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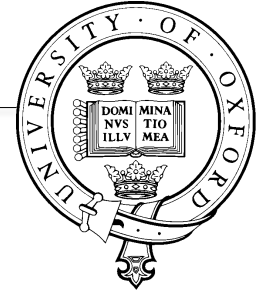
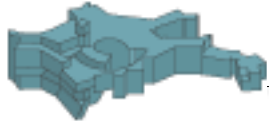
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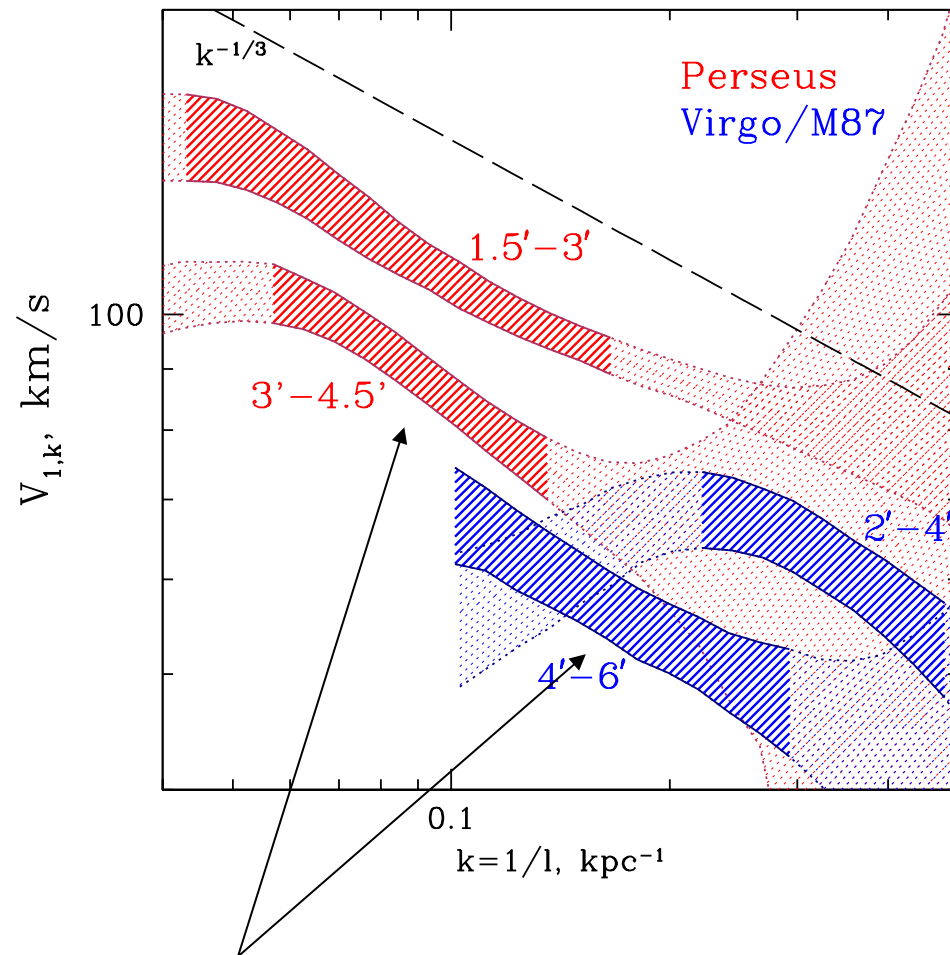
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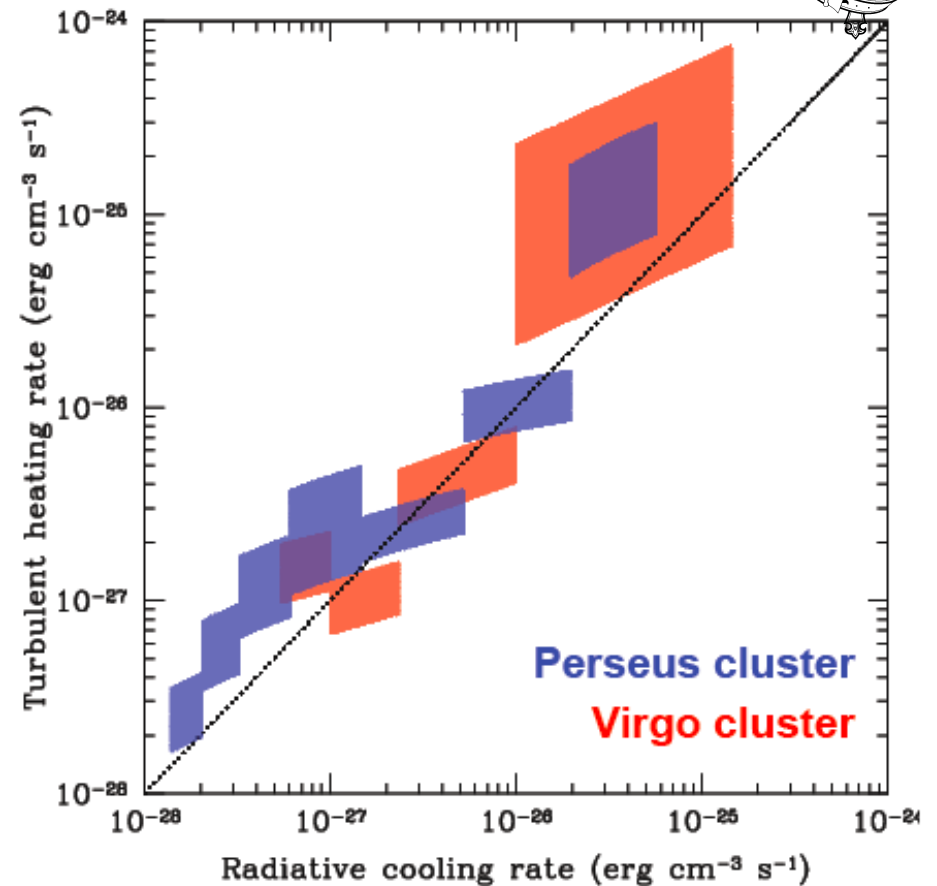
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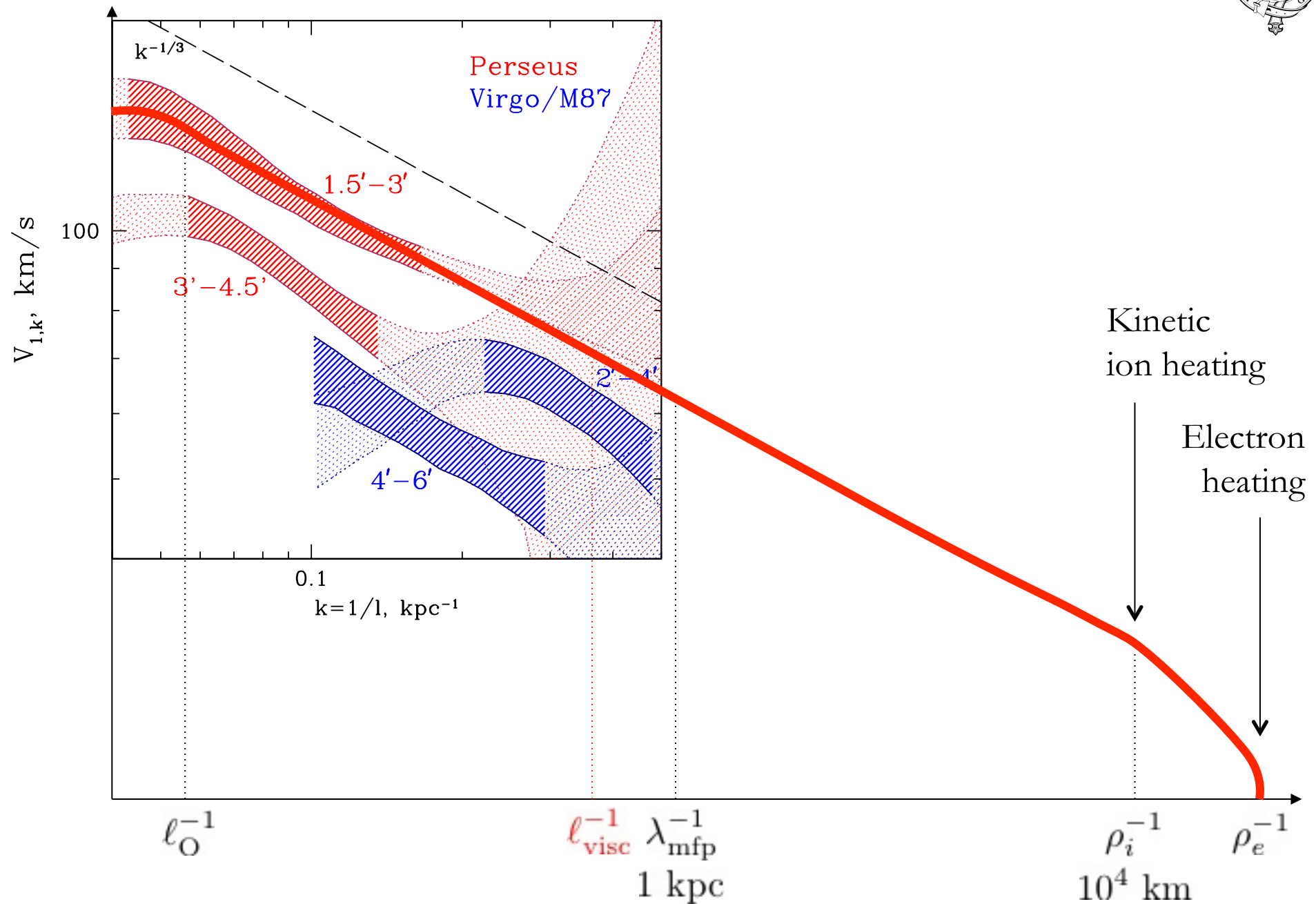
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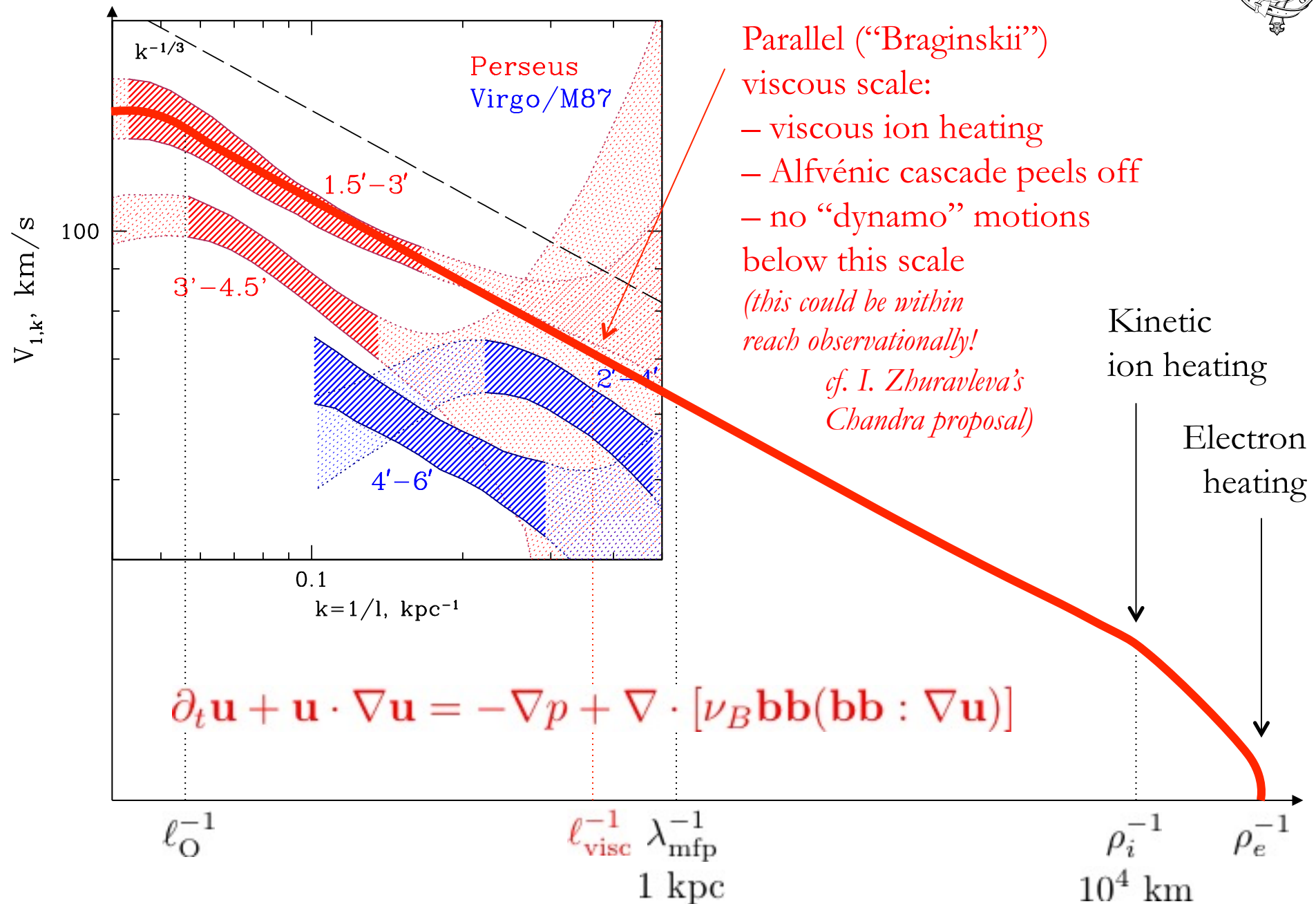
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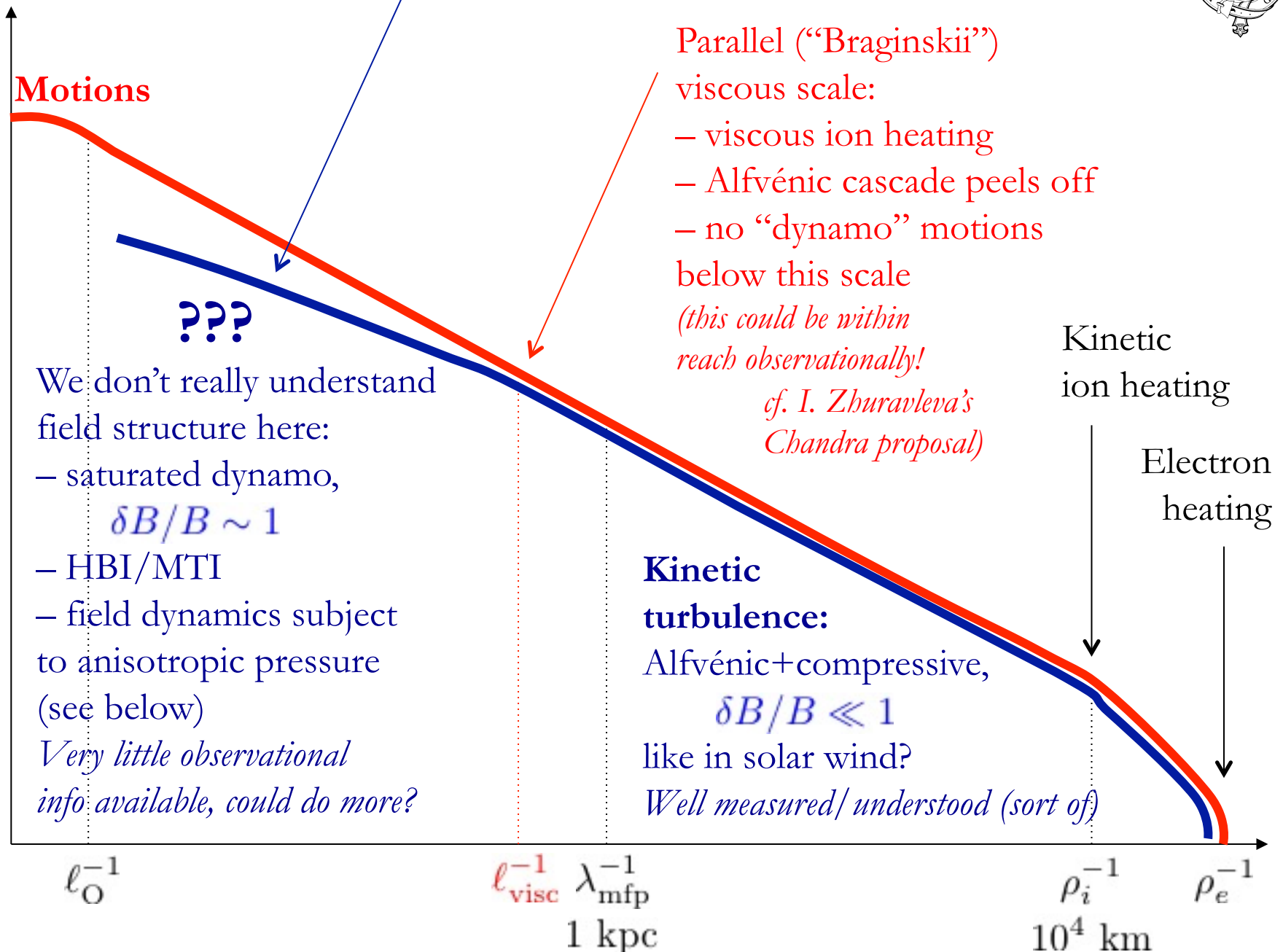
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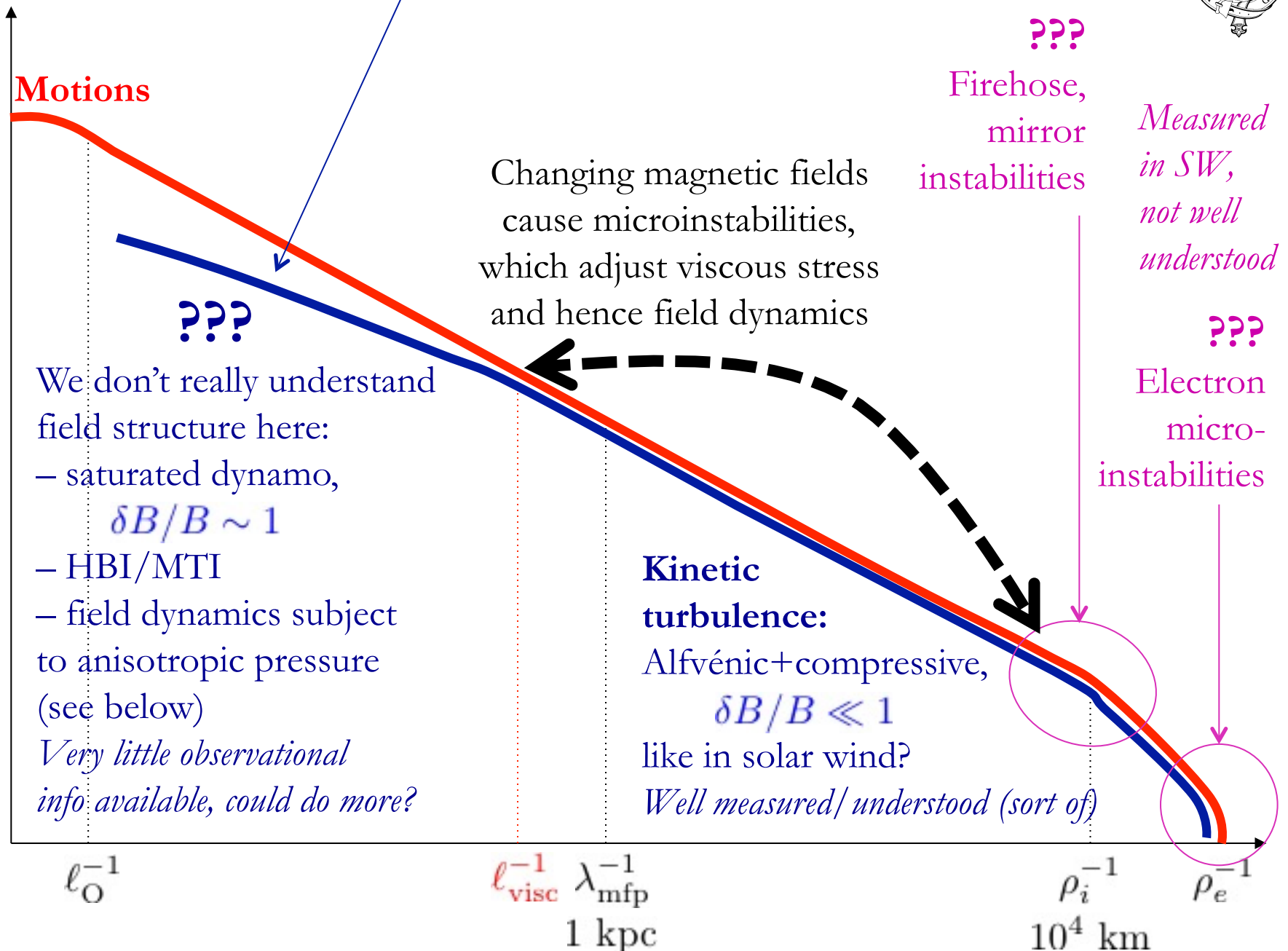
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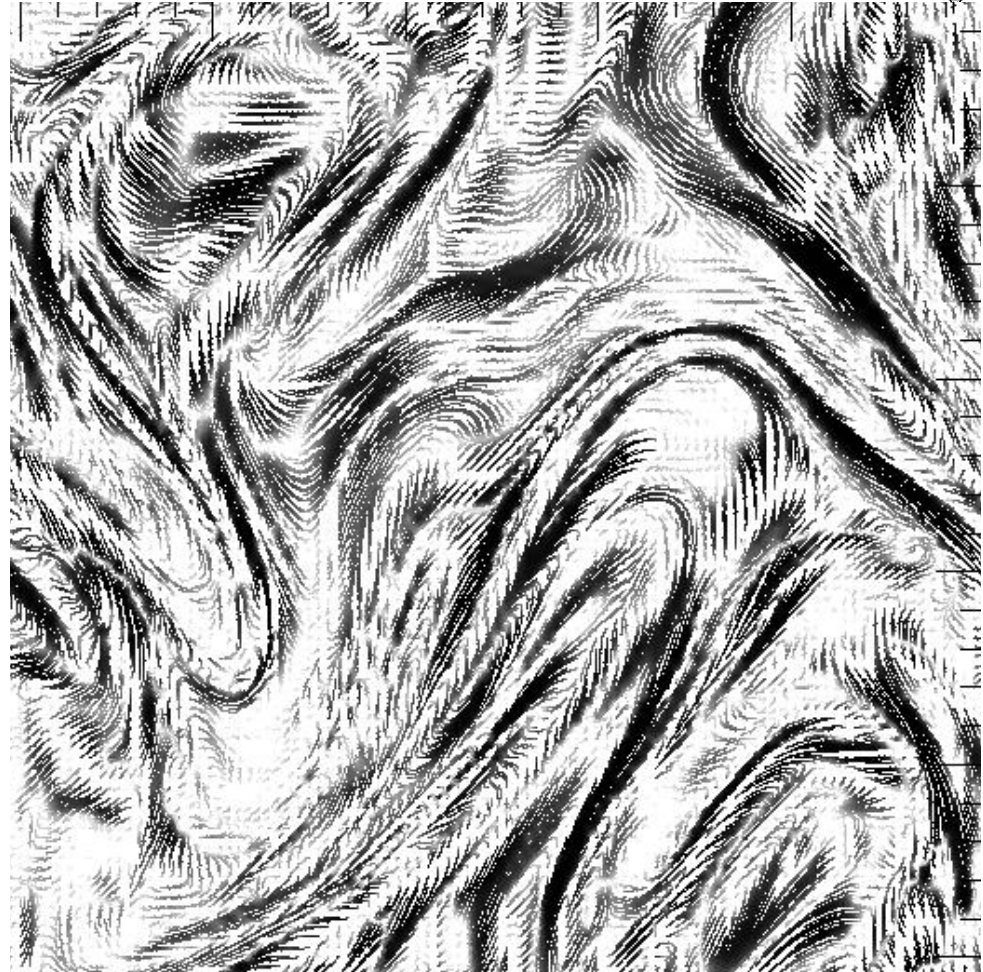
This was the solution of

