

Group work 2 March

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(A) 10

(B) 100

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(D) $10^{17} \times (10 \text{ eV})^{-3/2} \times (2\pi m_e)^{3/2} \times (4\pi)^{3/2}$

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- ii. Dust frequency**
- iii. Intergrain distance**

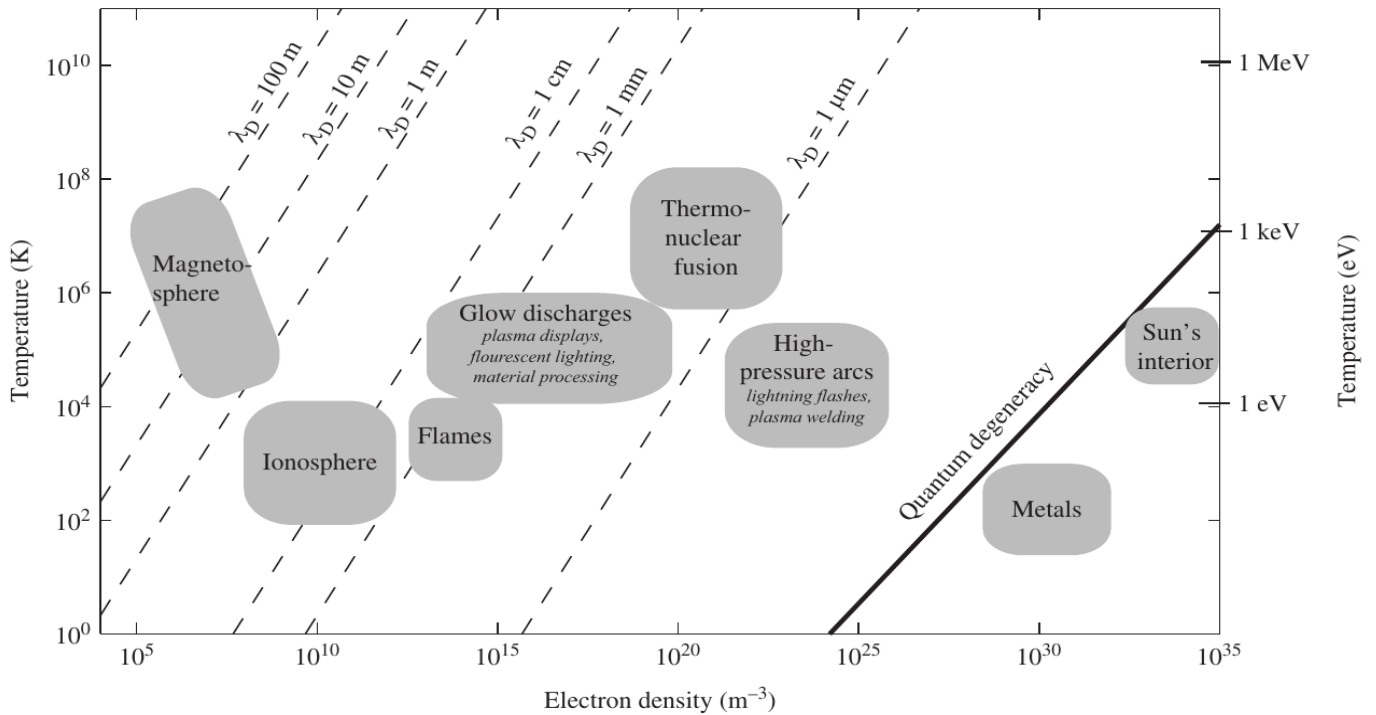
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(A) 135

(B) 0.14

(C) 7.4×10^3

(D) 1.7×10^5

(E) 3.5×10^{10}

Ans.

In[5]:=

KTe = 10.0;

n = 10^17;

$$\lambda d = 7430 \left(\frac{KTe}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$Nd = n \frac{4}{3} \pi \lambda d^3$$

Out[7]= 0.0000743

Out[8]= 171813.

