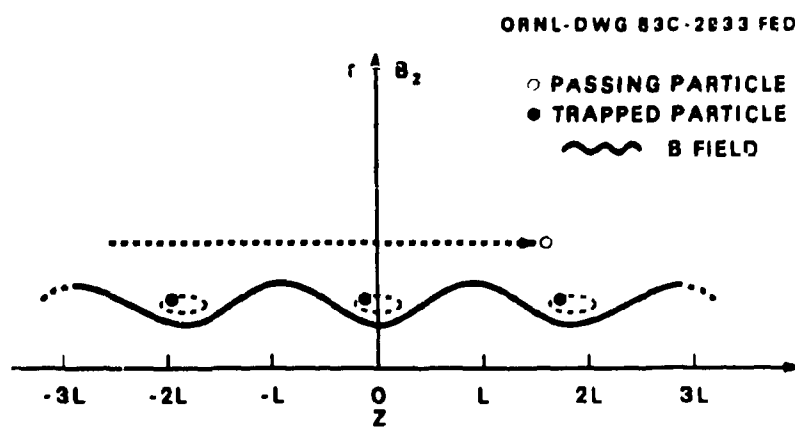


FIG. 1.

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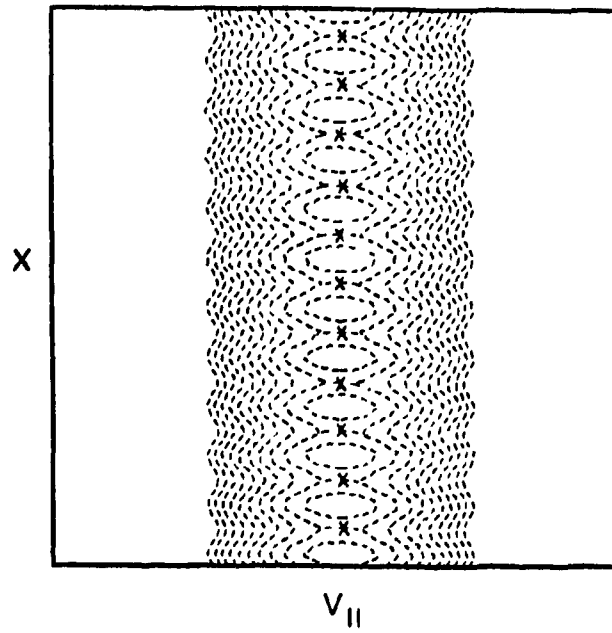


FIG. 2.