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}$$

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = (\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} : \nabla \mathbf{u})B \equiv \gamma B$$

$$\ln B \sim \int^t dt' (\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} : \nabla \mathbf{u})(t')$$

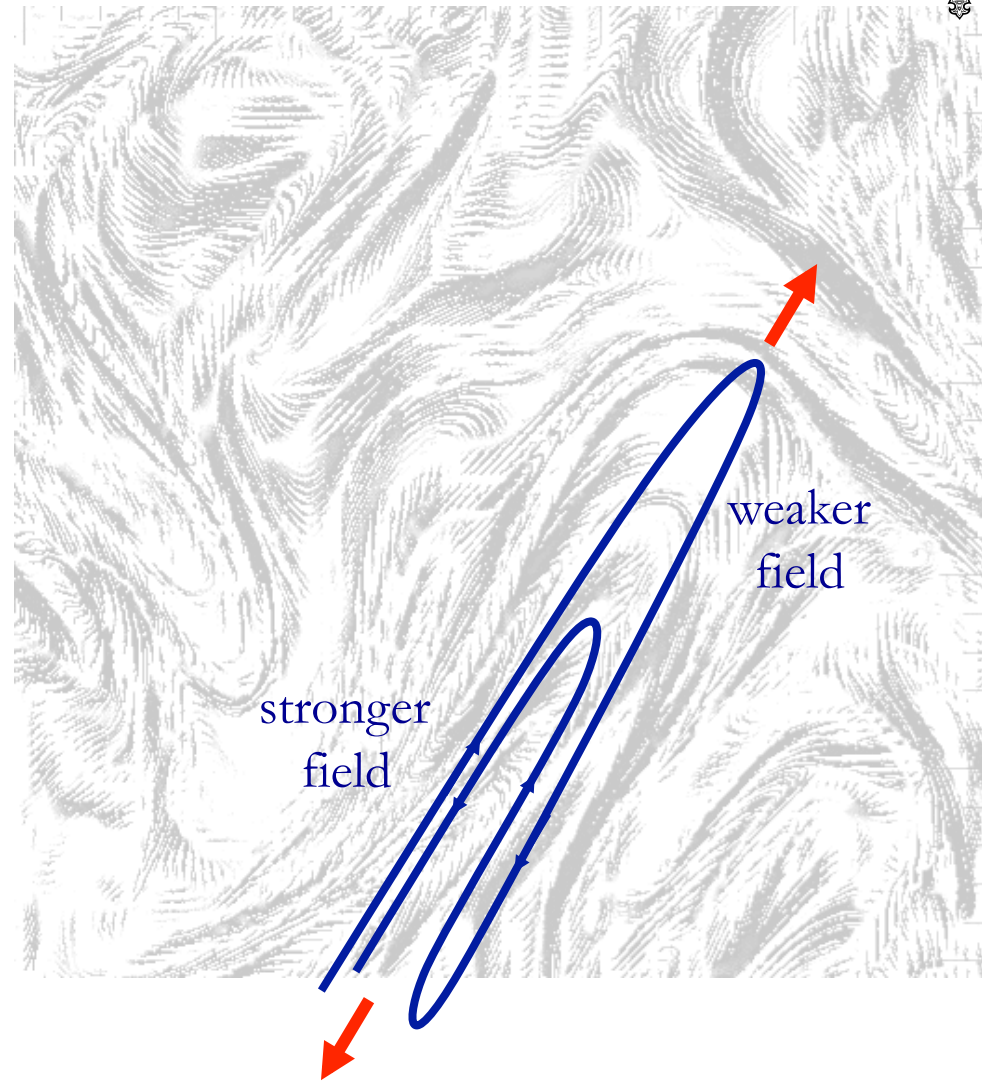


So, roughly, field in Lagrangian frame accumulates as random walk
(in fact, situation more complex because of need to combat resistivity)

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Key effect: a succession of random stretchings (and un-stretchings)

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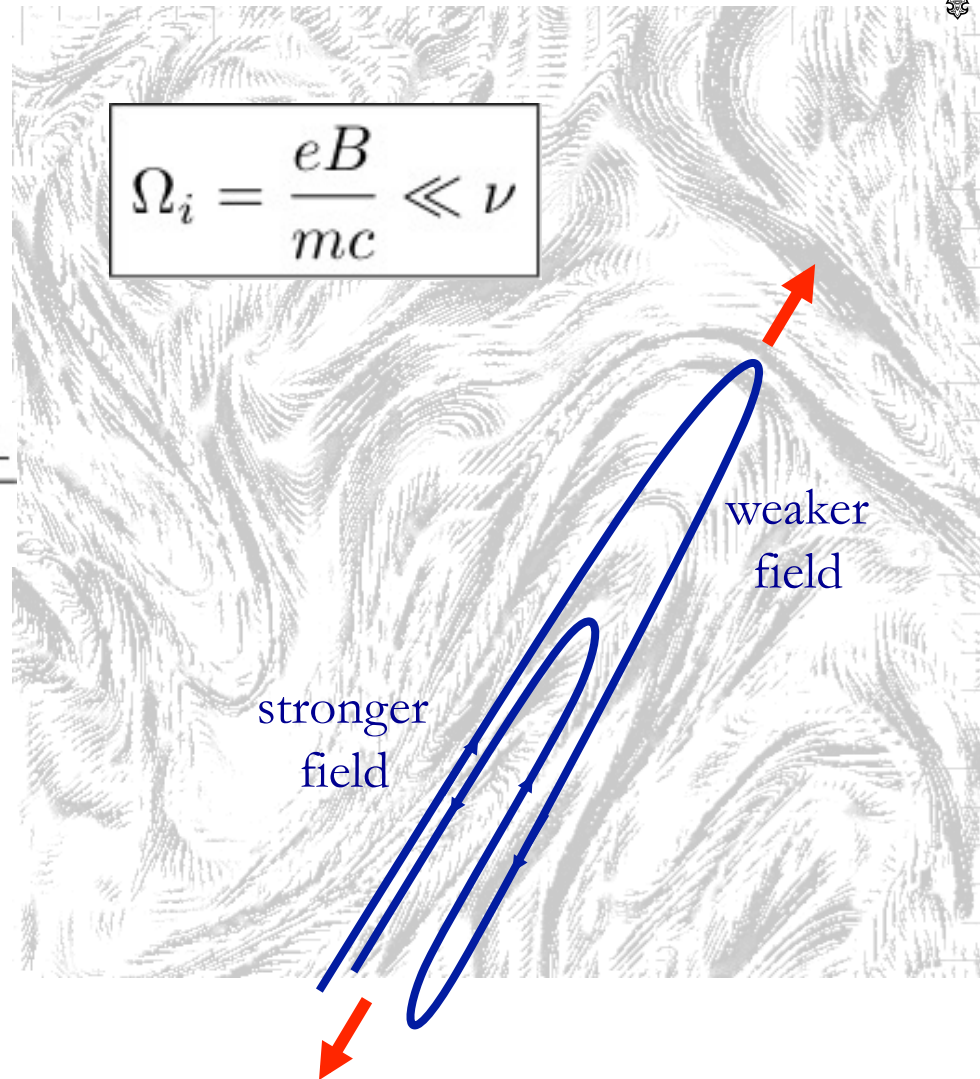
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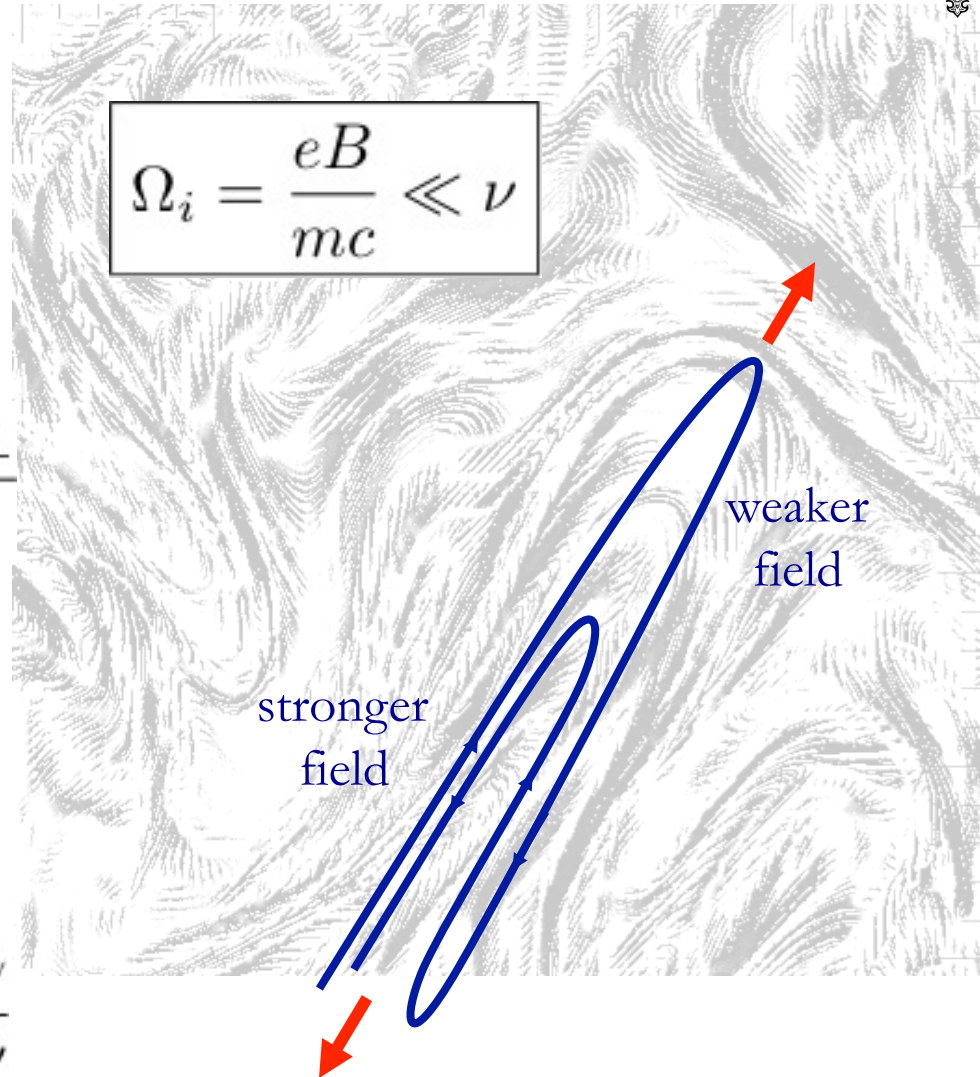
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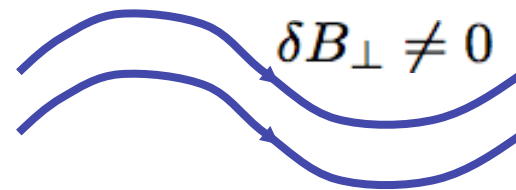


Pressure Anisotropy → Microinstabilities



Instabilities are fast, small scale.
They are instantaneous compared to “fluid” dynamics.

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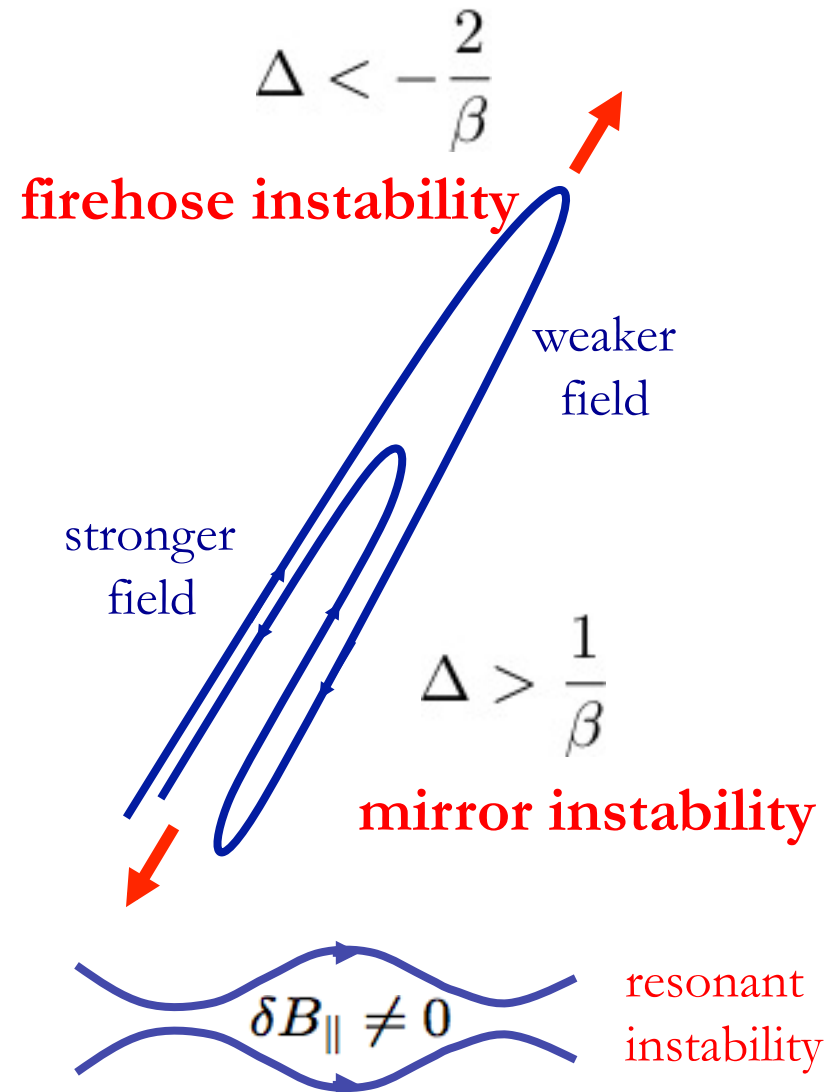


destabilised Alfvén wave

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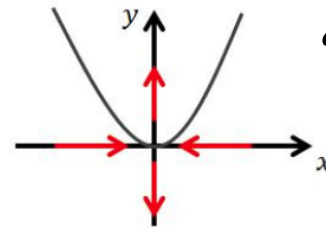


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Scott Melville:

folding field goes **firehose-unstable**
(in a 1D Braginskii model)



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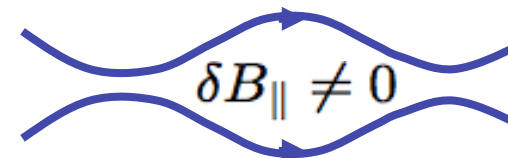
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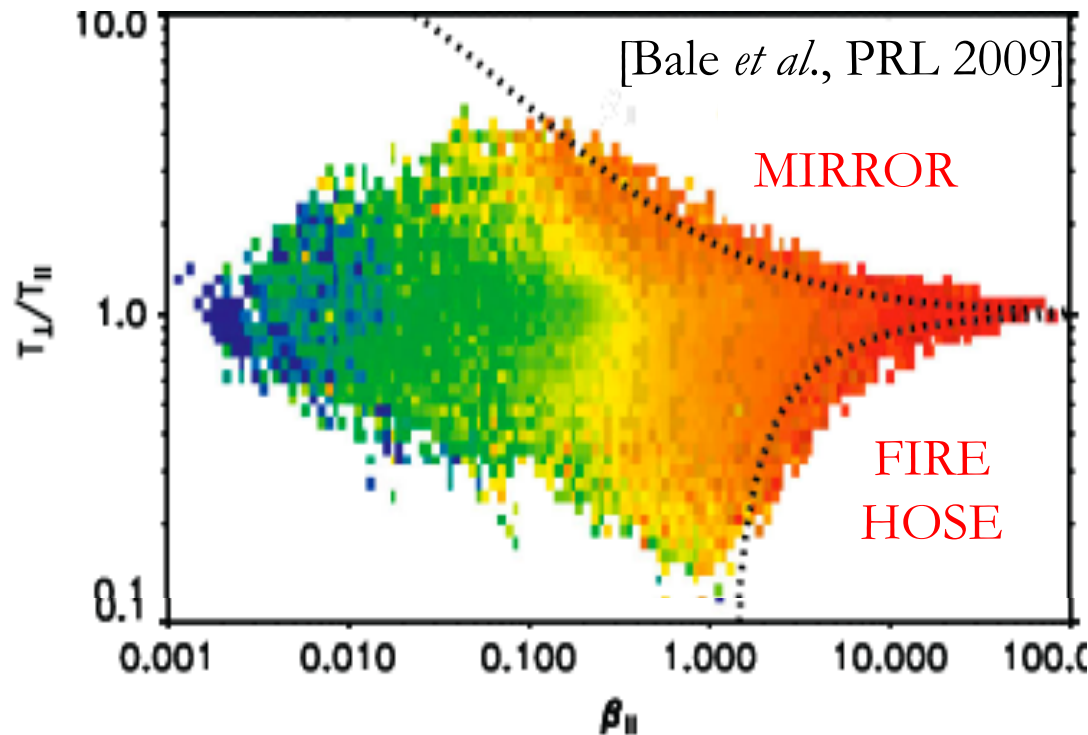
**resonant
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Marginal State At All Times?



