

Dynamics of Self-Sustained Turbulence in Astrophysics:  
**MRI-Driven Turbulence in  
Accretion Disks**

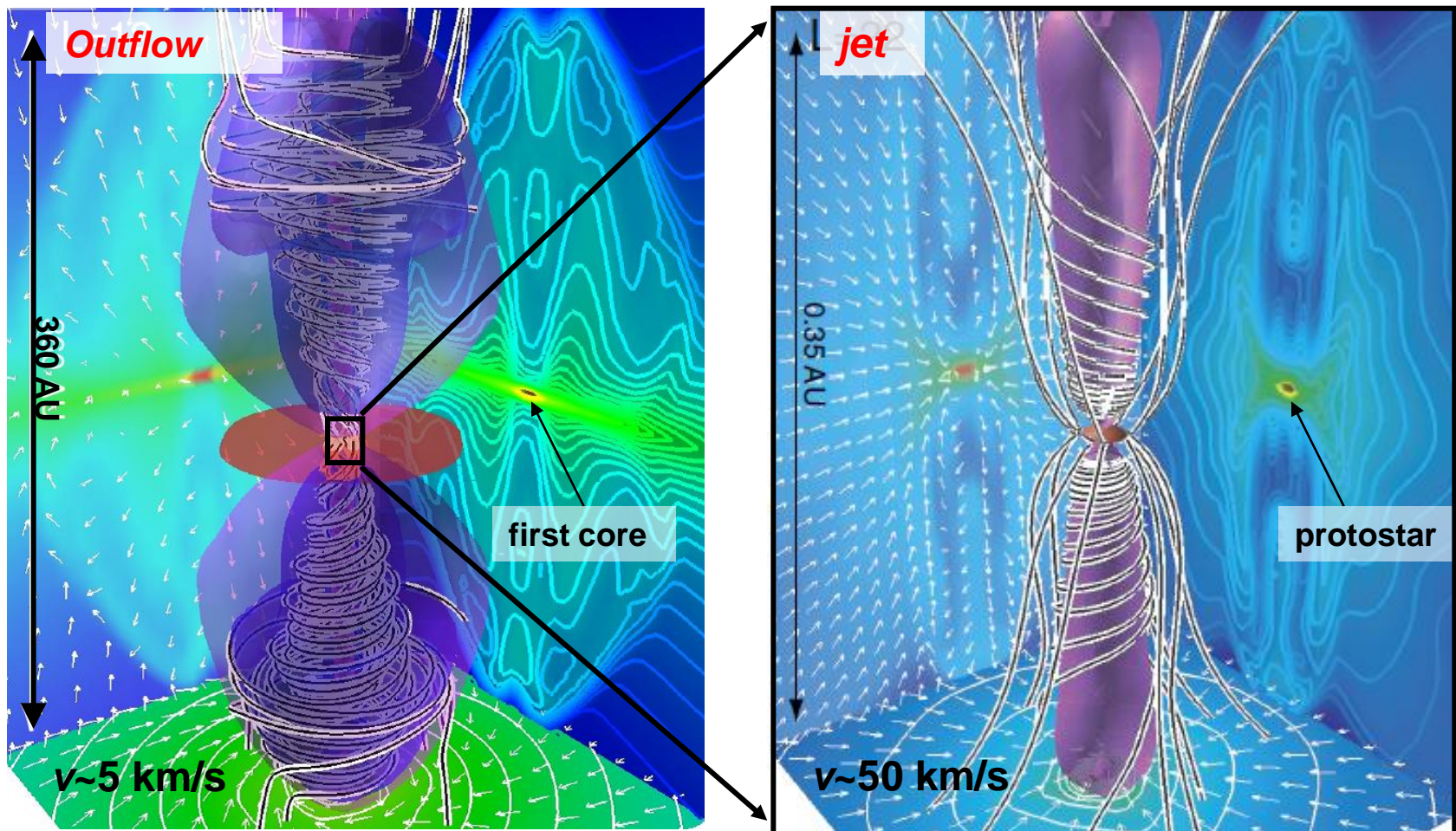
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**special focus on Net  $B_z$  Case**