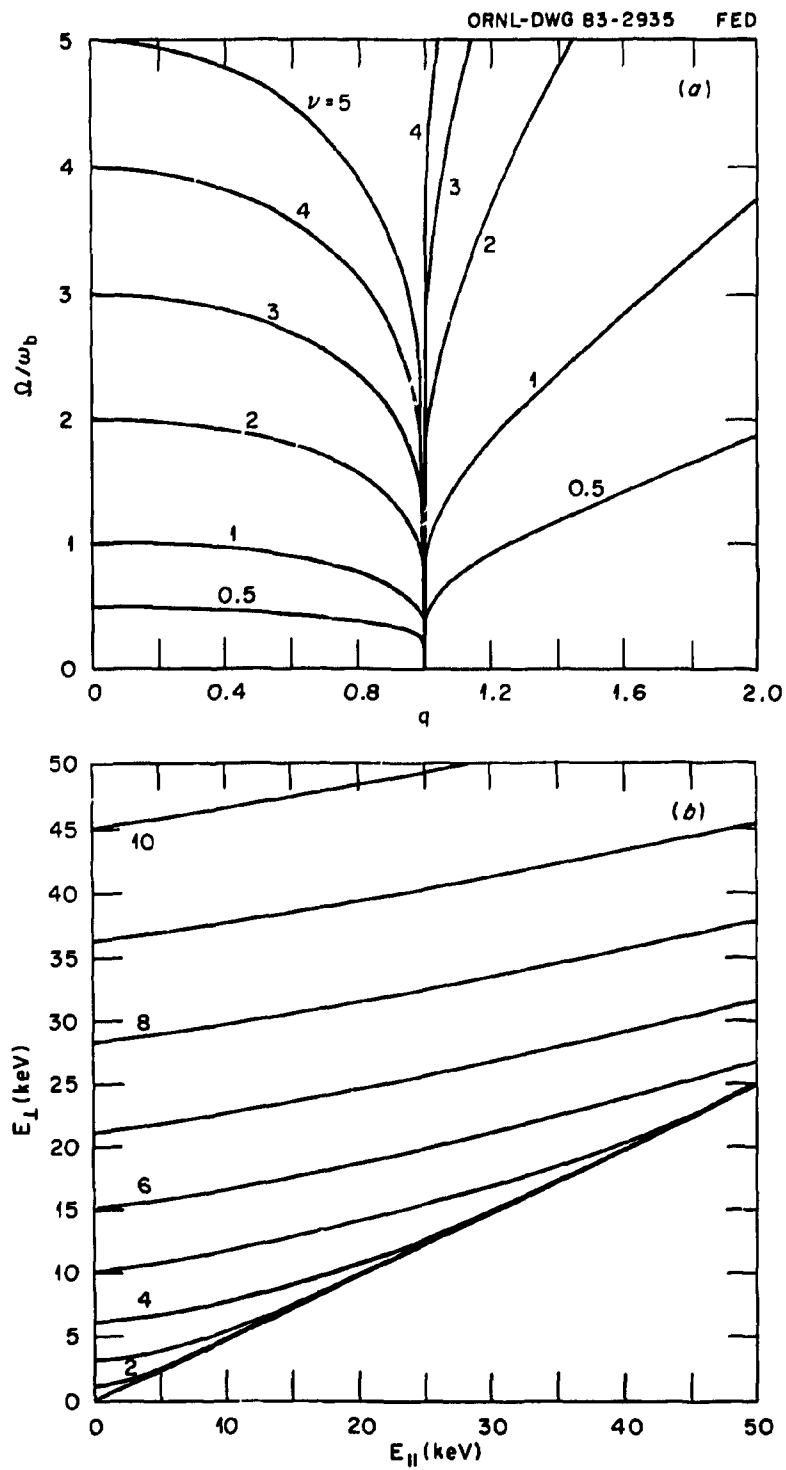


FIG. 3.



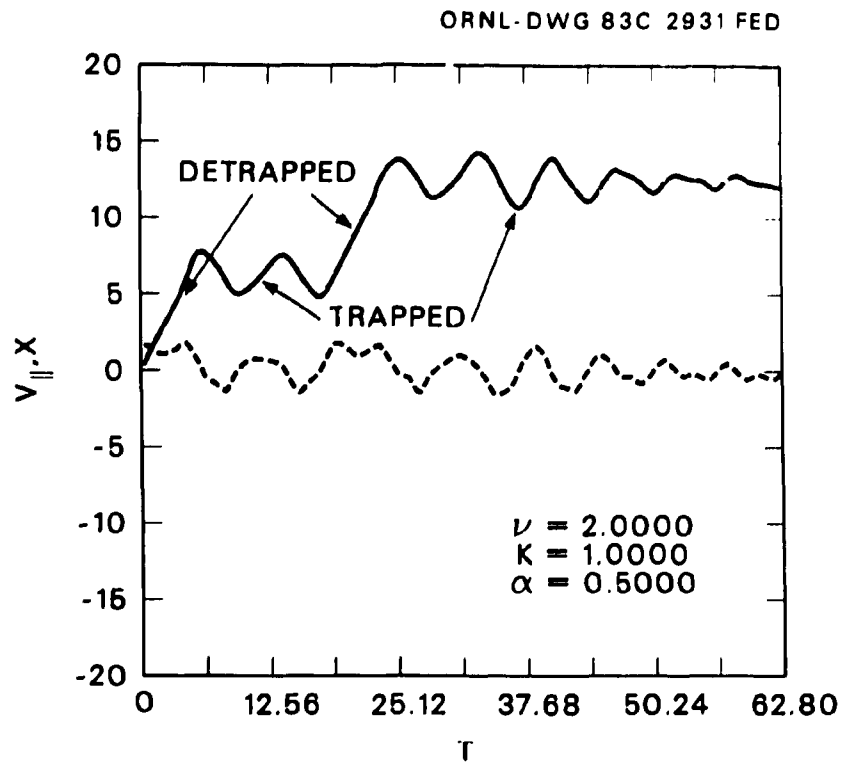


FIG. 4.