In the solar wind:

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stronger field

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Effective Closure Dilemma

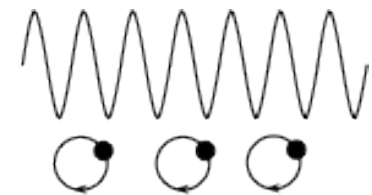
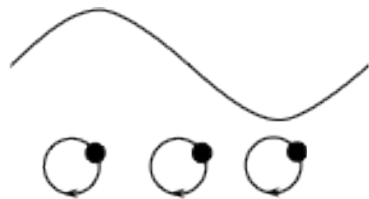


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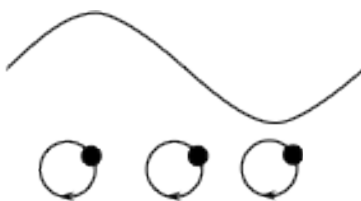


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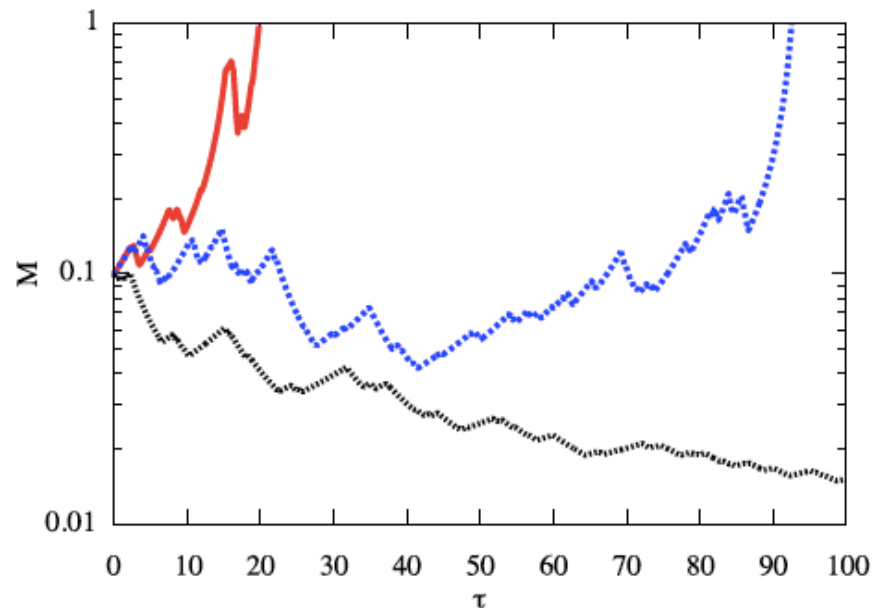


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for modeling details,
caveats, complications,
validity constraints,
see



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For typical ICM parameters,

$$t_{\text{growth}} \sim \frac{\beta_0}{\nu} \sim \beta_0 \times 10 \left(\frac{n_e}{0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{T}{2 \text{ keV}} \right)^{3/2} \text{ yrs}$$

So this can efficiently restore fields from $B \gtrsim 10^{-8} \text{ G}$
to current values $B \sim 10^{-5} \text{ G}$,

but for growth from a tiny seed, need a different mechanism

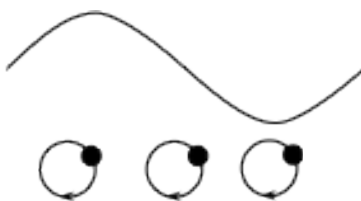
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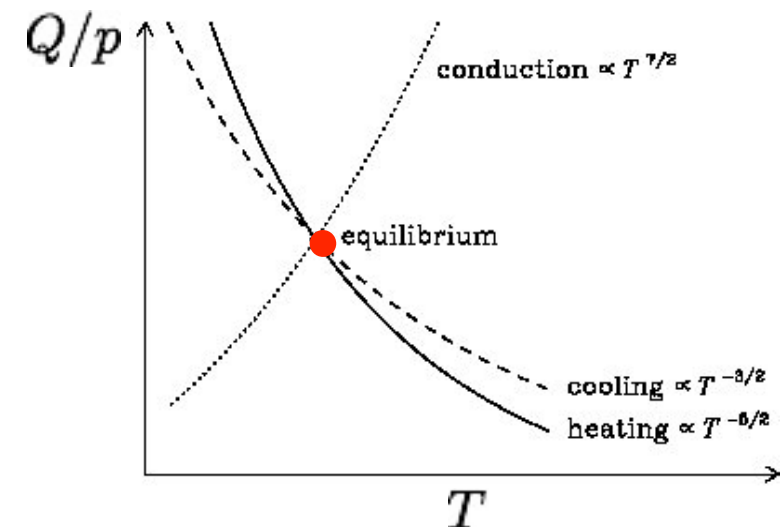
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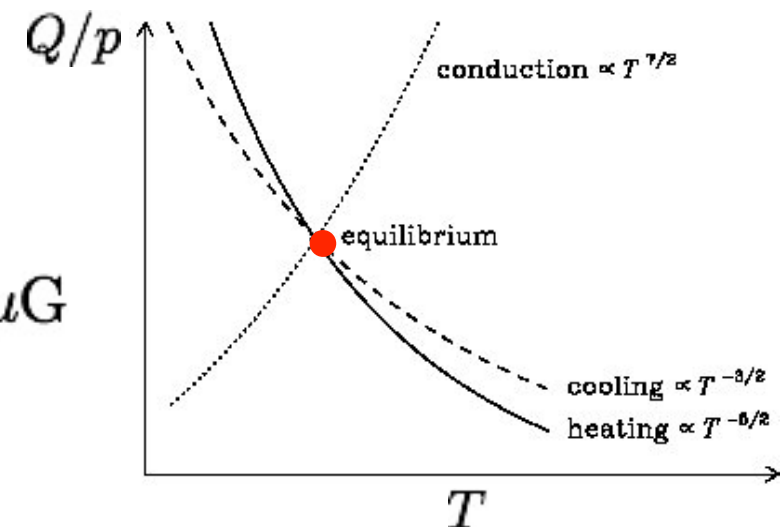
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➤ If $\rho u^2/2 \sim B^2/8\pi$,

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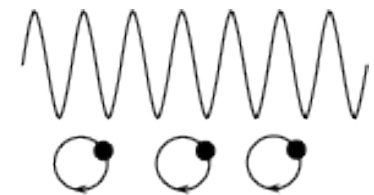
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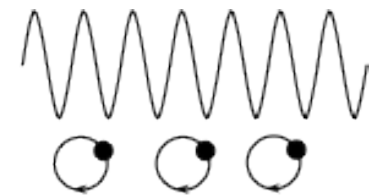
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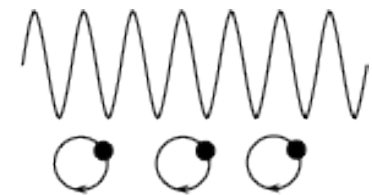
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$\varepsilon \sim \rho u^3/l$ is Kolmogorov's energy flux

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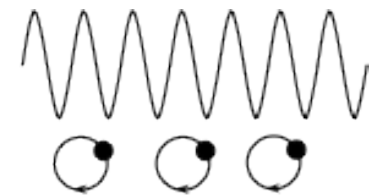
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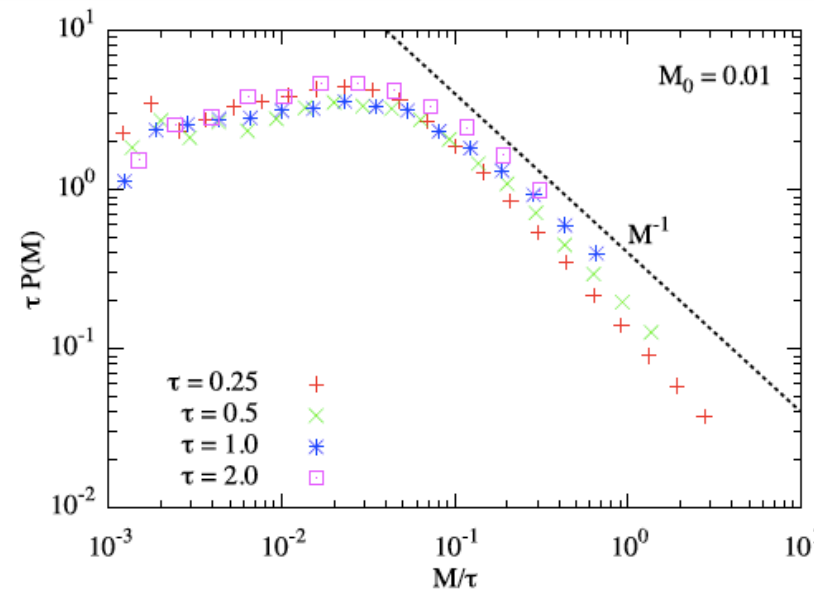
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Modeling gives **extremely intermittent, self-similar field distribution**; see

(\rightarrow **intermittent viscosity, intermittent rate of strain**,

very hard to do right in “real” simulations with this effective closure!)



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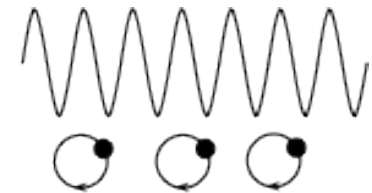
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So we learn nothing new: all the turbulent power input, whatever it is,
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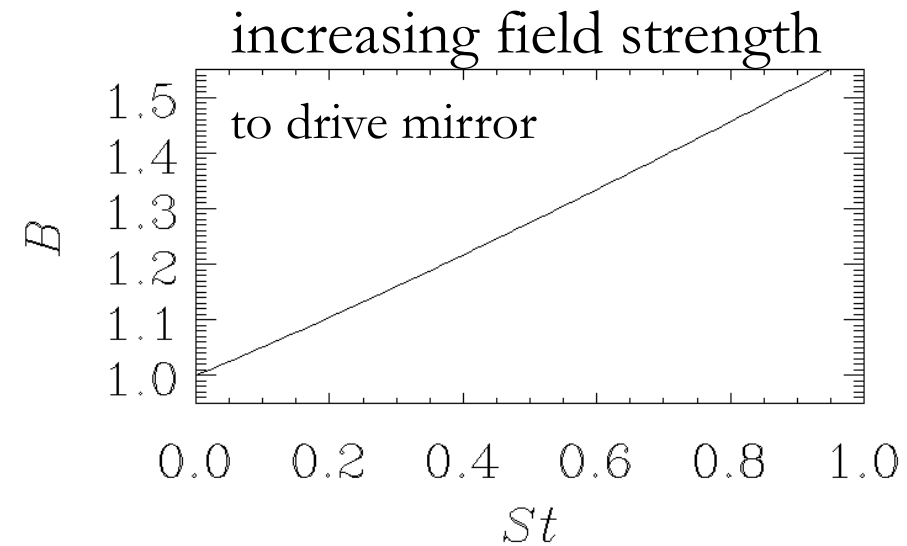
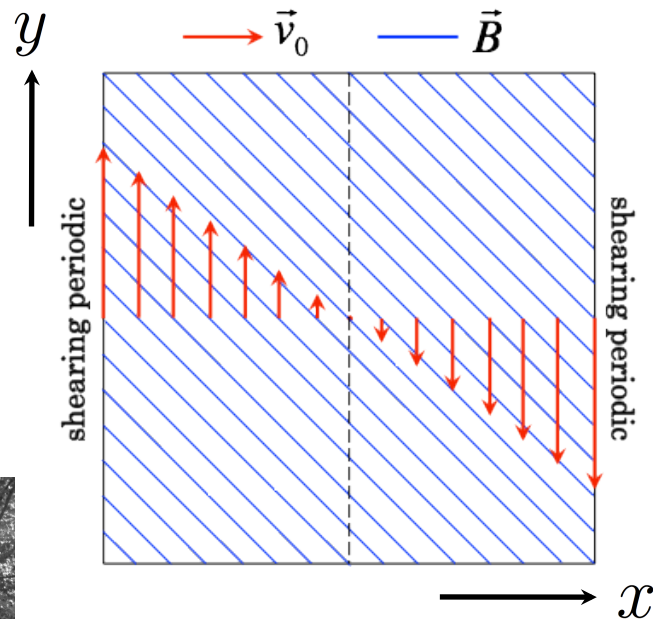
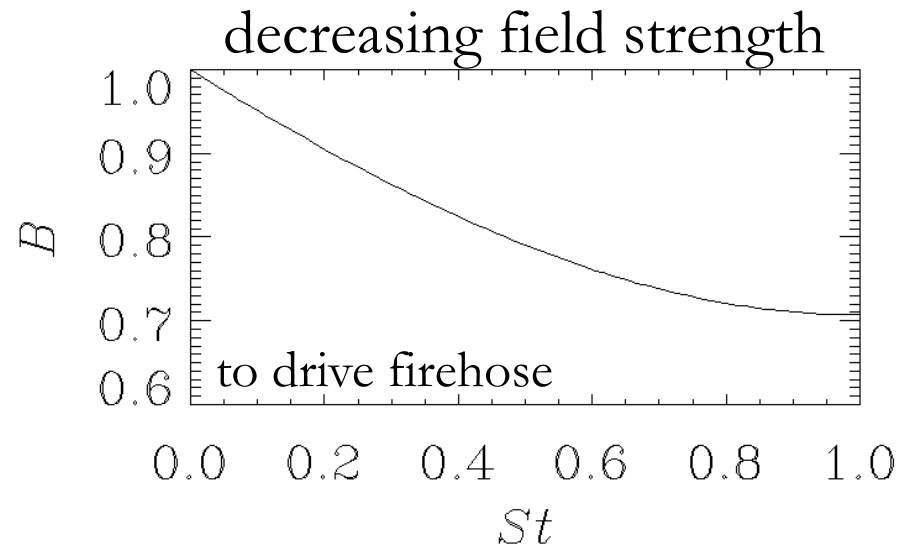
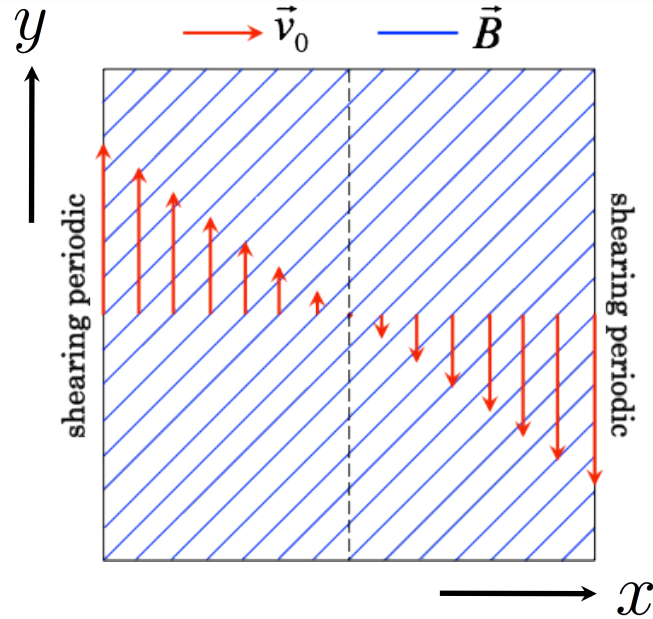
(in Model I, $Q_{\text{visc}} \sim \varepsilon$ as well, but it allows one to fix the temperature profile
in terms of other parameters, while in Model II it is hard-wired)

This would mean that whatever determines the thermal stability of the ICM
has, under Model II, to do with large-scale energy deposition
processes, not with microphysics:

Rejoice all ye believers that microphysics should never matter!

(although you need microphysics to know whether Model II is right)

Instabilities in a Box (M. Kunz)



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Hybrid kinetic system solved by PEGASUS code:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - Sx \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f_i + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f_i + \left[\frac{Ze}{m_i} \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B} \right) + Sv_x \hat{\mathbf{y}} \right] \cdot \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - Sx \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{B} = -c \nabla \times \mathbf{E} - SB_x \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\mathbf{u}_i \times \mathbf{B}}{c} + \frac{(\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B}}{4\pi Zen_i} - \frac{T_e \nabla n_i}{en_i}$$

...in a shearing sheet $\mathbf{u} = -Sx\hat{\mathbf{y}}$

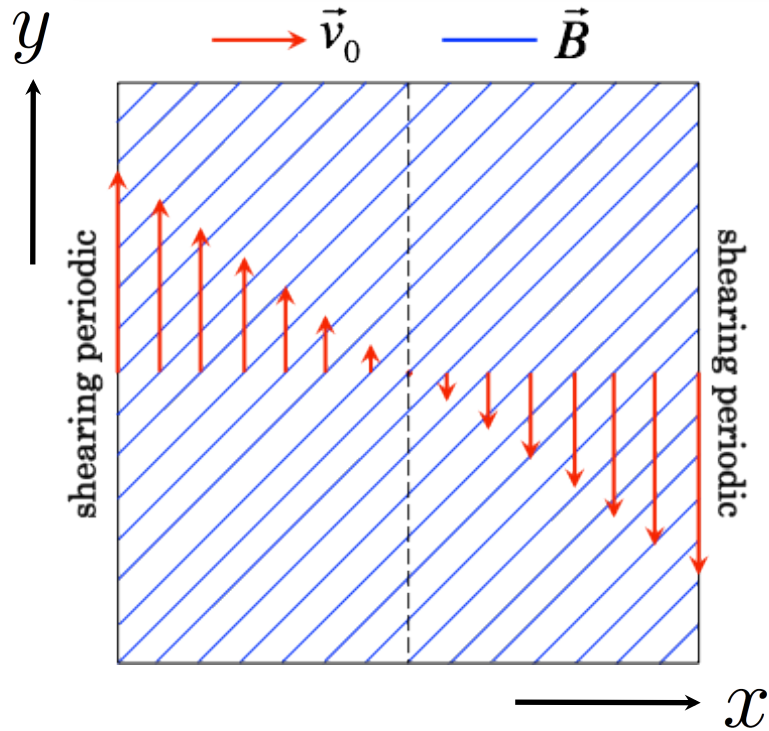


Kunz, Stone & Bai,
JCP **259**, 154 (2014)

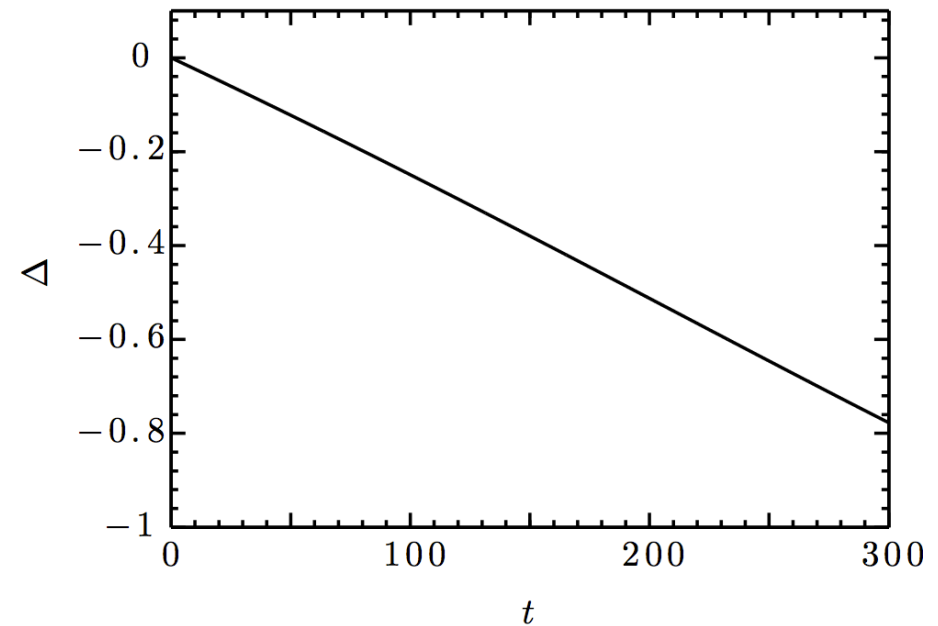


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Firehose Instability (M. Kunz)



$$\frac{dB}{dt} < 0 \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{p_{\perp} - p_{\parallel}}{p} < 0$$

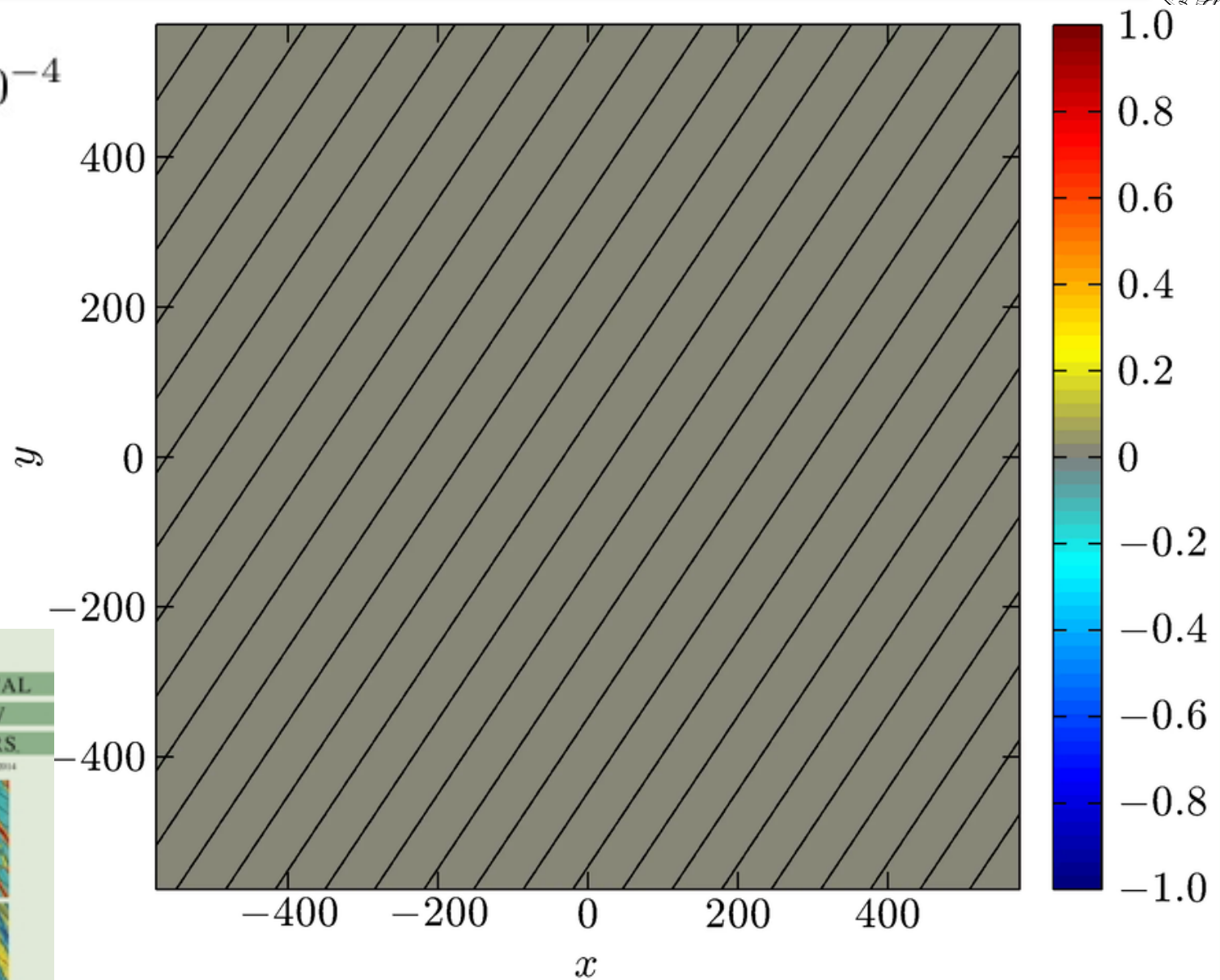


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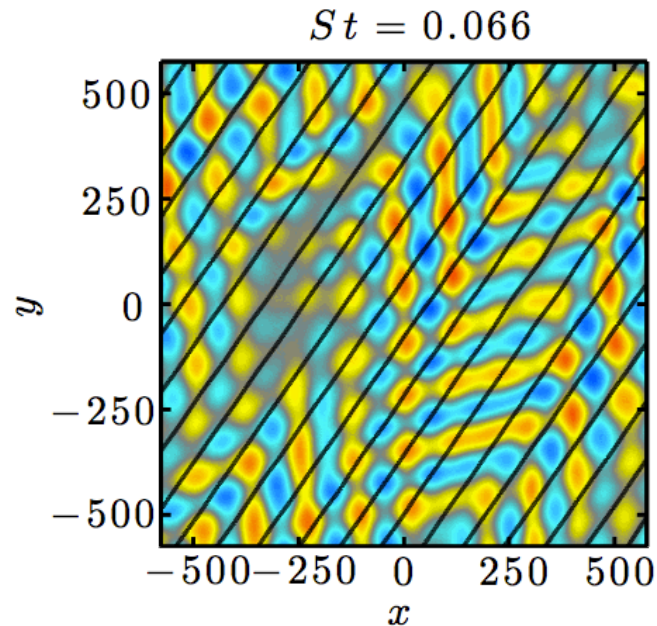
$$\frac{S}{\Omega_i} = 3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\beta_i = 200$$



