Dust particles under the influence of crossed electric and magnetic fields in the sheath of an rf discharge

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Experimental setup



- magnetic field
 - $B_{center, max} \approx 100 \, \mathrm{mT}$
- plasma
 - argon-rf-discharge
 - p= 1...30 Pa
 - P = 6 W
- dust particles
 - melamine-formaldehyde
 - $\varnothing \sim \mu m$

[[]coil system is a loan from the work group of Prof. Meichsner]

Laboratory dusty plasmas



Particle displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field lon focus

$\mathsf{Displacement} \perp \mathbf{B}$



B = 0 parameters:

• dust size: 12.26 μm

• *p* = 4.5 Pa

$B = 17 \,\mathrm{mT}$

 $B = 26 \,\mathrm{mT}$

Figure: top view camera images

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Displacement $\perp B$



Figure: displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field

Particle displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field lon focus

Horizontal force balance model



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Model results for displacement \perp **B**



Figure: calculated displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field

Figure: measured displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field

Particle displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field ${\rm lon}\ {\rm focus}$

lon focus - experiments



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lon focus - magnetic field experiments



Particle displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field **lon focus**

lon focus - magnetic field experiments



Figure: horizontal distance between upper and lower particle

Particle displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field ${\rm lon}\ {\rm focus}$

lon focus - laser manipulation experiments



Figure: horizontal distance between upper and lower particle

Particle displacement perpendicular to the magnetic field ${\rm lon}\ {\rm focus}$

lon focus - horizontal force balance



Figure: calculated horizontal distance between upper and lower particle

Summary

- investigations on dust particles in plasma sheaths with external horizontal magnetic fields
- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{B-field} \to \mathsf{magnetized} \ \mathsf{electrons}$
- horizontal forces: F_E, F_{ion}, F_n
 - dust particle displacement on the $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ -axis
 - break up of vertical alignment of dust pairs



- associated publications:
 - M. Puttscher and A. Melzer, New J. Phys., 2014
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