In[9]:= **ScientificForm[Nd]**

Out[9]//ScientificForm=

1.71813×10^5

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In[1]:= **n = 10^20;**

$$\mathbf{fp = 9 \sqrt{n}}$$

Out[2]= 90000000000

In[3]:= **ScientificForm[N[fp, 11]]**

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$9.0000000000 \times 10^{10}$

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In[1]:= (* fp=9√n *)

f1 = 2.2 * 10^3;

f2 = 2.6 * 10^3;

$$n1 = \left(\frac{f1}{9} \right)^2$$

$$n2 = \left(\frac{f2}{9} \right)^2$$

Plasma density increased.

Out[3]= 59753.1

Out[4]= 83456.8

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i. Debye length

In[13]:= (* λd = $\frac{\lambda_{di} \lambda_{de}}{\sqrt{\lambda_{di}^2 + \lambda_{de}^2}}$, λd = λde *)

ne1 = 1 * 10^3;

Te1 = 5.0;

ne2 = 23 * 10^3;

Te2 = 22.0;

$$\lambda_{d1} = 740 \sqrt{\frac{Te1}{ne1}}$$

$$\lambda_{d2} = 740 \sqrt{\frac{Te2}{ne2}}$$

Out[17]= 52.3259

Out[18]= 22.8865

ii. Dust frequency

$$e = 4.8 \times 10^{-10};$$

$$Zd = 10^3;$$

$$nd_0 = 10^{-9};$$

$$md = 2 \times 10^{-12};$$

$$\omega_{pd} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \pi n d_0 Z d^2 e^2}{m d}}$$

Out[23]= 0.0000380479

iii. Intergrain distance

iv. What is the kind of dusty plasma? Dust-in-plasma or dusty plasma.

$$nd_0 = 10^{-9};$$

(* is the intergrain distance *)

$$a = nd_0^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

1000

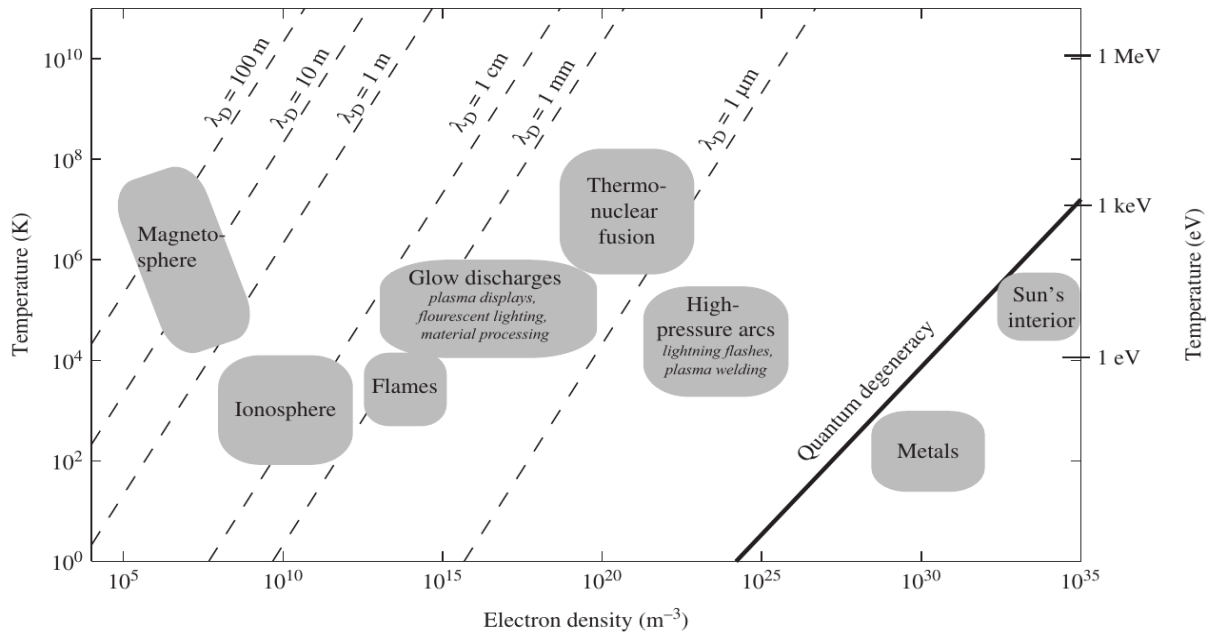
(* $\lambda_d < a$, charged dust particles are considered as a collection of isolated dust grains, "Dust in plasma" *)

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a-b) classical treatment will not be valid because De Broglie wavelength of plasma particles is comparable to Debye length, so wave functions of particles will interfere.

c) Using the following figure to calculate the plasma frequency in each application.