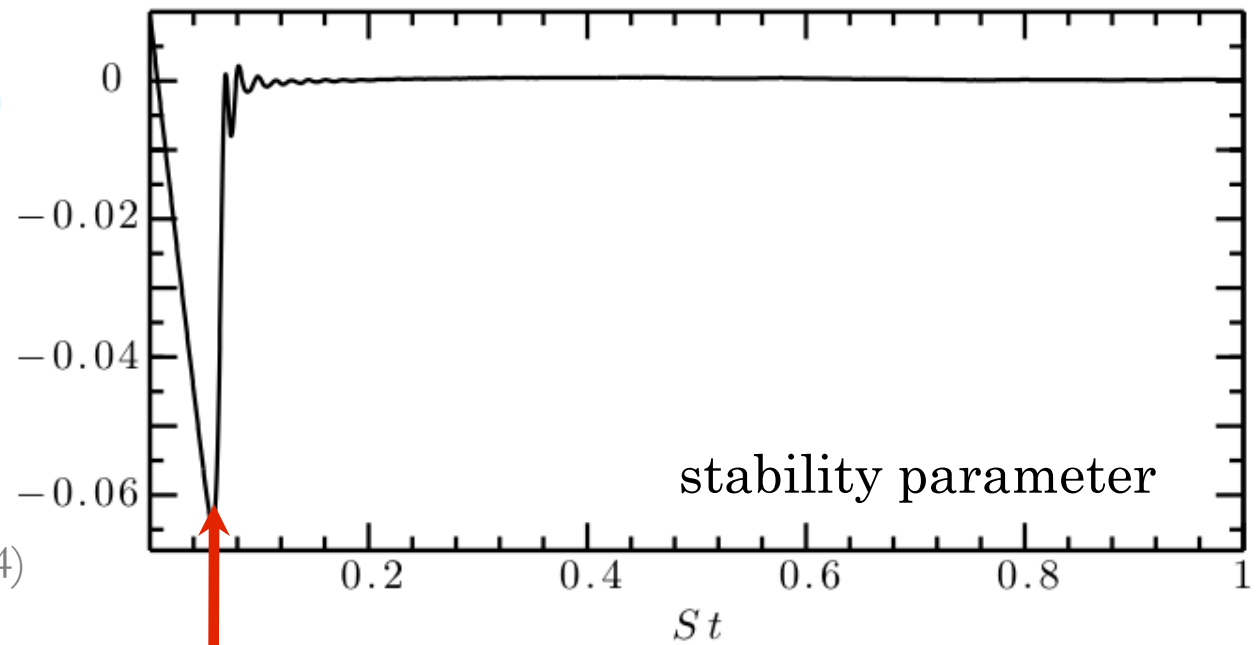
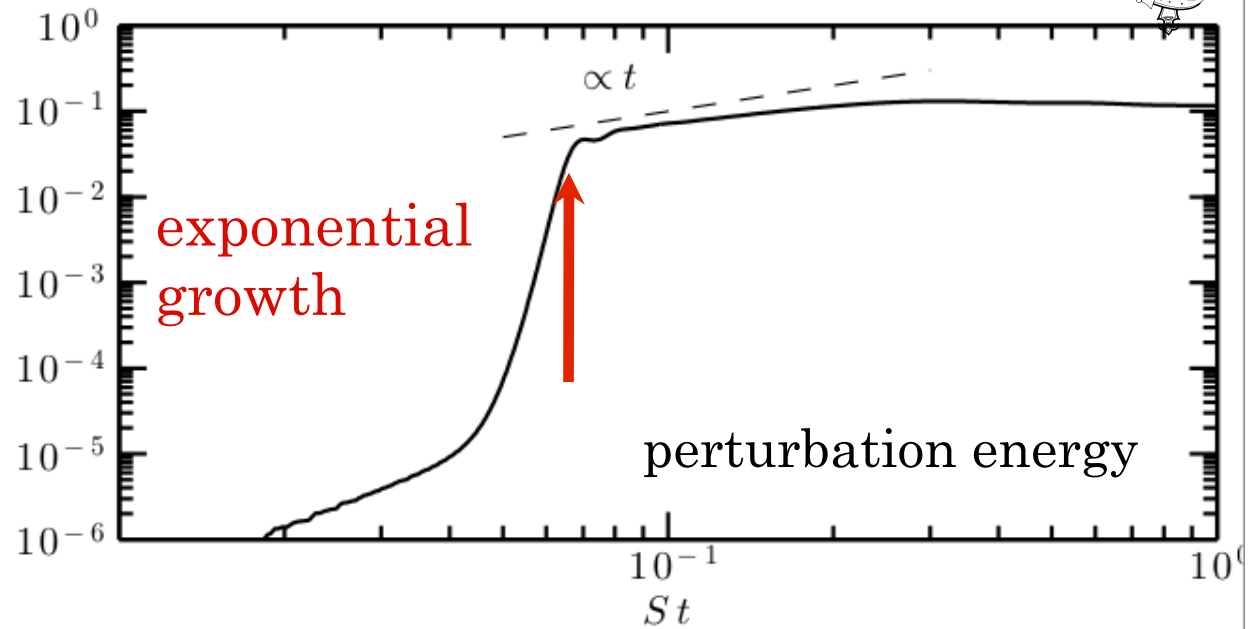
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Firehose Instability: Linear



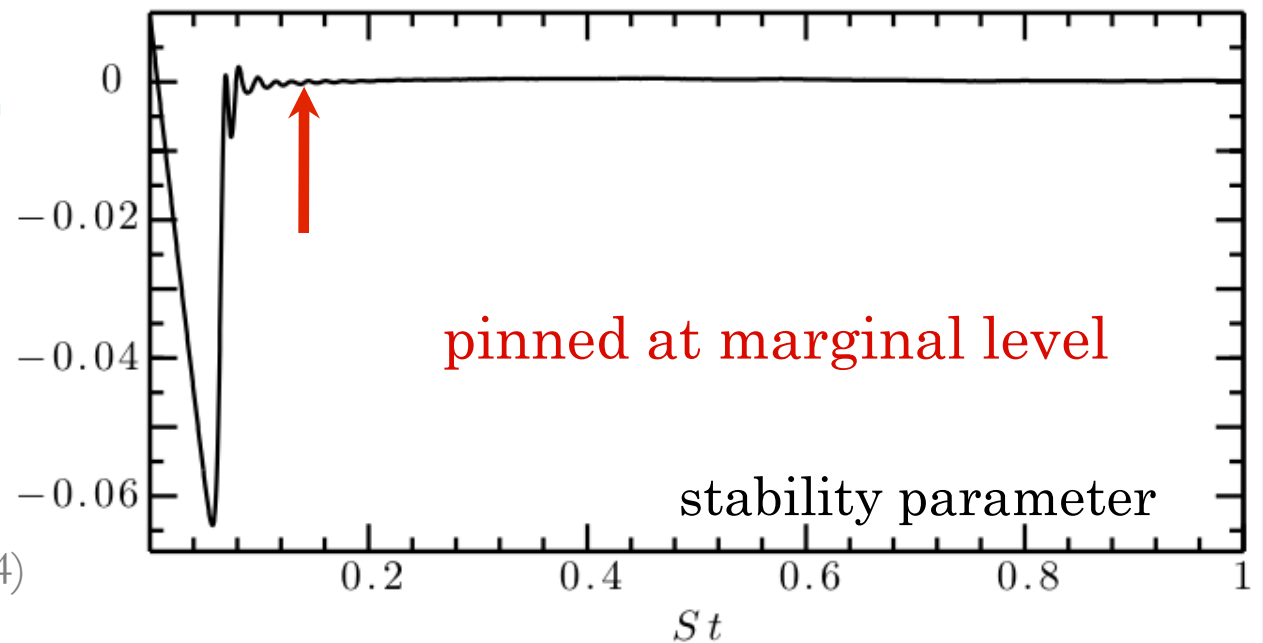
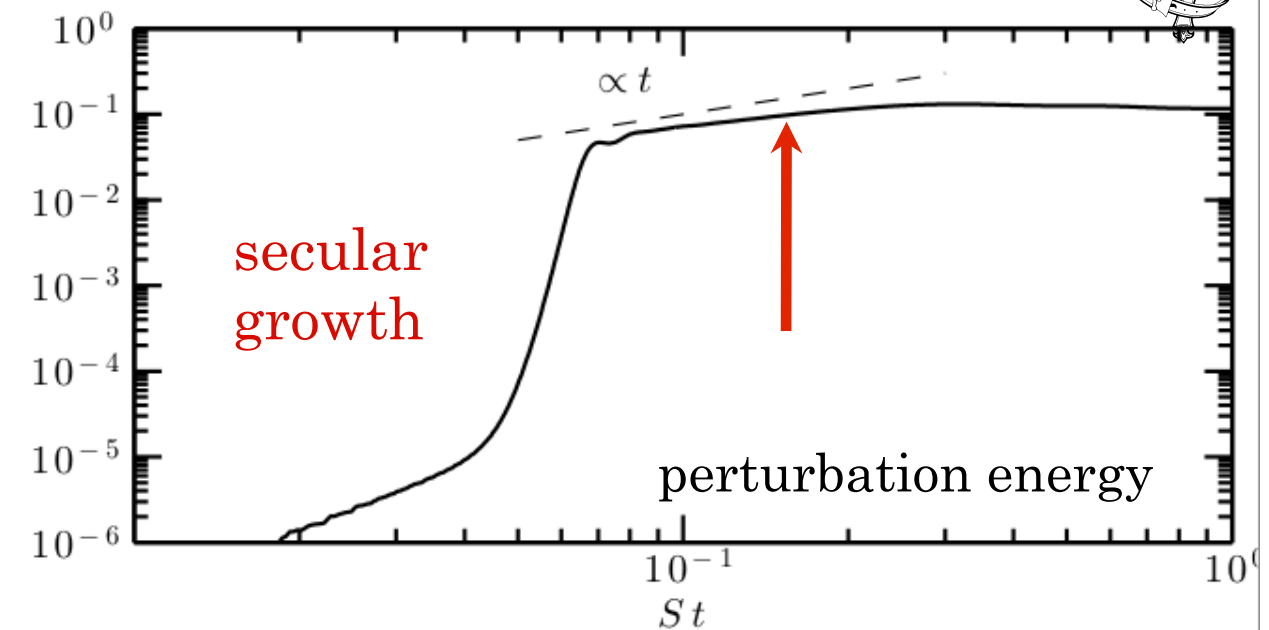
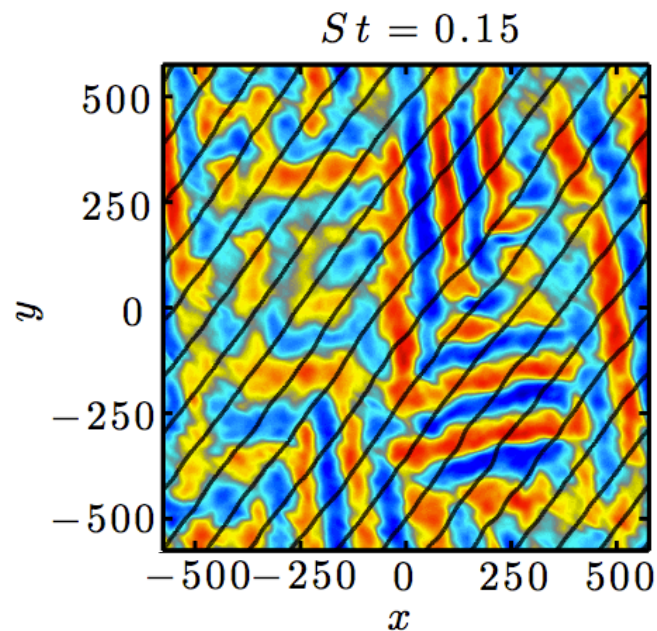
oblique modes

$$k_{\parallel} \rho_i \approx k_{\perp} \rho_i \approx 0.4$$



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Firehose Instability: Secular



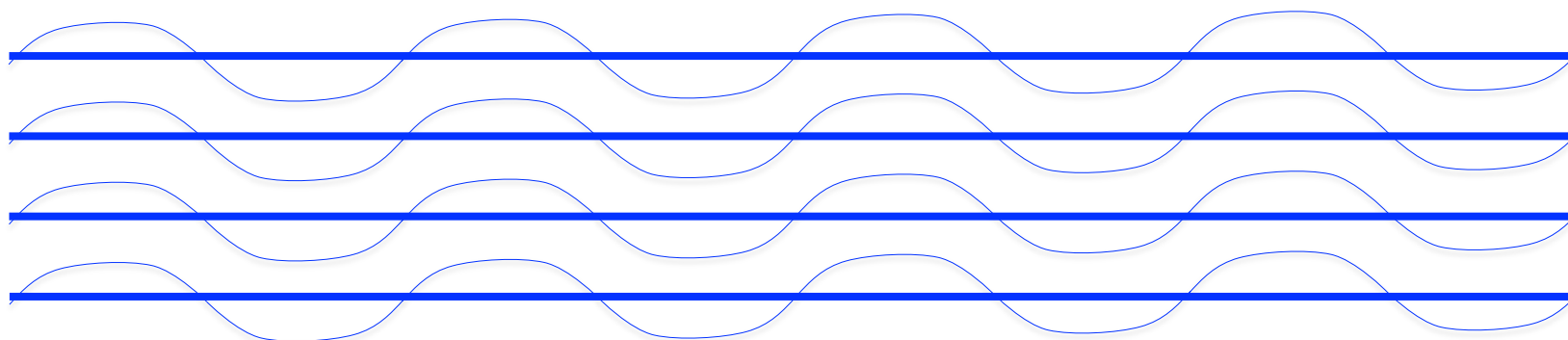
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marginal
stability



AAS et al., *PRL* **100**, 081301 (2008) [arXiv:0709.3828]

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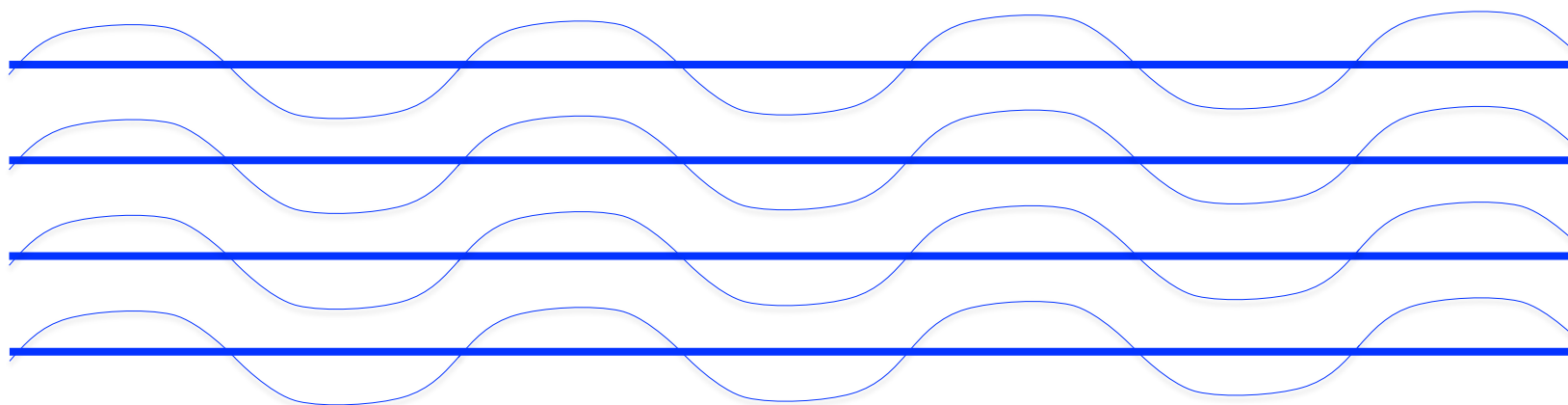
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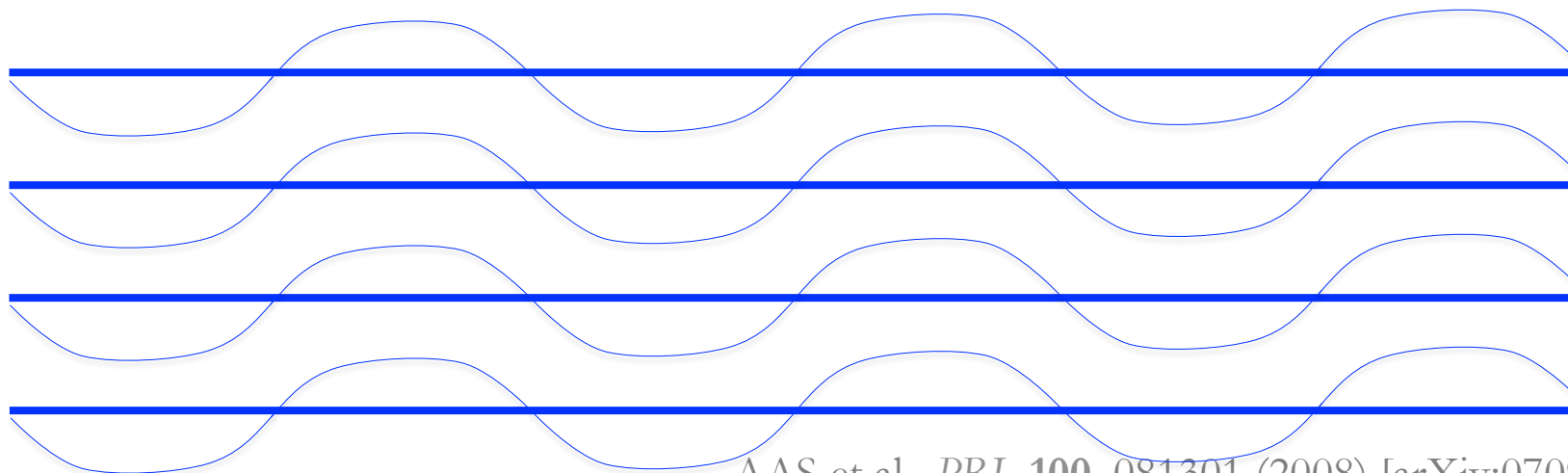
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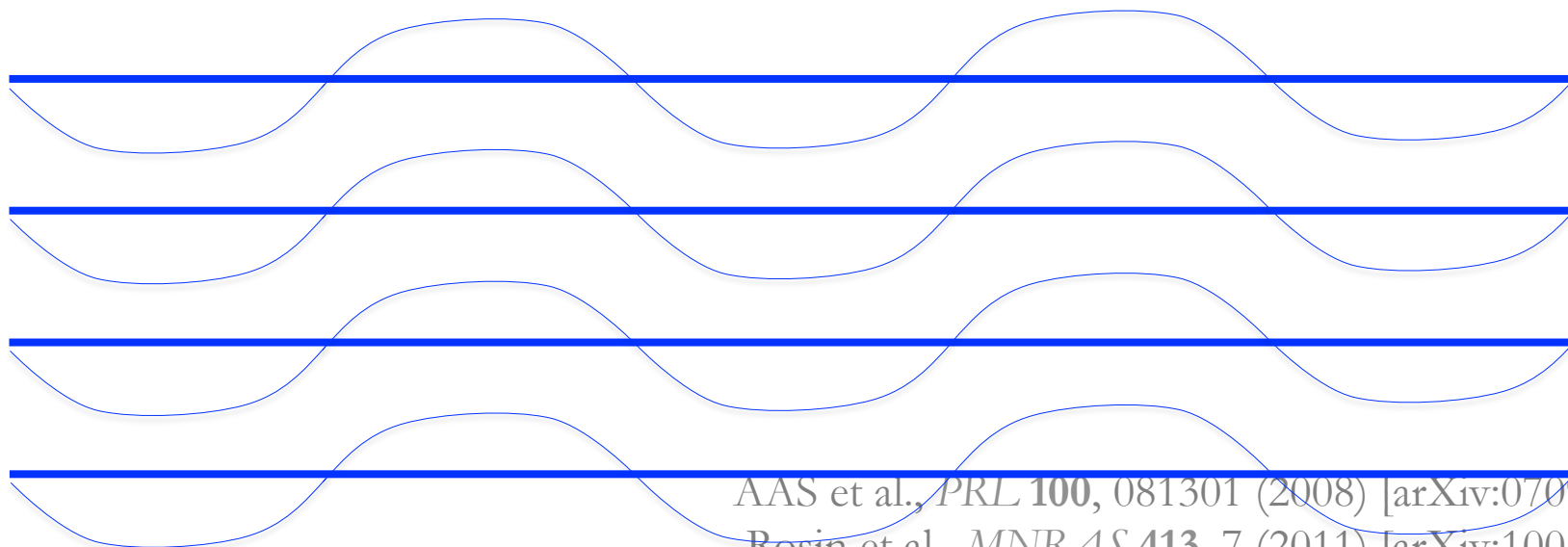
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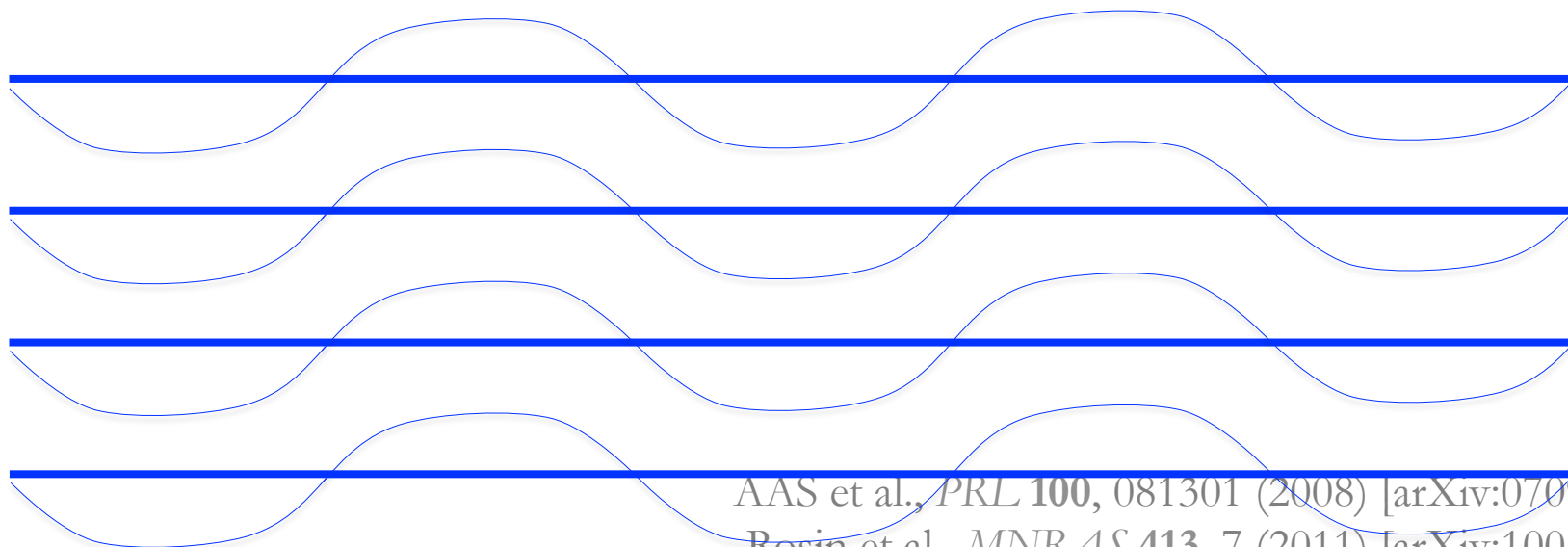
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$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{\overline{|\delta\mathbf{B}_\perp|^2}}{B_0^2} = 3S \int^t dt' \hat{b}_x(t') \hat{b}_y(t') - \frac{2}{\beta} \sim St \quad \text{secular growth}$$