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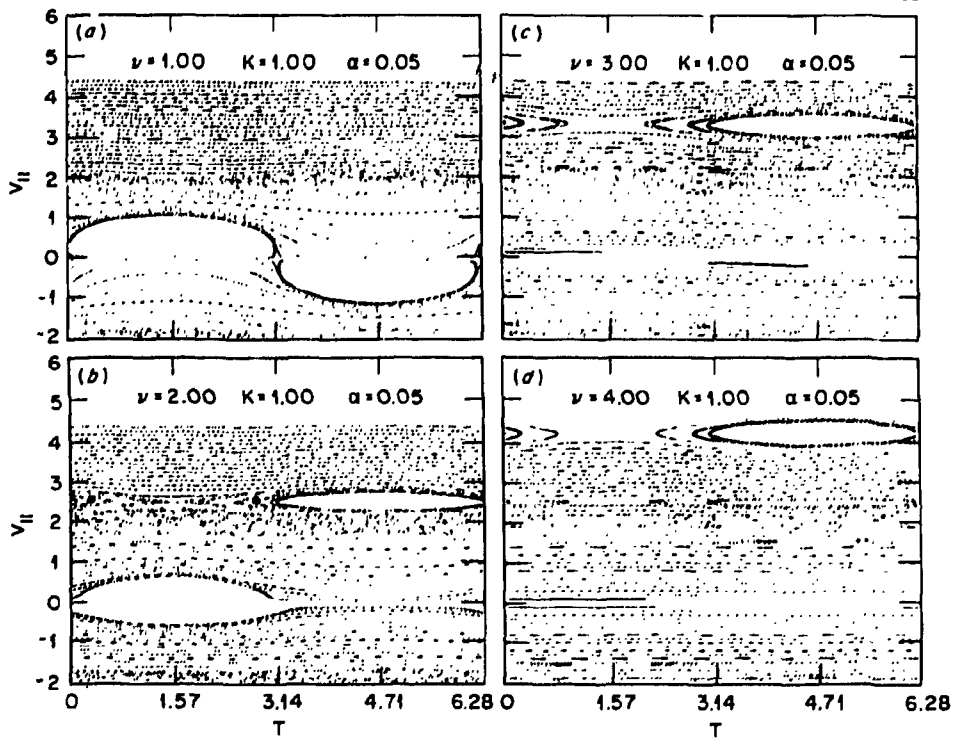


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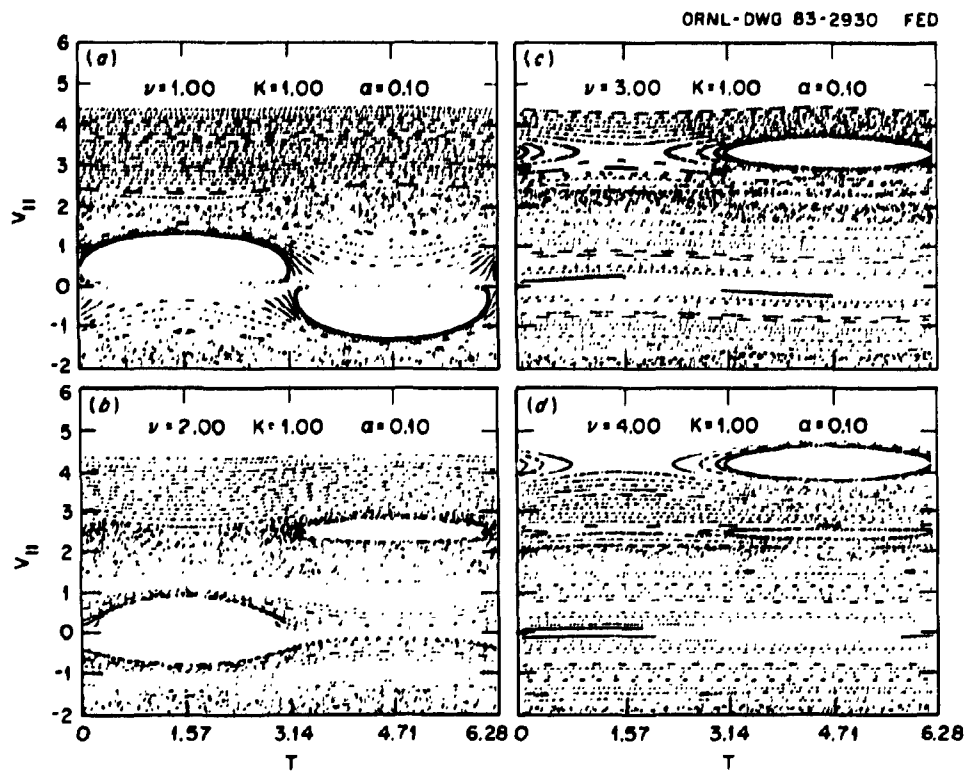