In[9]:= (*Magnetosphere*)

$$f1 = 9.0 \sqrt{10^7}$$

Out[9]= 28460.5

In[10]:= (*Ionosphere*)

$$f2 = 9.0 \sqrt{10^{10}}$$

Out[10]= 900000.

In[11]:= (*Flames*)

$$f3 = 9.0 \sqrt{10^{14}}$$

Out[11]= $9. \times 10^7$

In[13]:= (*Glow discharge*)

$$f4 = 9.0 \sqrt{10^{16}}$$

Out[13]= $9. \times 10^8$

In[14]:= (*Thermonuclear fusion*)

$$f5 = 9.0 \sqrt{10^{21}}$$

Out[14]= 2.84605×10^{11}

In[17]:= (*High pressure arcs*)

$$f6 = 9.0 \sqrt{10^{23}}$$

Out[17]= 2.84605×10^{12}

In[18]:= (*Metals*)

$$f7 = 9.0 \sqrt{10^{30}}$$

Out[18]= $9. \times 10^{15}$

In[20]:= (*Sun's interior*)

$$f8 = 9.0 \sqrt{10^{34}}$$

Out[20]= $9. \times 10^{17}$

Constants & Formulas

Constants			
		mks	cgs
c	Velocity of light	3×10^8 m/s	3×10^{10} cm/s
e	Electron charge	1.6×10^{-19} C	4.8×10^{-10} esu
m	Electron mass	0.91×10^{-30} kg	0.91×10^{-27} g
M	Proton mass	1.67×10^{-27} kg	1.67×10^{-24} g
M/m		1837	1837
$(M/m)^{1/2}$		43	43
K	Boltzmann's constant	1.38×10^{-23} J/K	1.38×10^{-16} erg/K
eV	Electron volt	1.6×10^{-19} J	1.6×10^{-12} erg
1 eV	Of temperature KT	11,600 K	11,600 K
ϵ_0	Permittivity of free space	8.854×10^{-12} F/m	
μ_0	Permeability of free space	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ H/m	

Formulas (H) for hydrogen

		mks	cgs-Gaussian	Handy formula (n in cm^{-3})
ω_p	Plasma frequency	$\left(\frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m}\right)^{1/2}$	$\left(\frac{4\pi ne^2}{m}\right)^{1/2}$	$f_p = 9000 \sqrt{n} \text{ s}^{-1}$
ω_c	Electron cyclotron frequency	$\frac{eB}{m}$	$\frac{eB}{mc}$	$f_c = 2.8 \text{ GHz/kG}$
λ_D	Debye length	$\left(\frac{\epsilon_0 KT_e}{ne^2}\right)^{1/2}$	$\left(\frac{KT_e}{4\pi ne^2}\right)^{1/2}$	$740(T_{\text{eV}}/n)^{1/2} \text{ cm}$
r_L	Larmor radius	$\frac{mv_{\perp}}{eB}$	$\frac{mv_{\perp} c}{eB}$	$\frac{1.4 T_{\text{eV}}^{1/2}}{B_{\text{kG}}} \text{ mm(H)}$

Dusty plasma Debye Radius:
$$\lambda_D = \frac{\lambda_{\text{De}} \lambda_{\text{Di}}}{\sqrt{\lambda_{\text{De}}^2 + \lambda_{\text{Di}}^2}}.$$

Dust plasma frequency:
$$\omega_{\text{pd}} = (4\pi n_{\text{d0}} Z_{\text{d}}^2 e^2 / m_{\text{d}})^{1/2}.$$