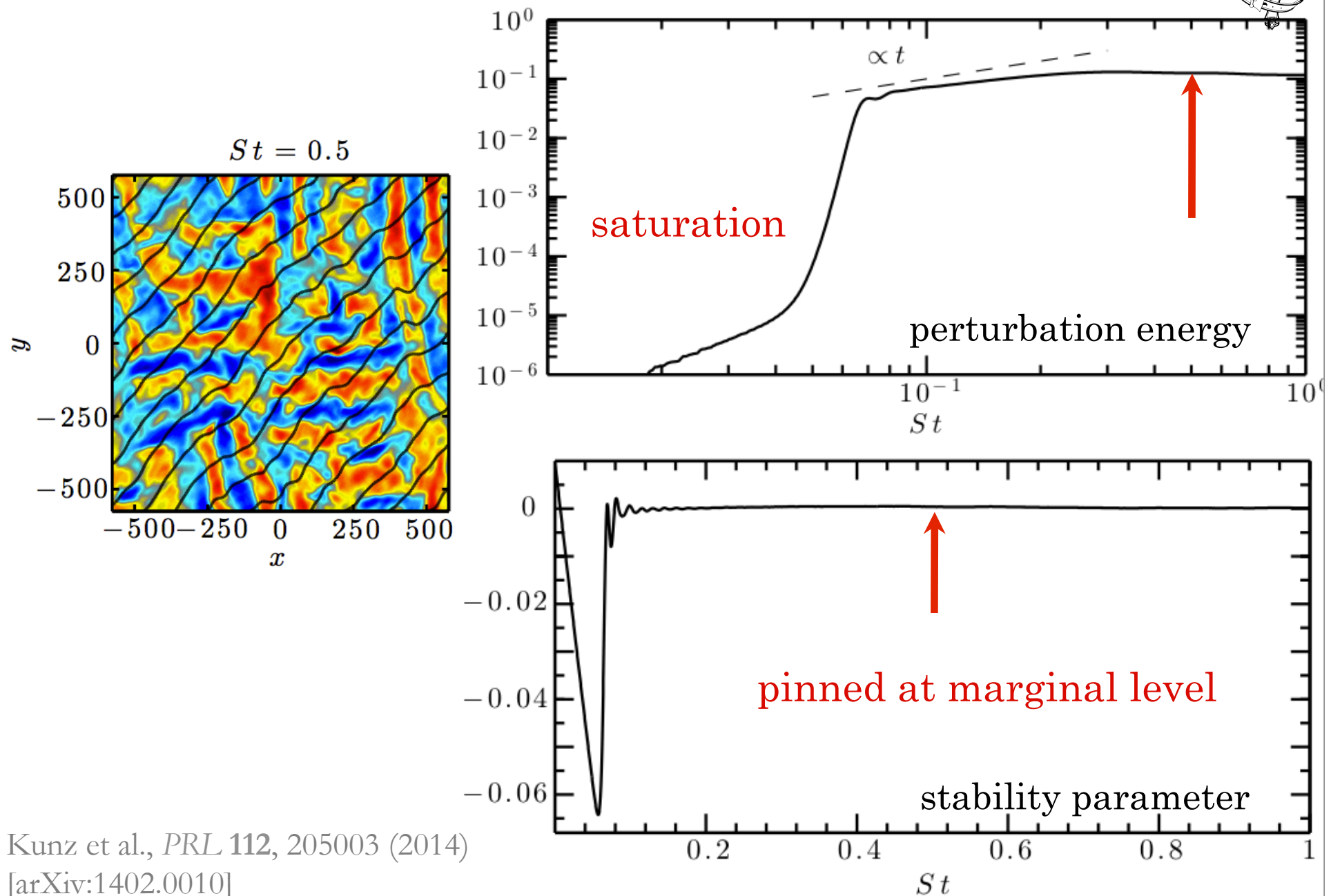


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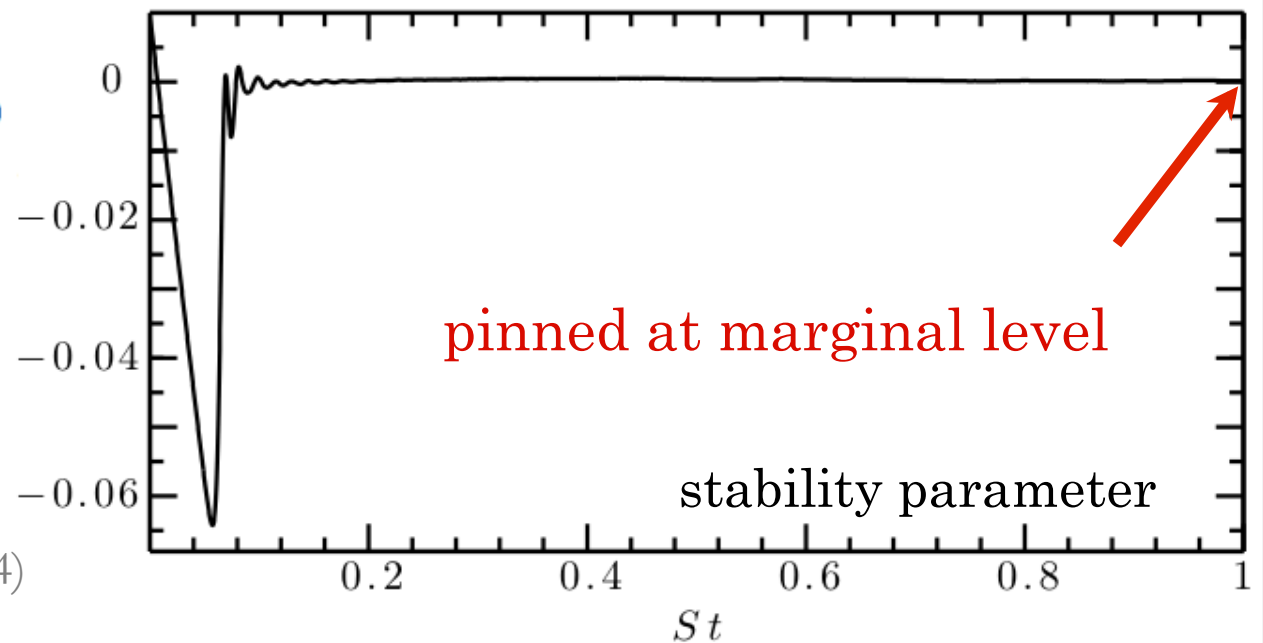
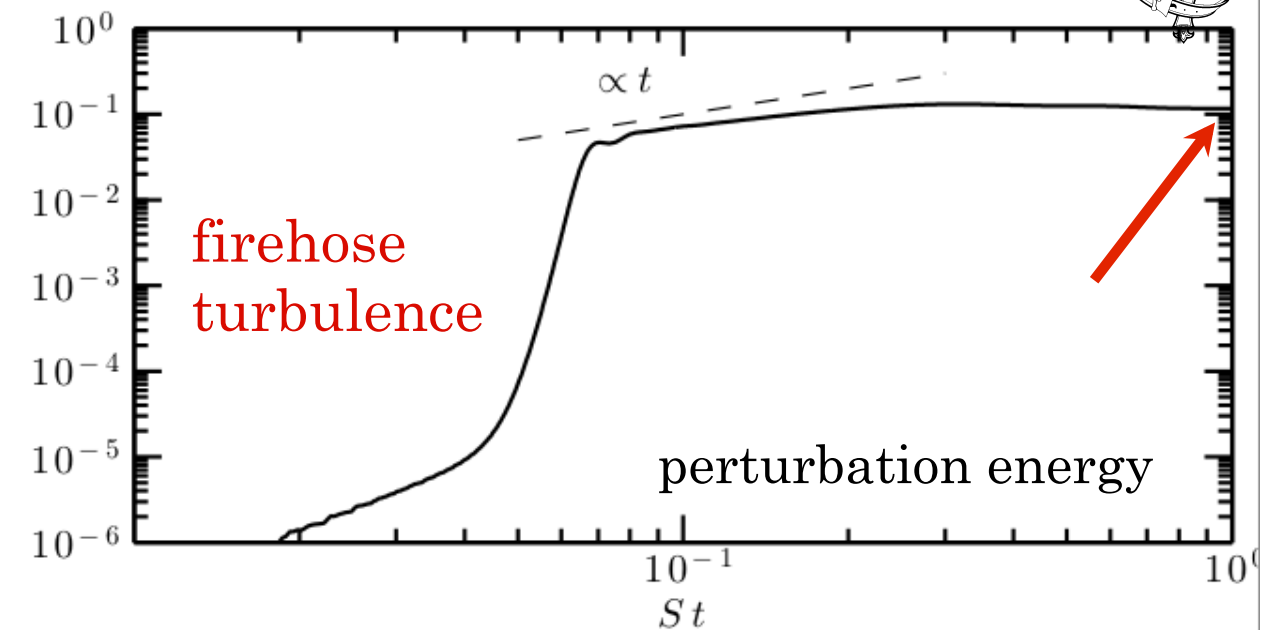
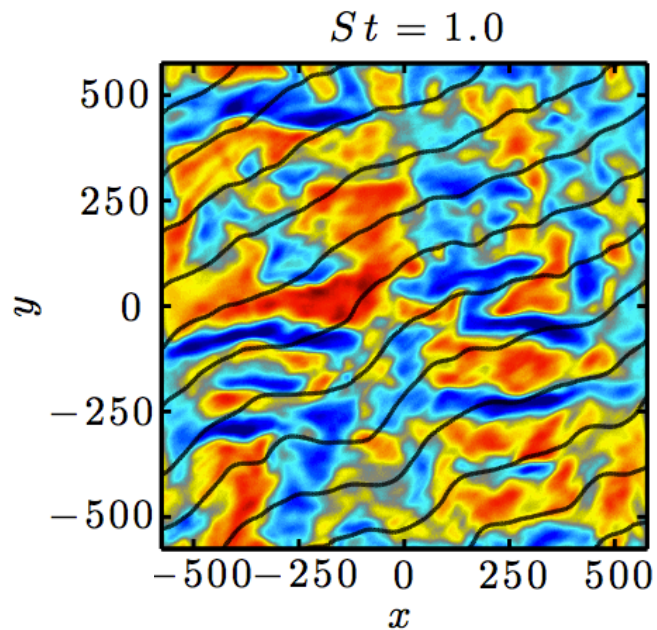
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Firehose Instability: Saturated



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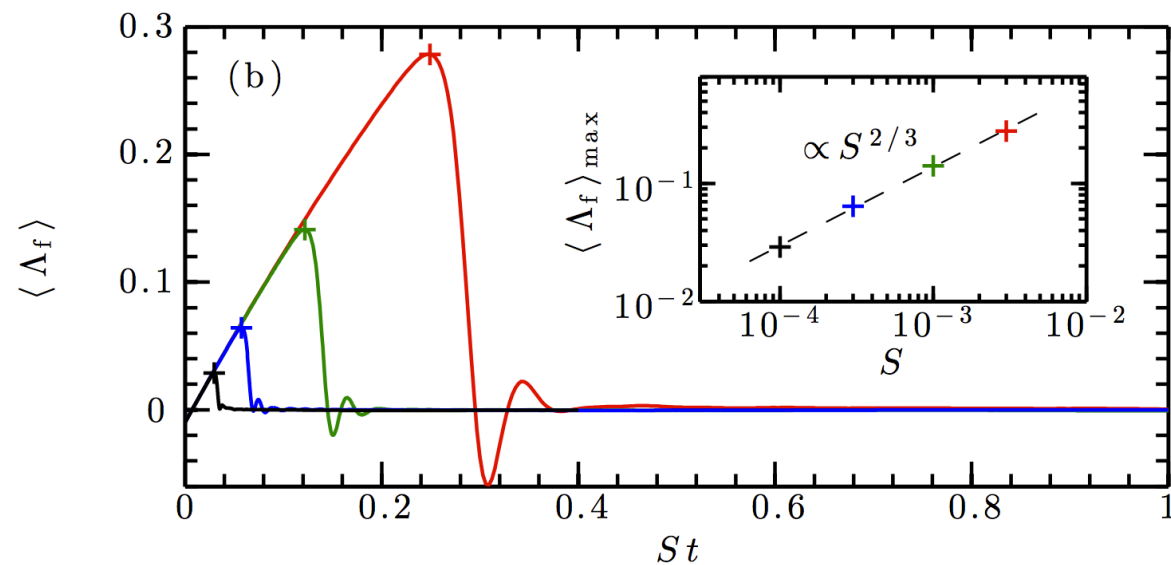
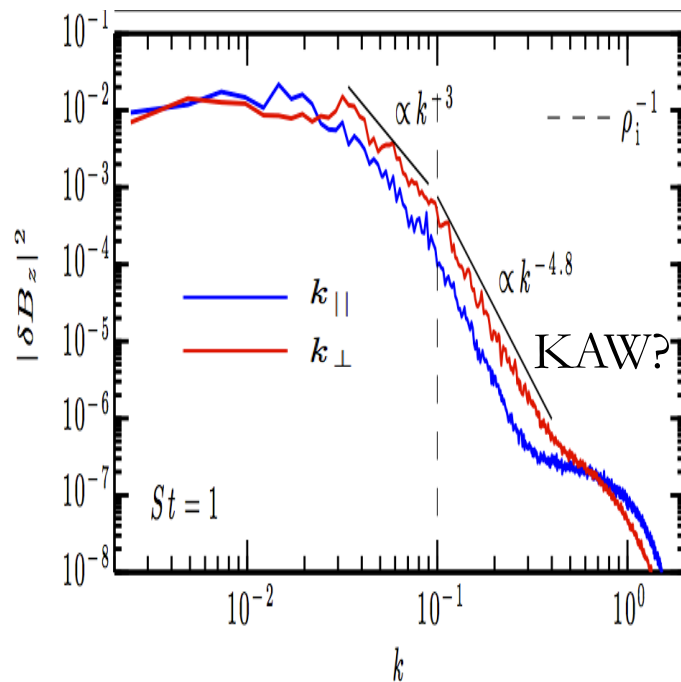
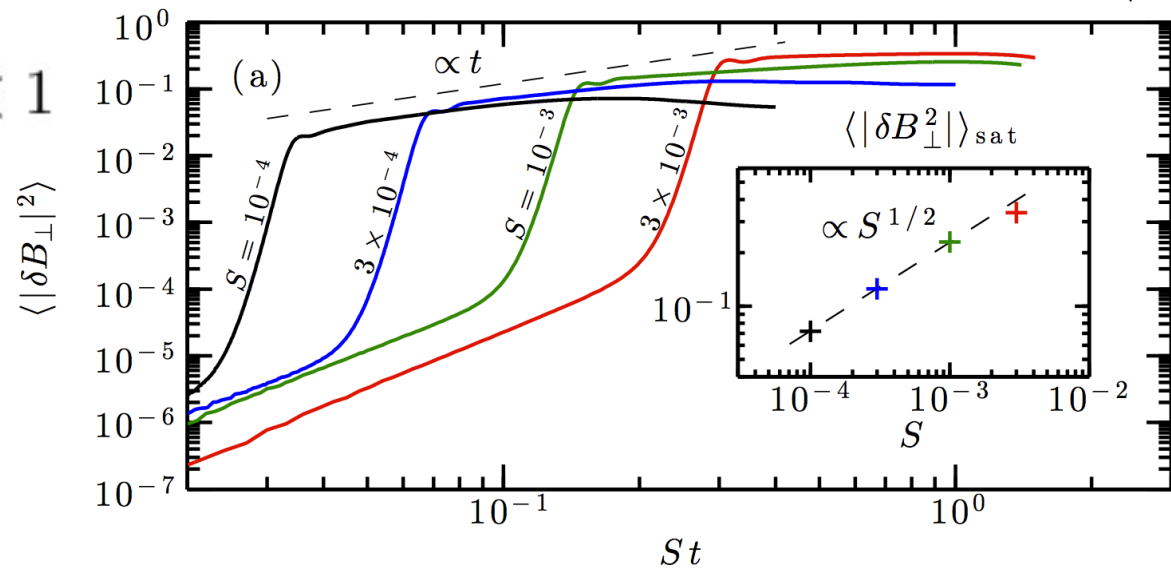


Firehose Saturates at Small Amplitudes

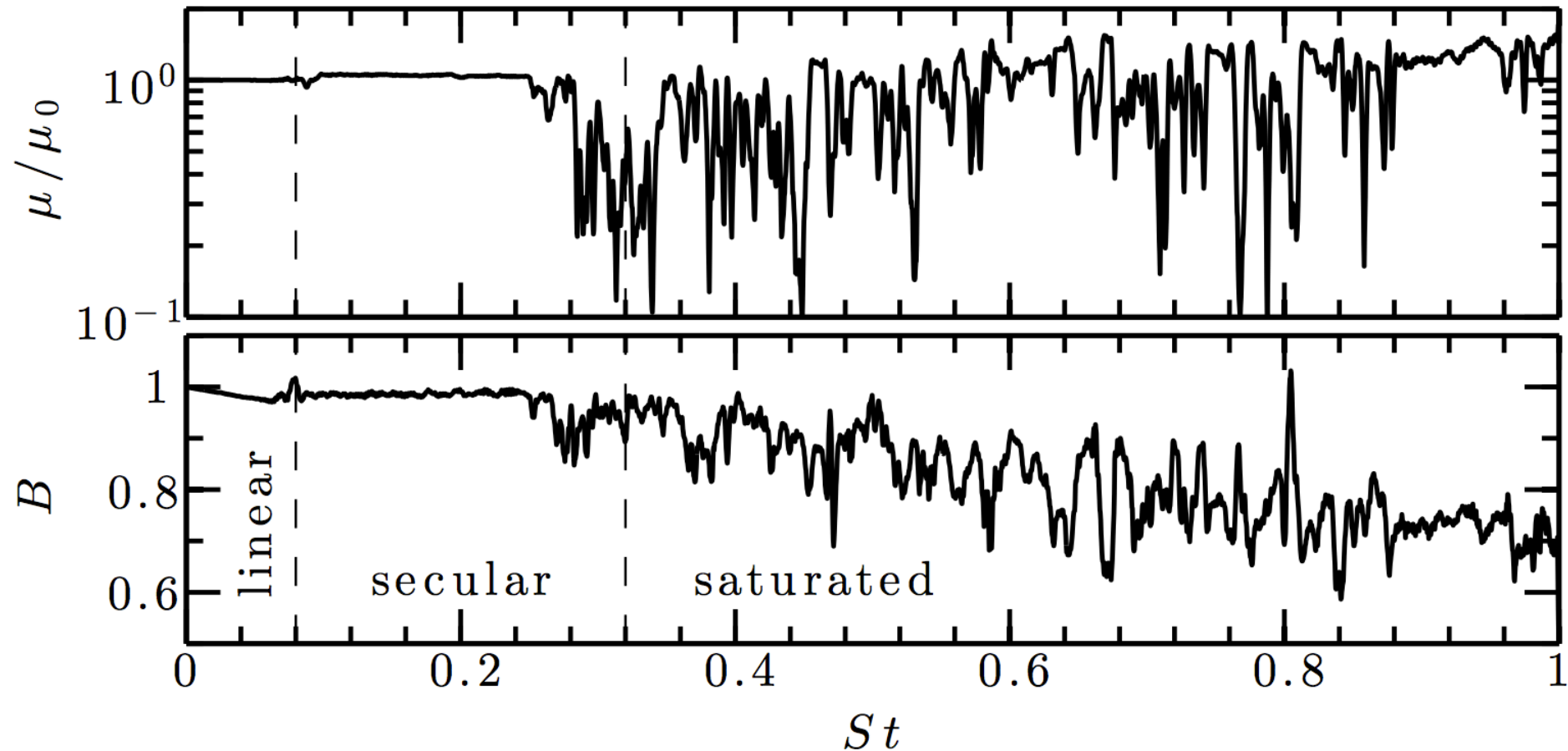


$$\frac{\langle |\delta \mathbf{B}_\perp|^2 \rangle}{B_0^2} \propto \left(\frac{S}{\Omega_i} \right)^{1/2} \ll 1$$

small-amplitude
Larmor-scale
firehose turbulence



Saturated Firehose Scatters Particles

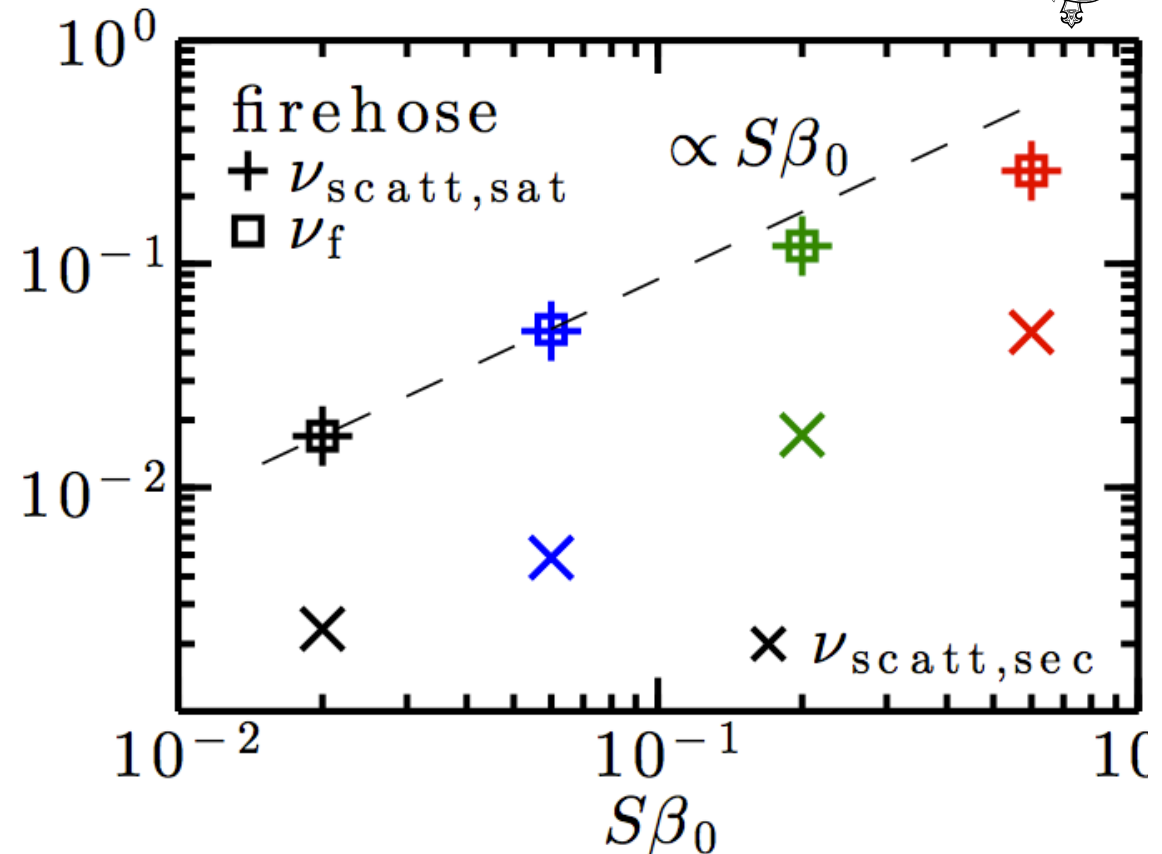


μ conservation is broken at long times, firehose fluctuations scatter particles to maintain pressure anisotropy at marginal level