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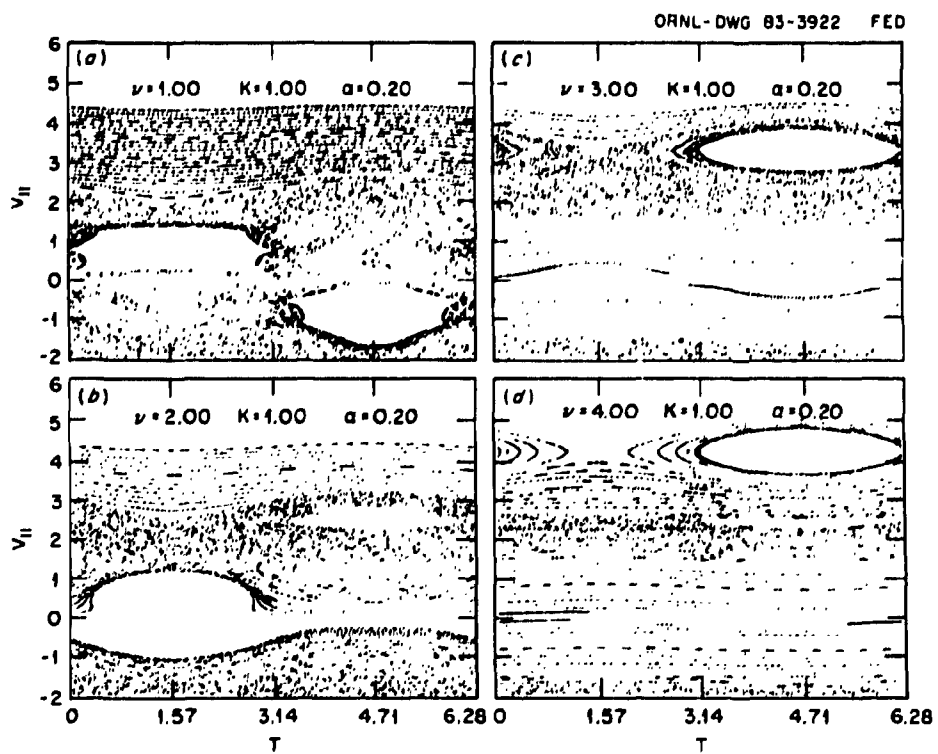