Saturated Firehose Scatters Particles

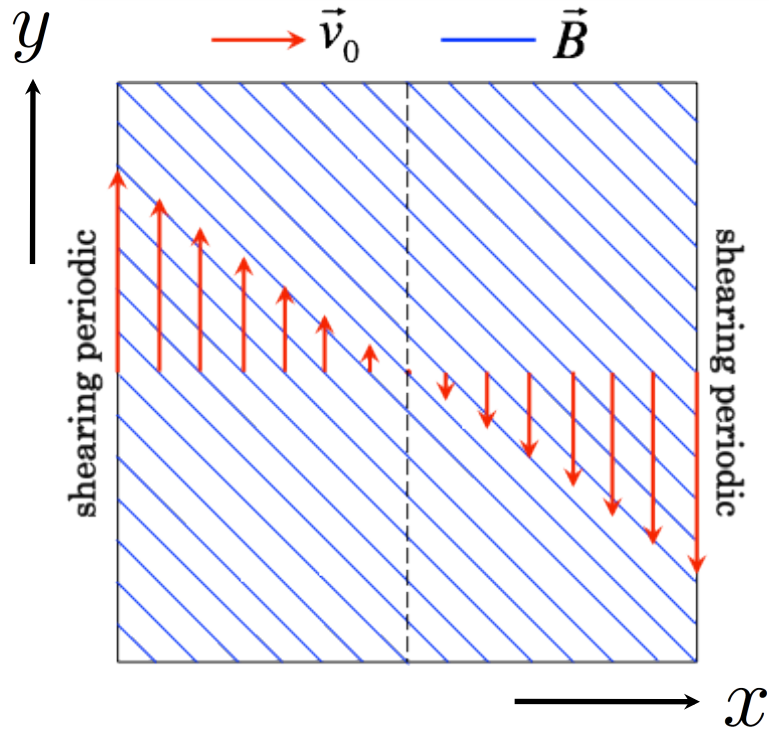


$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\Delta}{dt} &= 3 \frac{d \ln |\langle \mathbf{B} \rangle|}{dt} - \nu_f \Delta \\ &= 0 \\ \nu_f &= \frac{3}{\Delta} \frac{d \ln |\langle \mathbf{B} \rangle|}{dt} \\ &= -\frac{3\beta}{2} \frac{d \ln |\langle \mathbf{B} \rangle|}{dt} \\ &\sim S\beta\end{aligned}$$

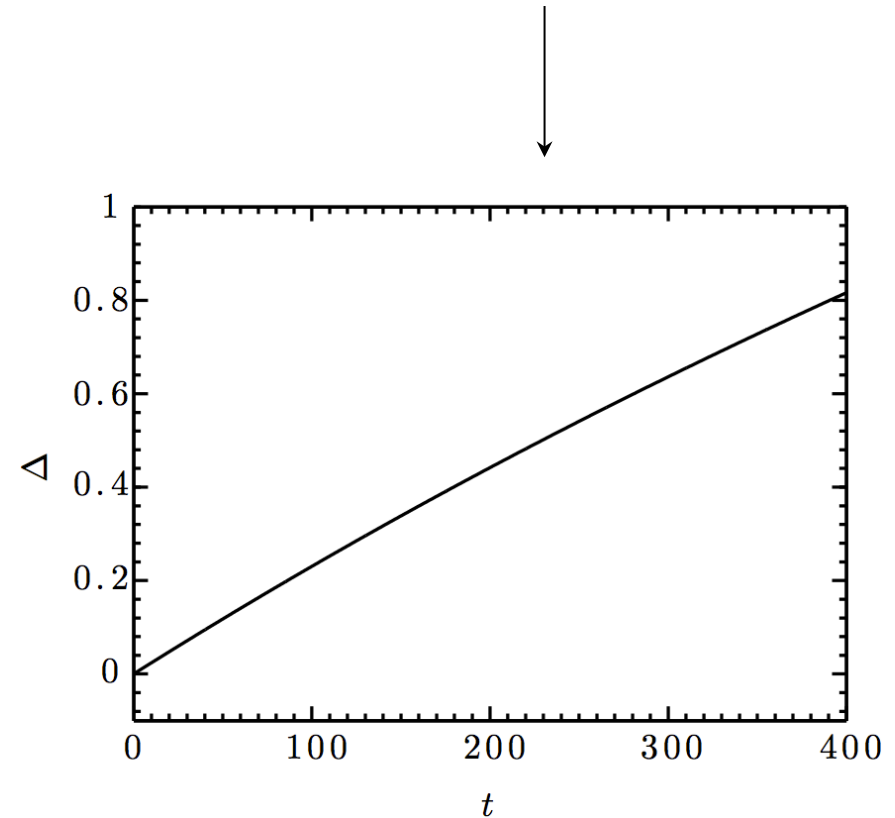


- \square effective collisionality required to maintain marginal stability
- $+$ measured scattering rate during the saturated phase
- \times measured scattering rate during the secular phase

Mirror Instability (M. Kunz)



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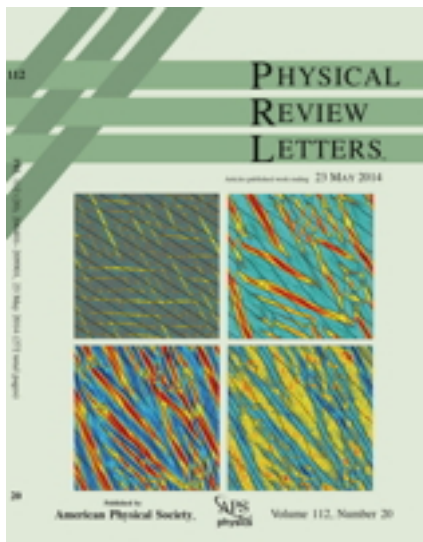
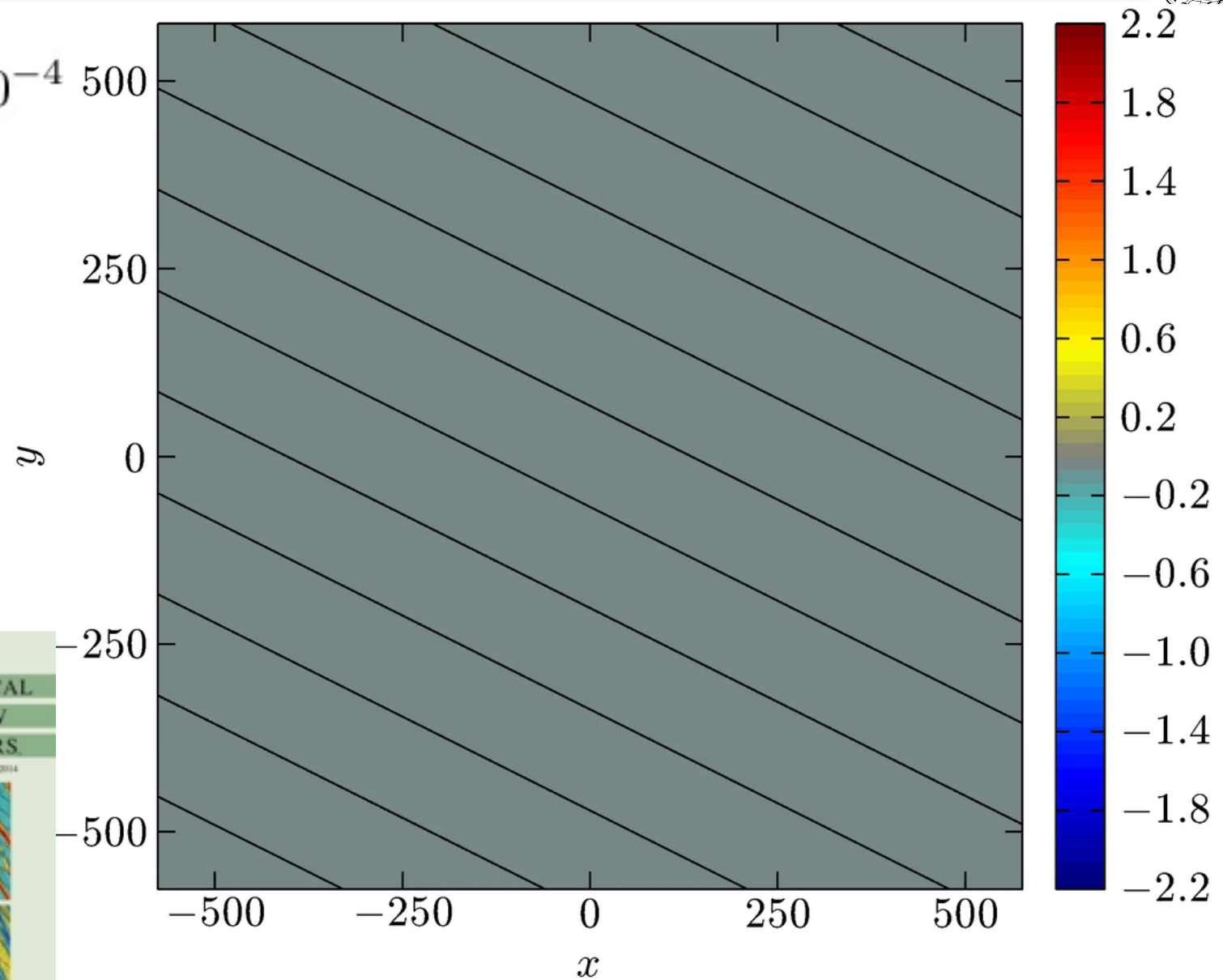
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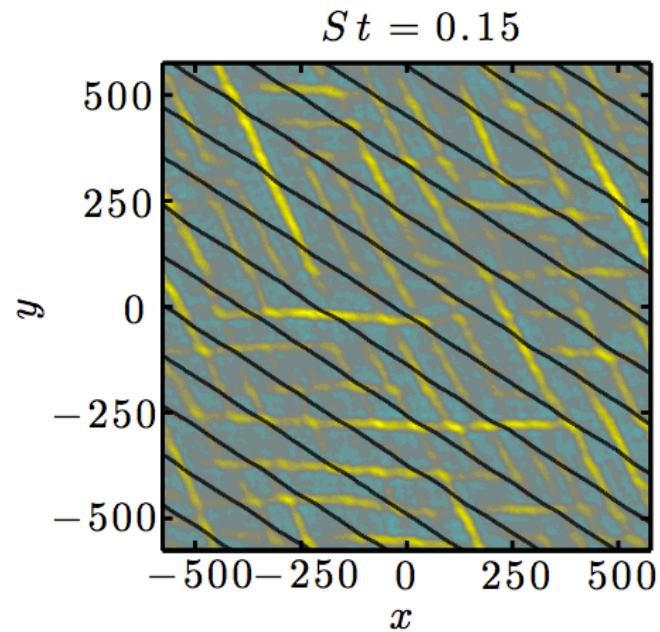
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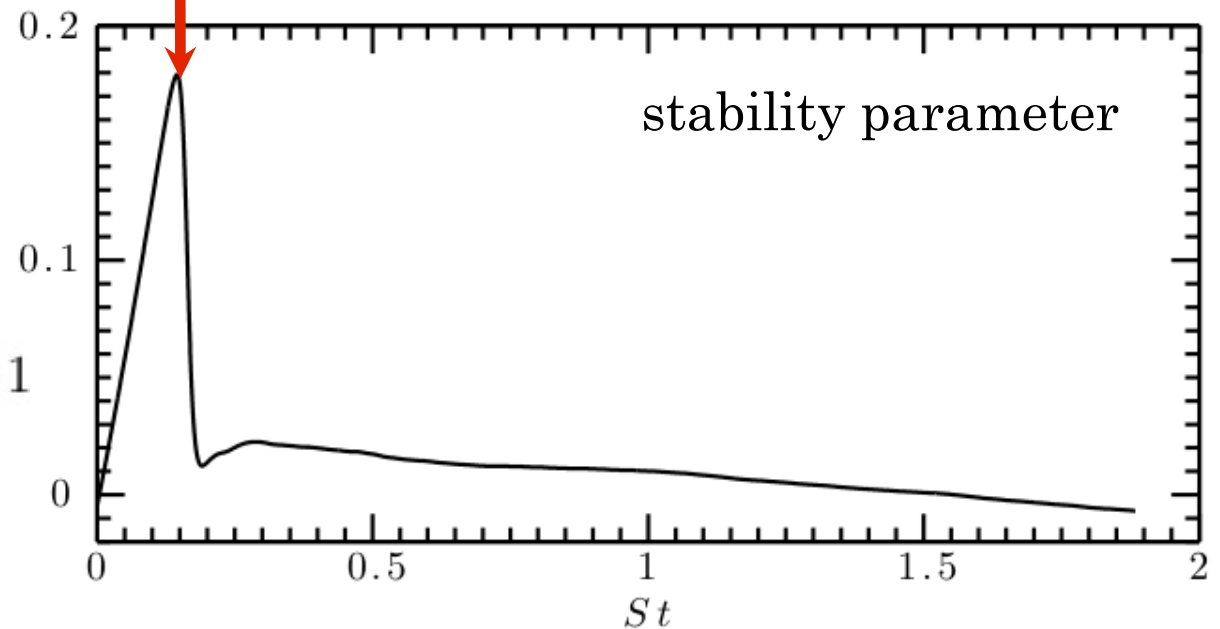
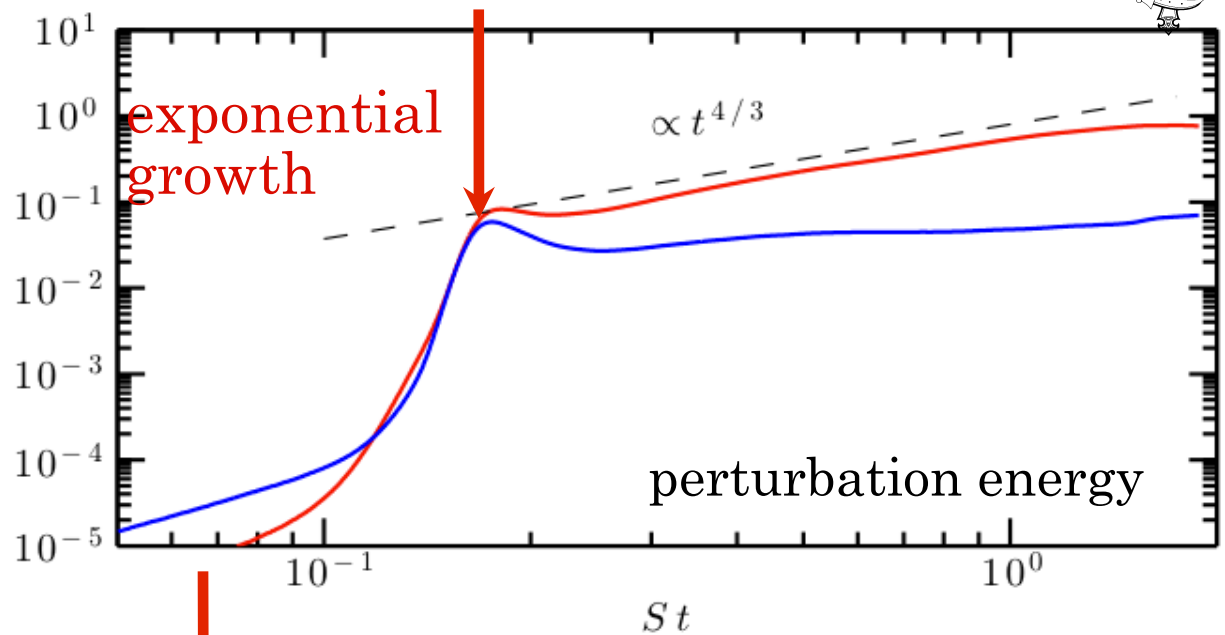
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Mirror Instability: Linear

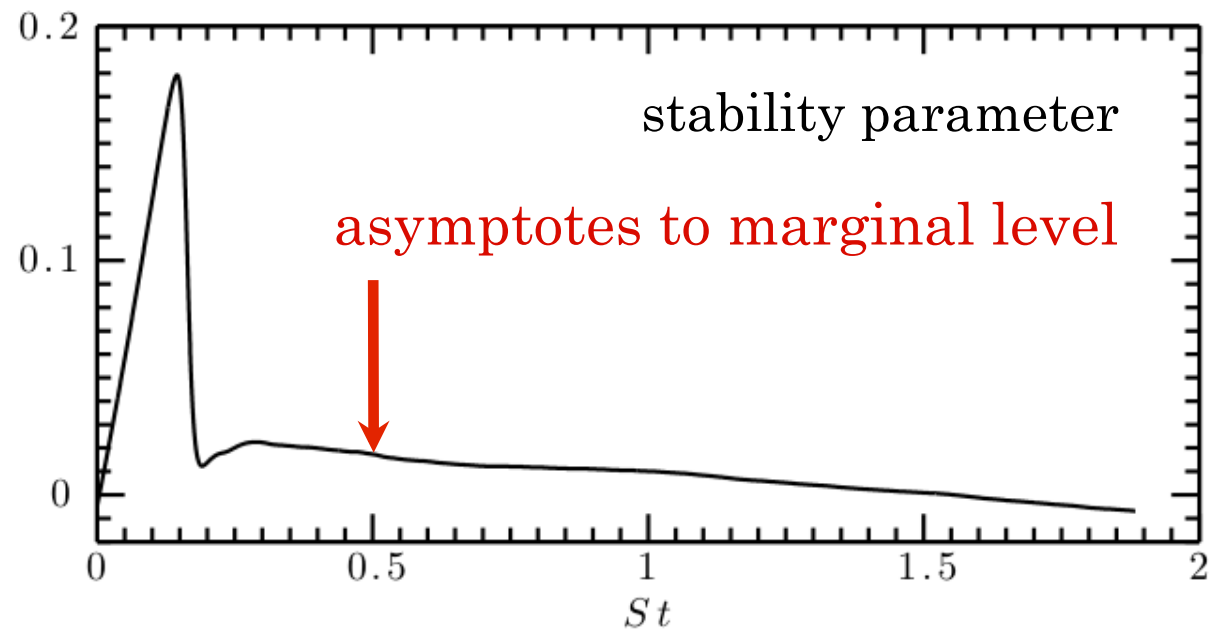
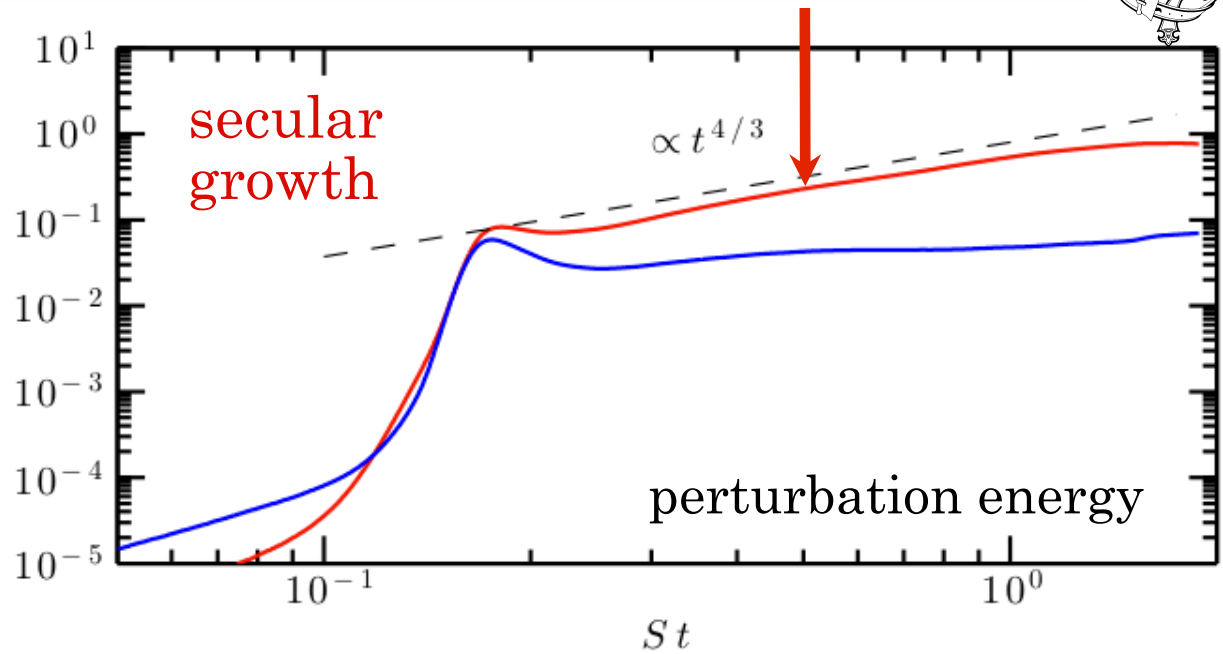
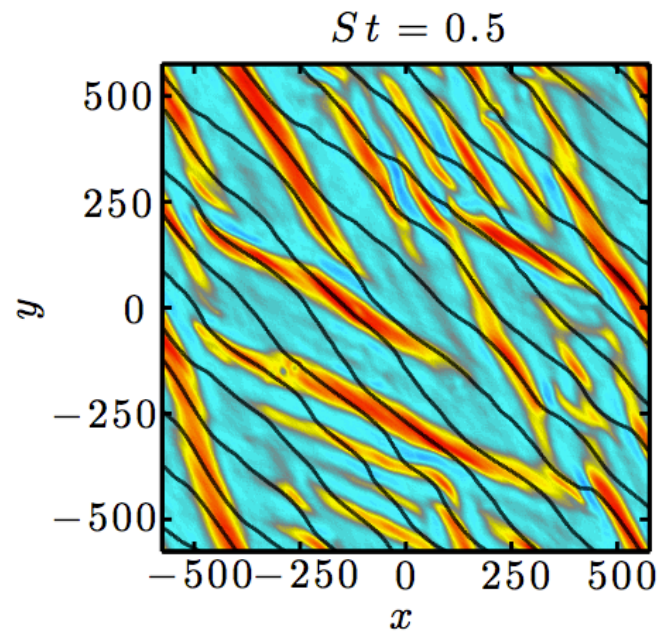


long, oblique modes

$$k_{\parallel} \rho_i \sim \left(\Delta - \frac{1}{\beta} \right)^{1/2} \quad k_{\perp} \rho_i \ll 1$$



Mirror Instability: Secular



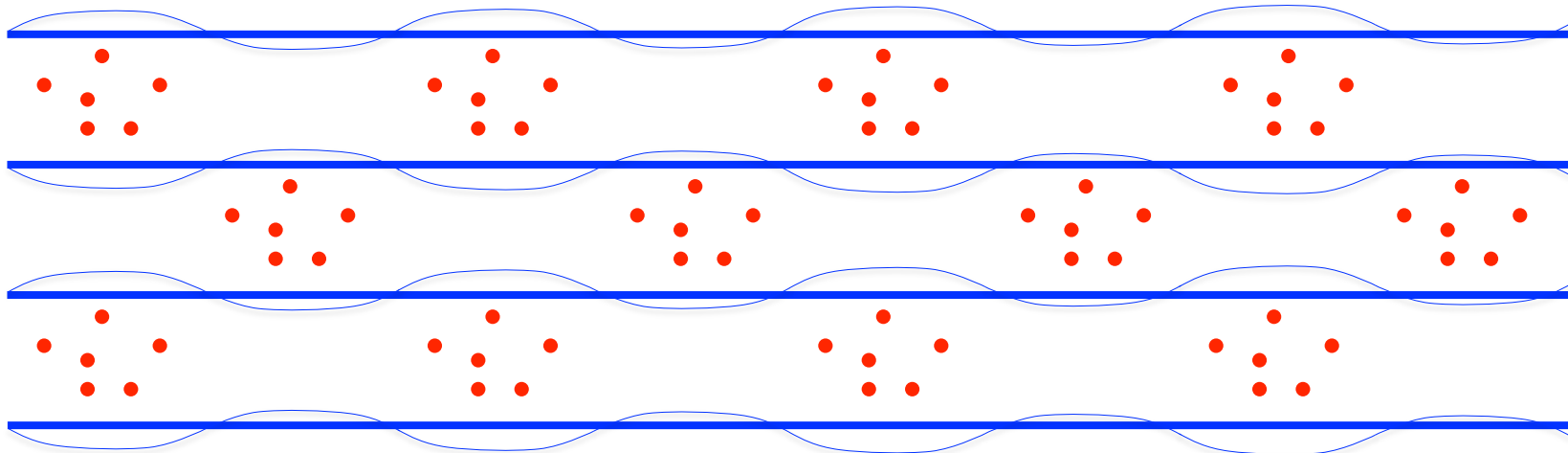
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marginal
stability



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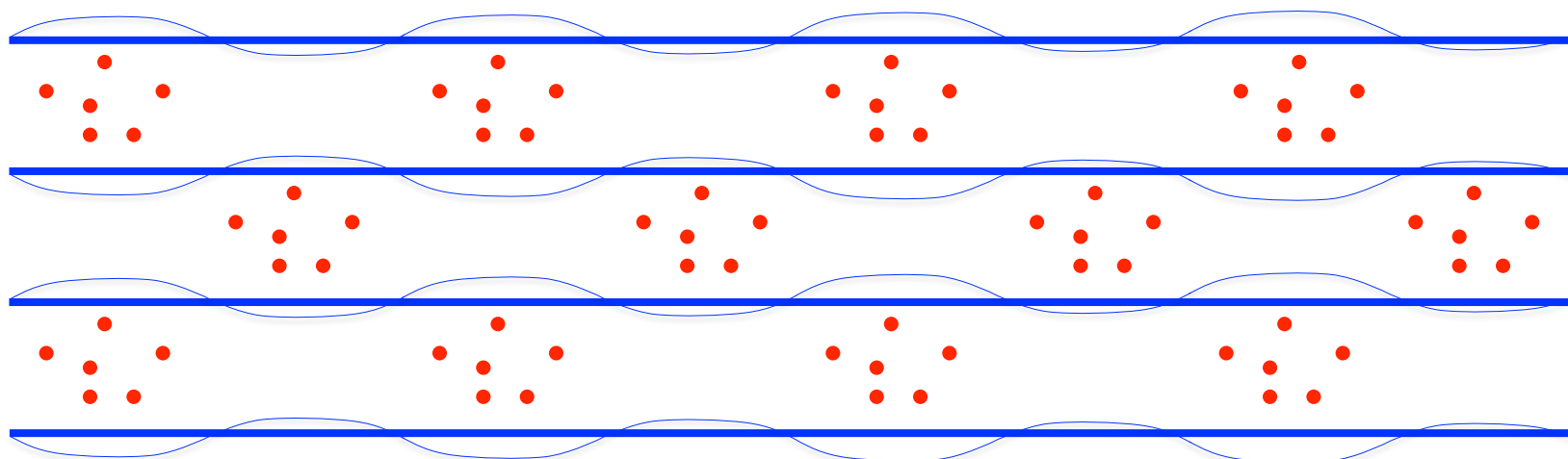
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$$\overline{B} = B_0 + \overline{\delta B_{\parallel}}$$

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marginal stability



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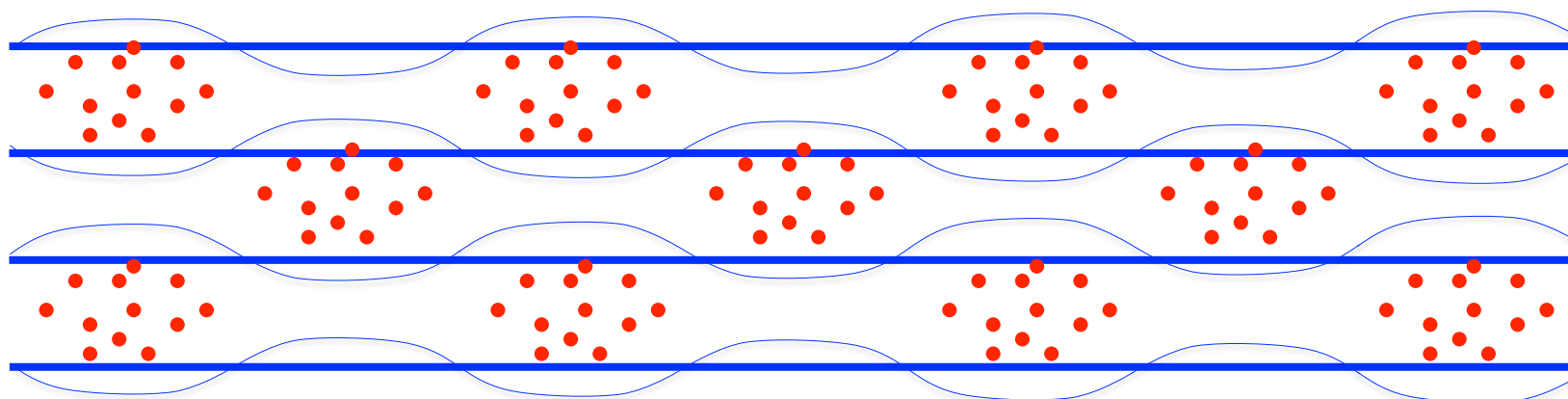
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marginal
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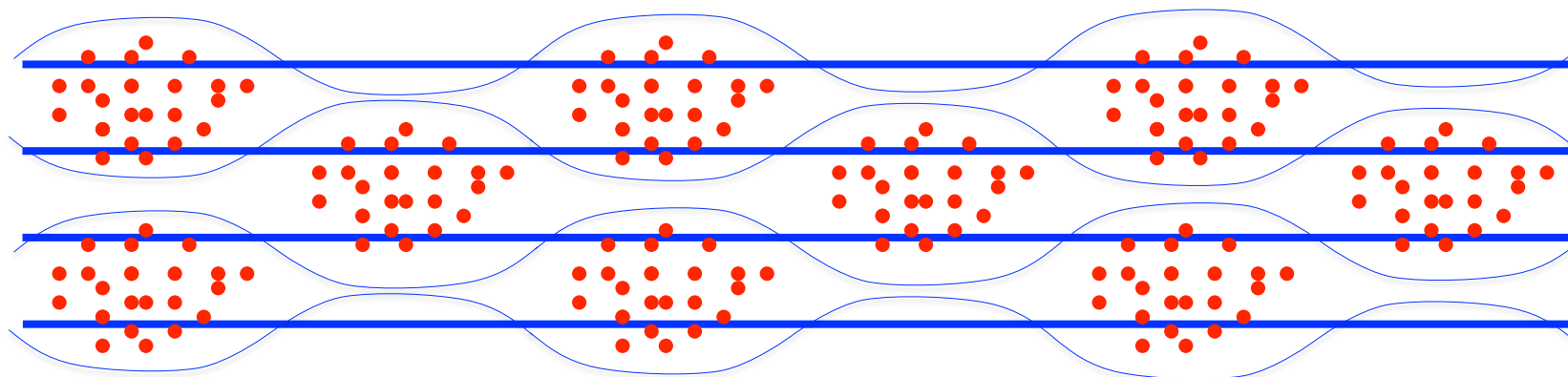
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(fraction $\sim |\delta B_{\parallel}/B_0|^{1/2}$)



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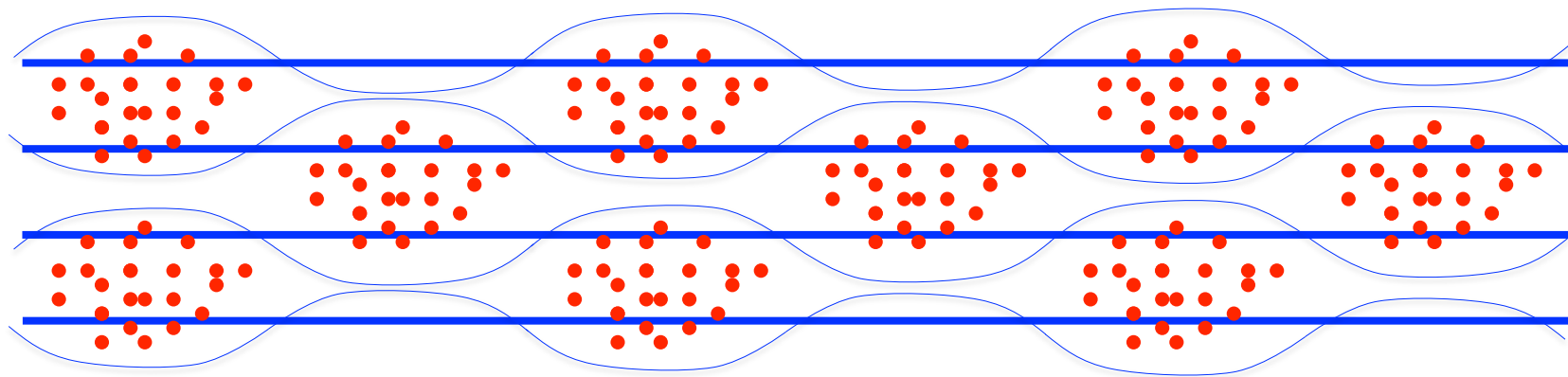


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$$\overline{\left| \frac{\delta B_{\parallel}}{B_0} \right|^{3/2}} = S \int^t dt' \hat{b}_x(t') \hat{b}_y(t') - \frac{1}{\beta} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta B_{\parallel}^2}{B_0^2} \sim (St)^{4/3}$$

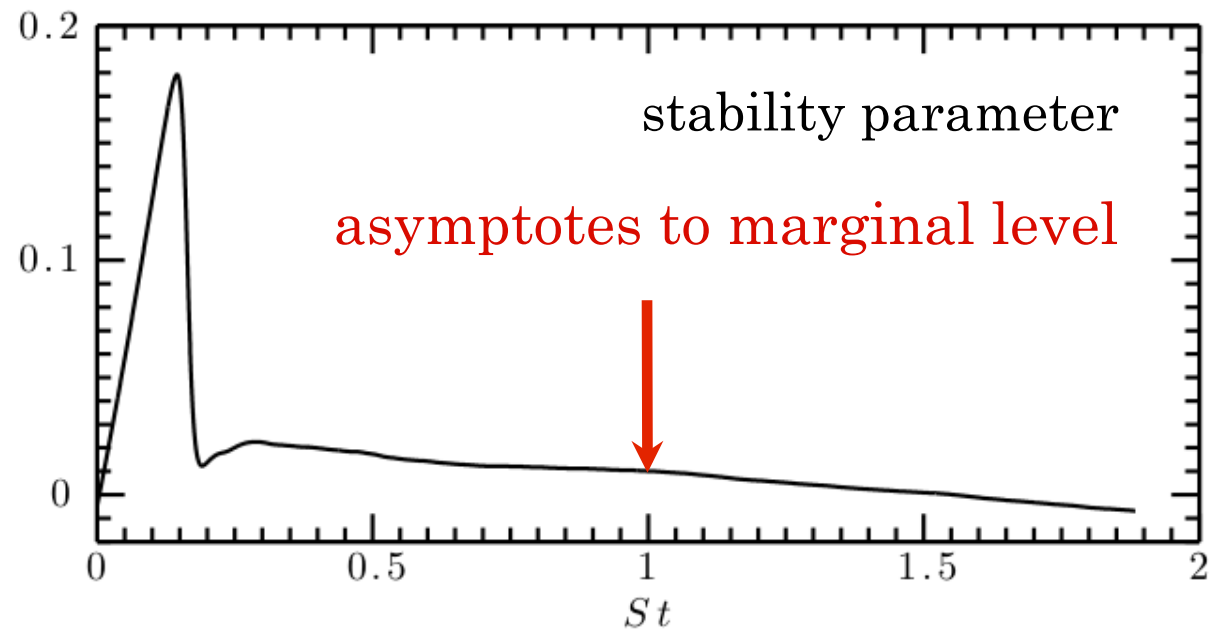
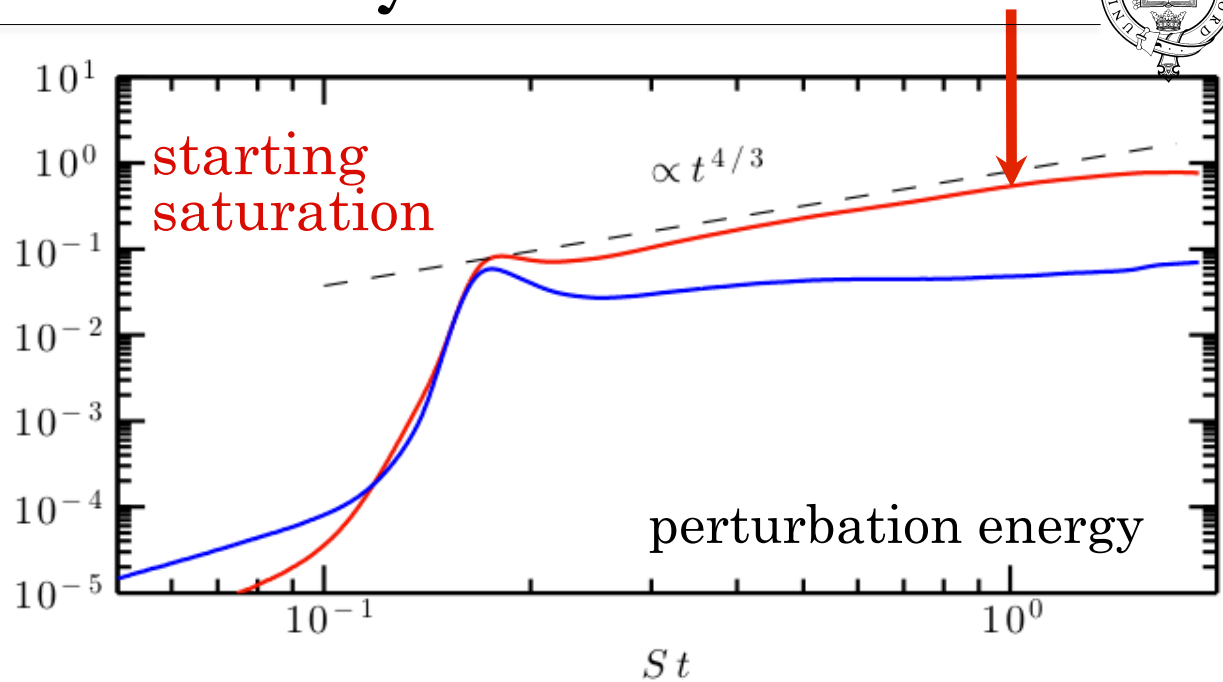
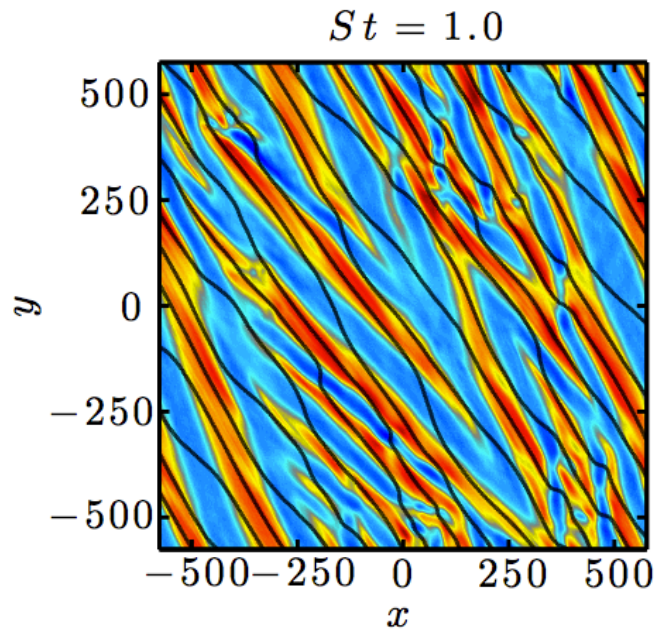
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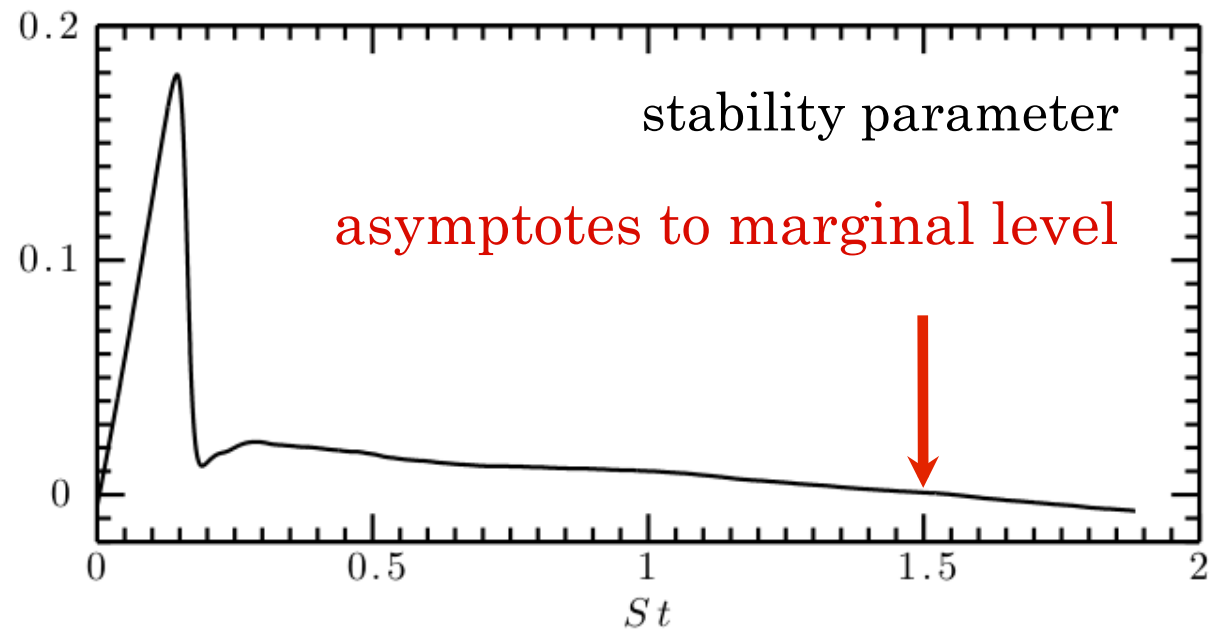
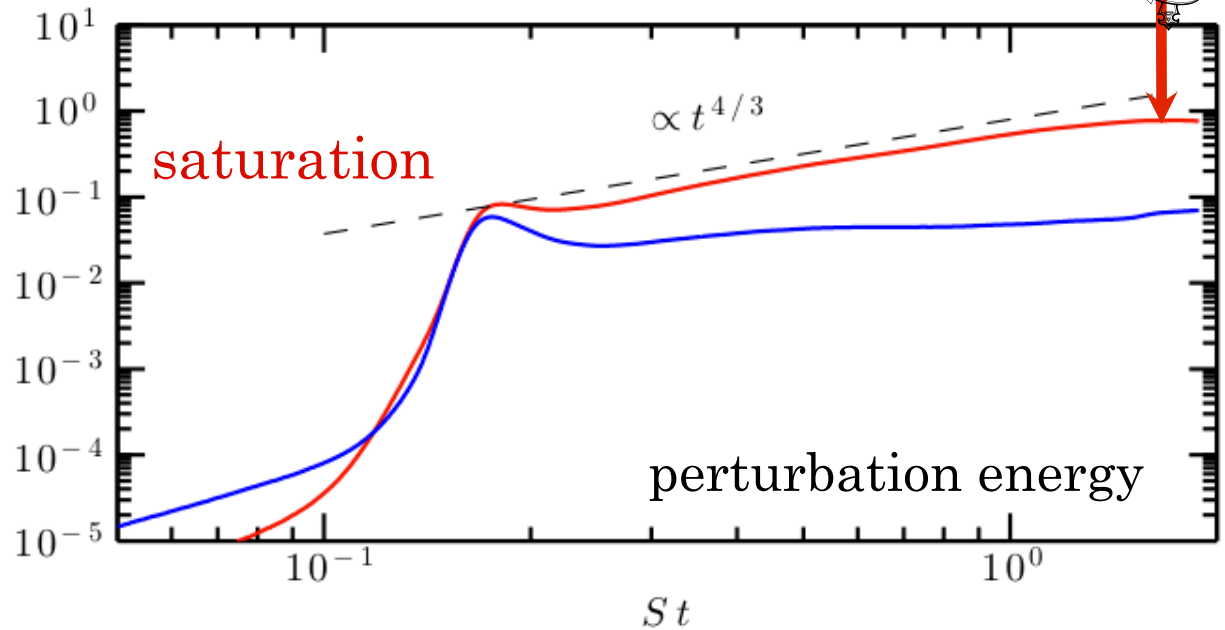
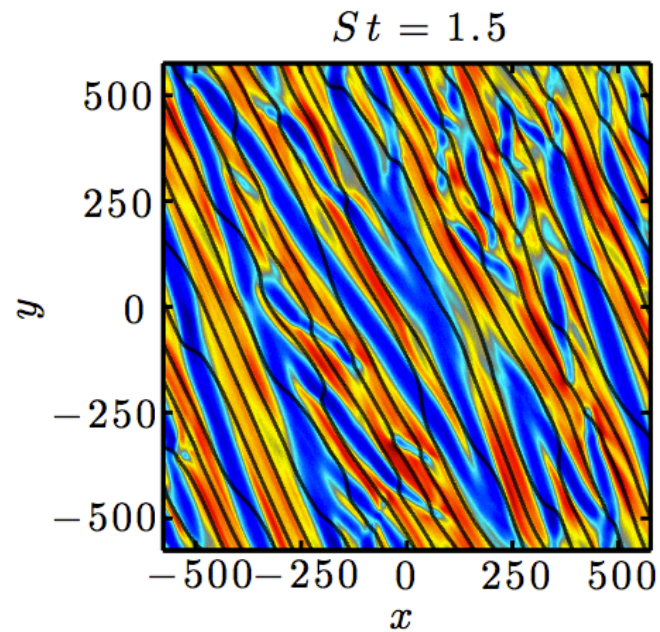
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Mirror Instability: Secular