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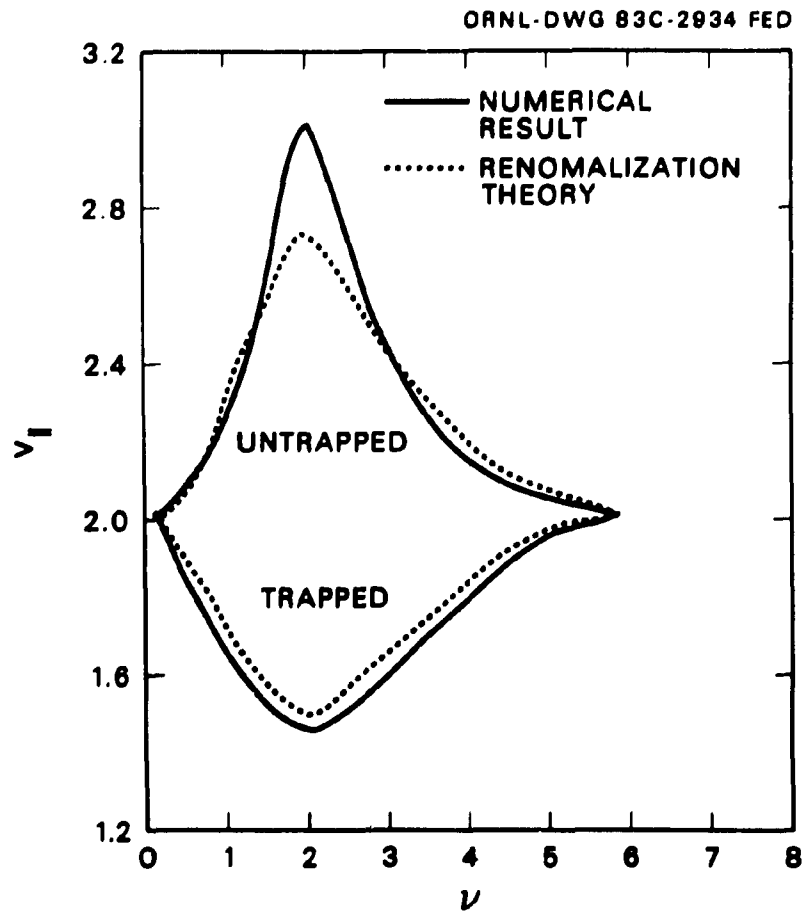


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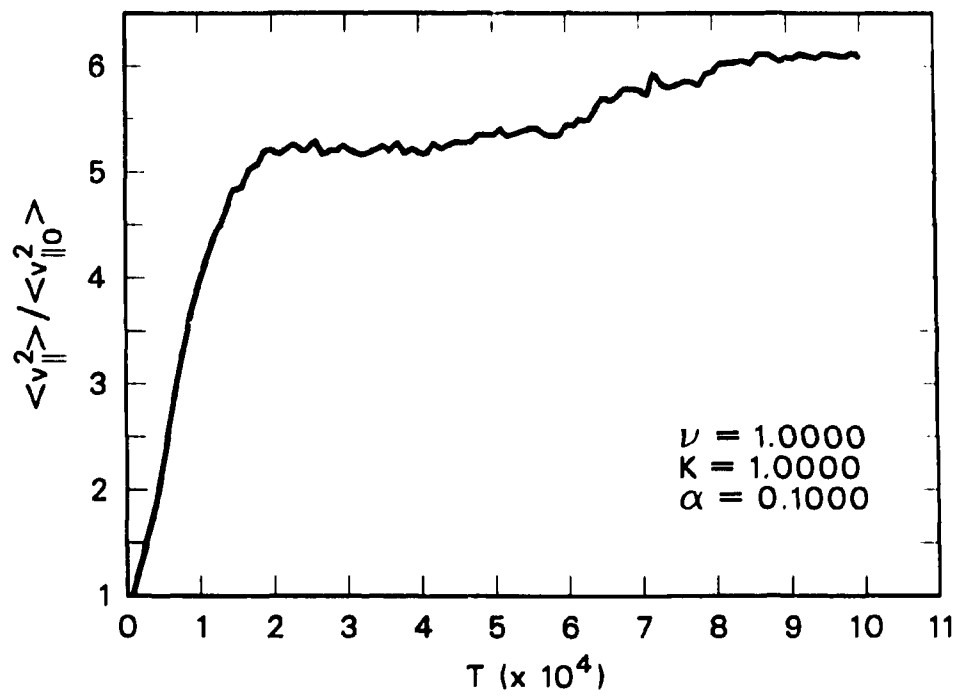


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