Mirror Instability: Saturated

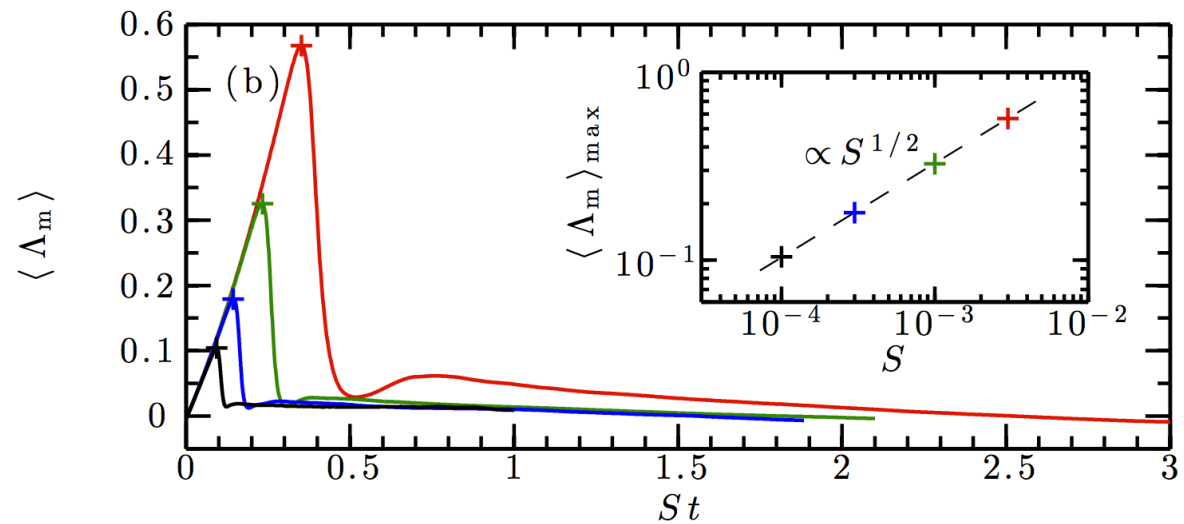
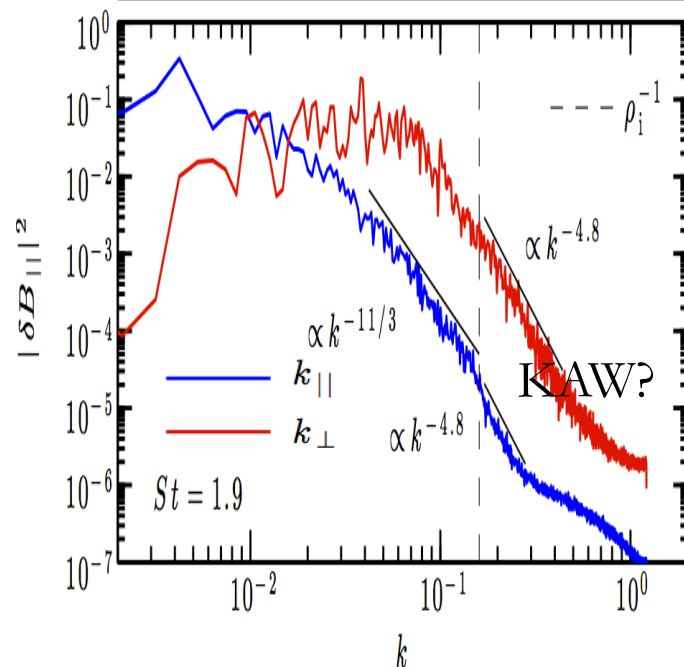
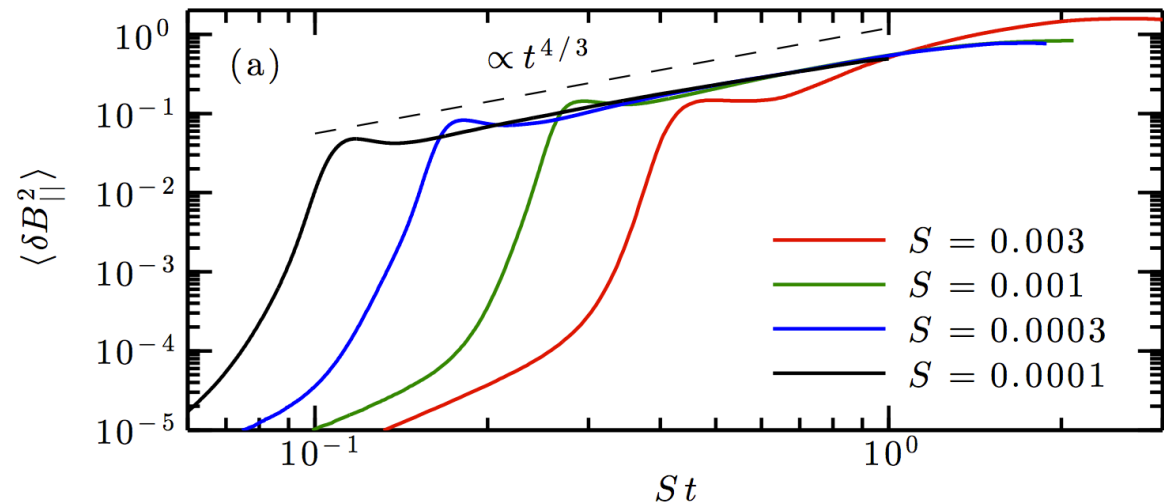


Mirror Saturates at Order-Unity Amplitudes

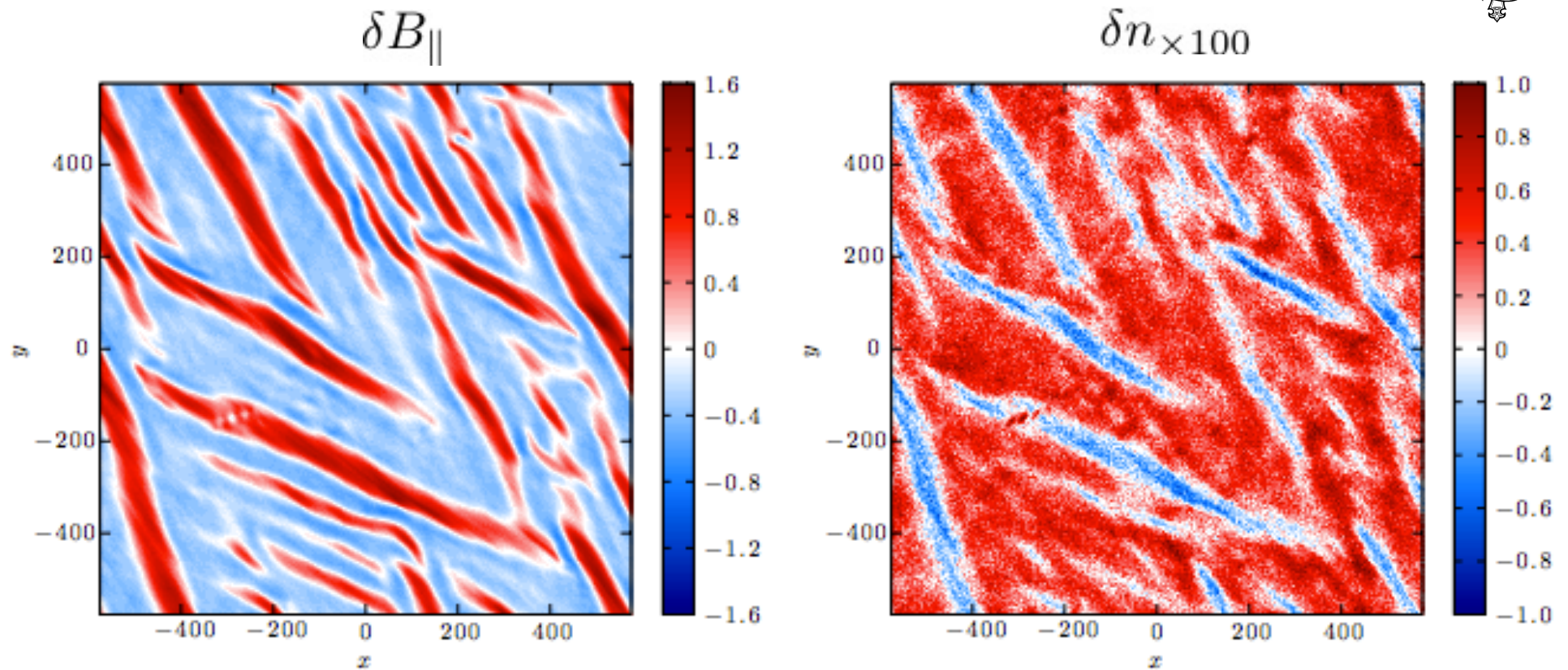


$$\frac{\langle \delta B_{\parallel}^2 \rangle}{B_0^2} \sim 1$$

order-unity-amplitude
(independent of S)
long-parallel-scale
mirror turbulence

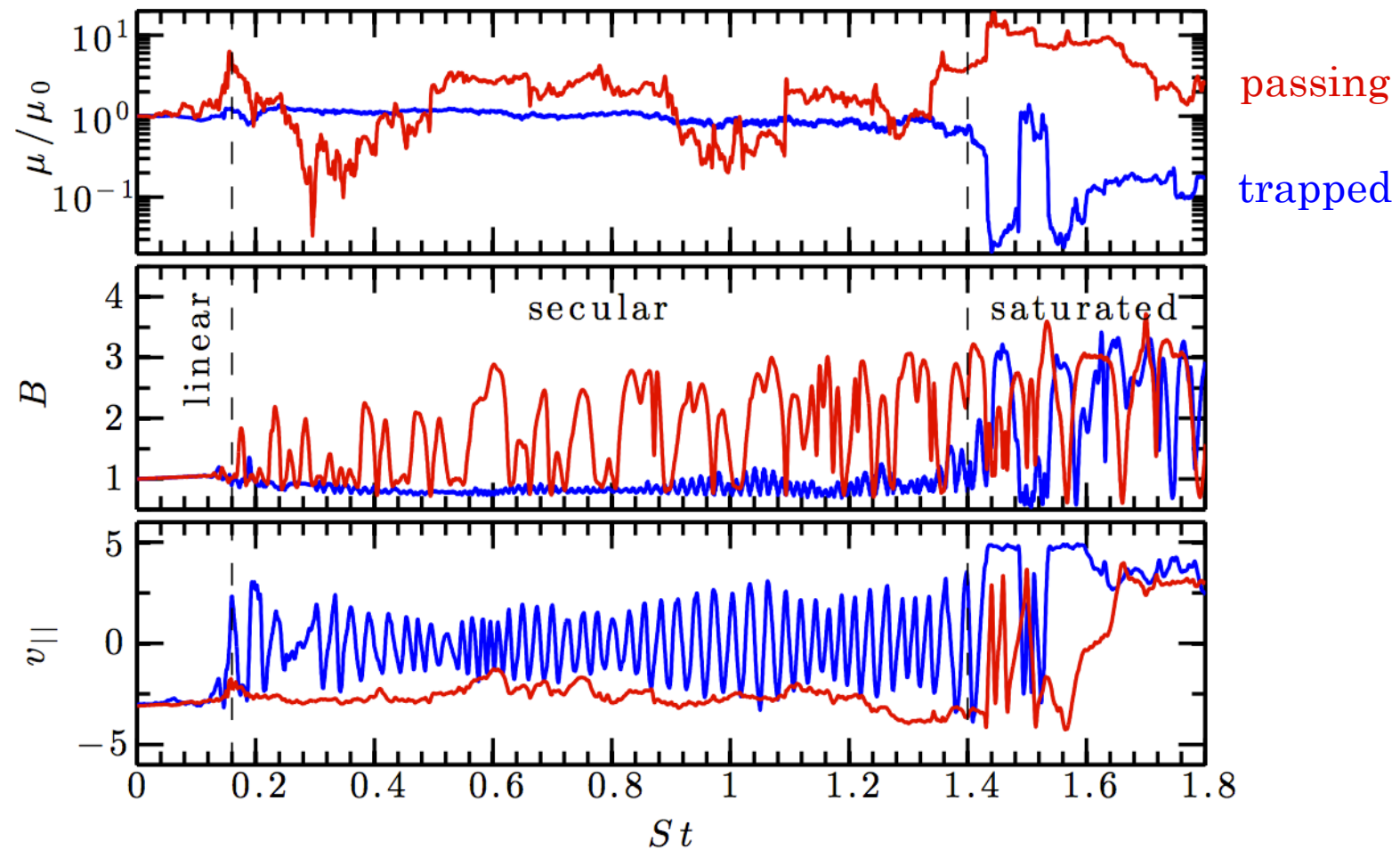


Mirror Instability: Trapped Particles



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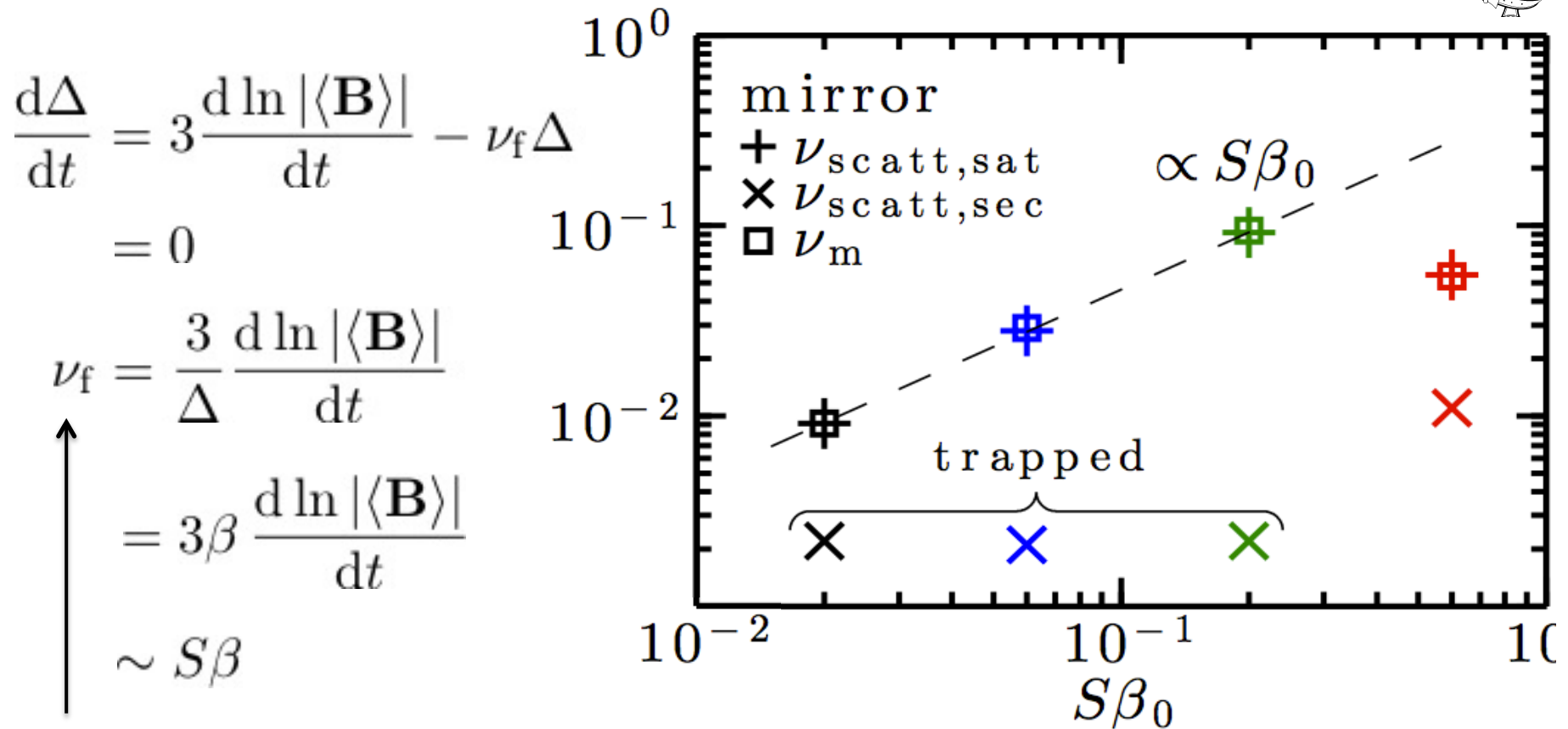
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Discussion



➤ What can **plasma physics** do for **galaxy clusters**?

- Help with old questions:
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Mean field theory for high-beta (ICM) plasmas.
- New questions: see below.

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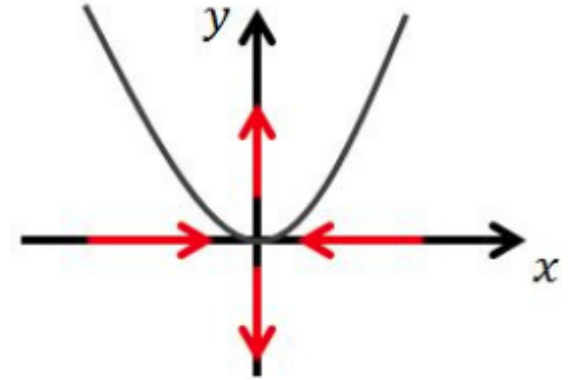
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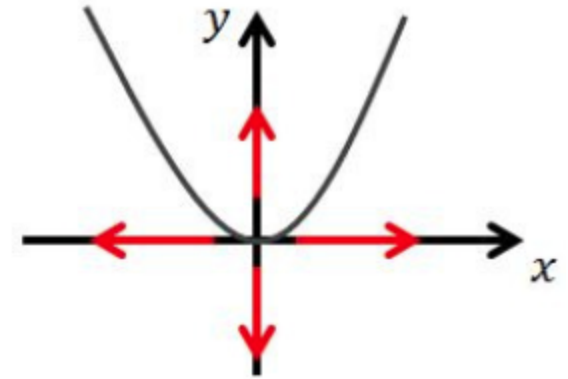


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