# Early Phase of Protostar Formation

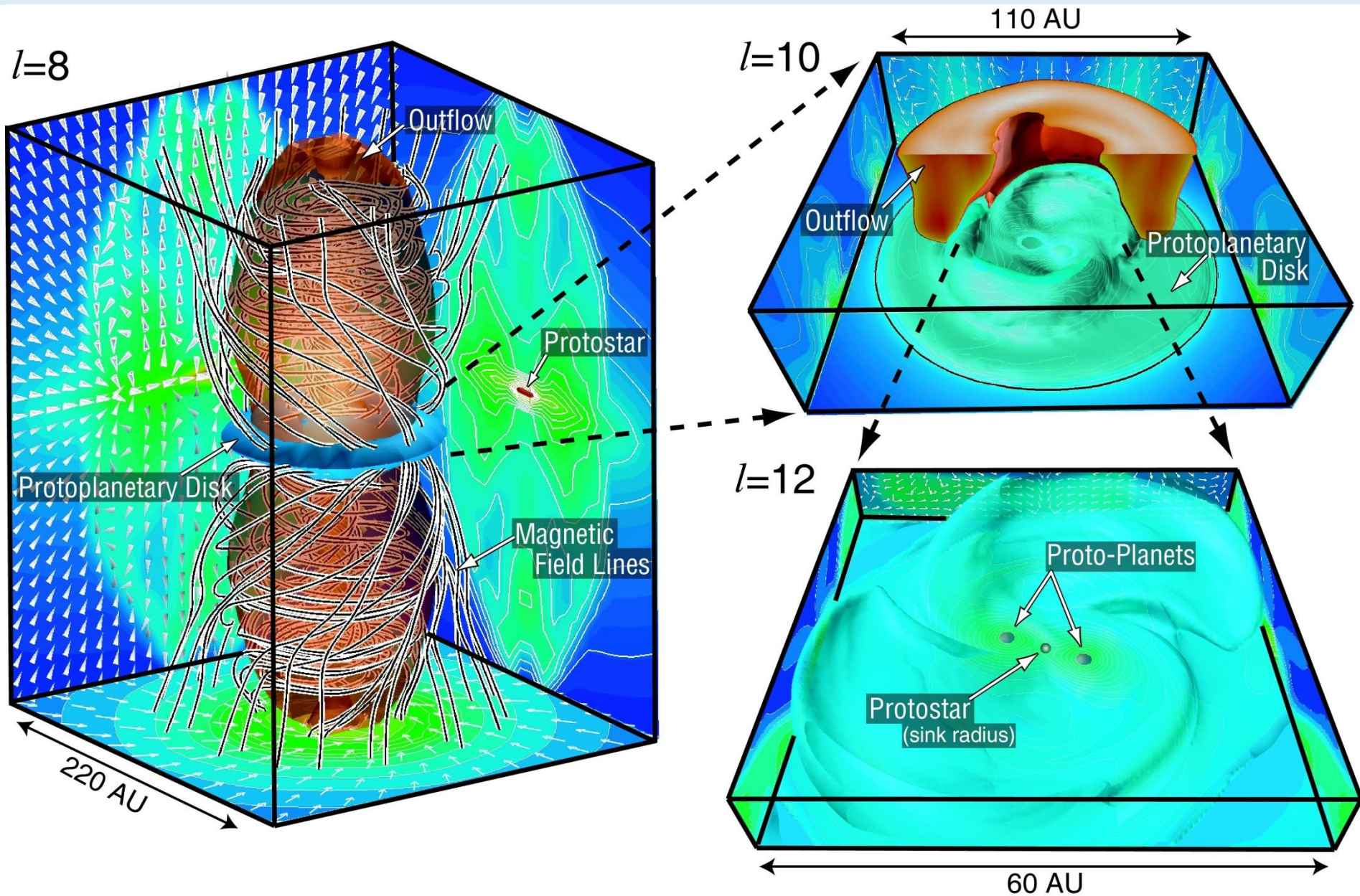


Machida, SI, & Matsumoto (2006-2010)

**Outflows & Jets are Natural By-Products!**



# Early Phase of Disk Formation



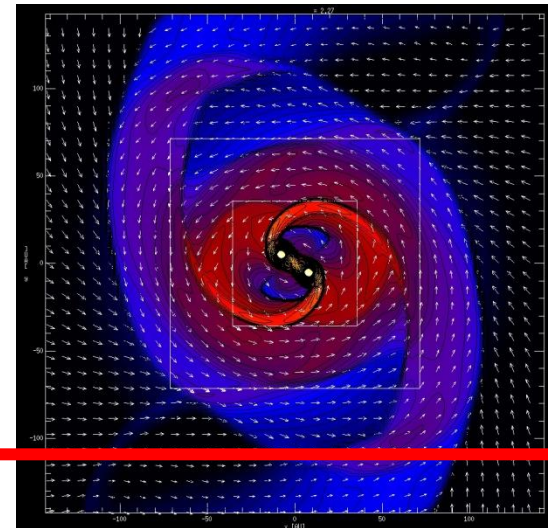
# Formation & Evolution of Discs

Further Evolution of Protostars

= Accretion of Gas from the envelope &  
Gas Accretion through the Discs

## Early Phase

Rapid Gas Accretion due to  
Gravitational Torque of  
“ $m=2$ ” Spiral Mode



## Later Phase

Slow Accretion due to Magnetorotational Instability

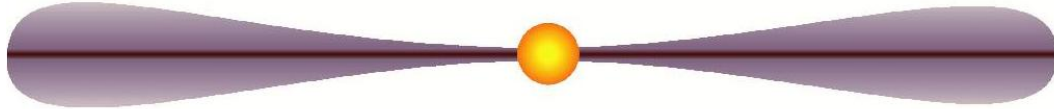
Velikhov 1959, Chandrasekhar 1961, Balbus & Hawley 1991

# Standard Model of Planet Formation

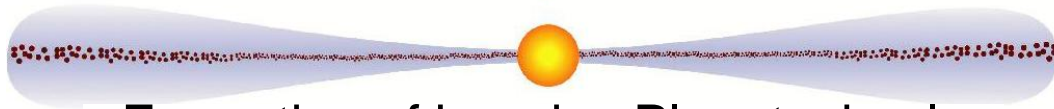
Formation of Protoplanetary Disk



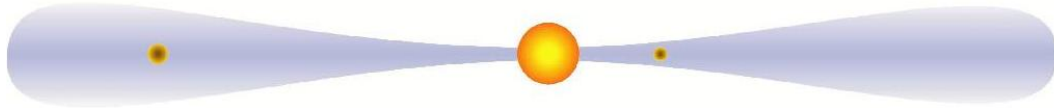
Sedimentation of Dust Grains onto Equatorial Plane



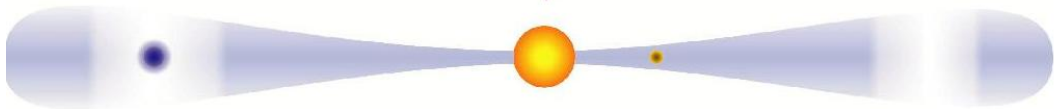
Formation of km-size Planetesimals



Coalescence of Planetesimals to Form Protoplanets



Gas-Capture of Massive Jovian Planets



Dispersal of Gas





# Basic Energetics 1

specific angular momentum:

$$h = r v_\phi$$

specific energy:

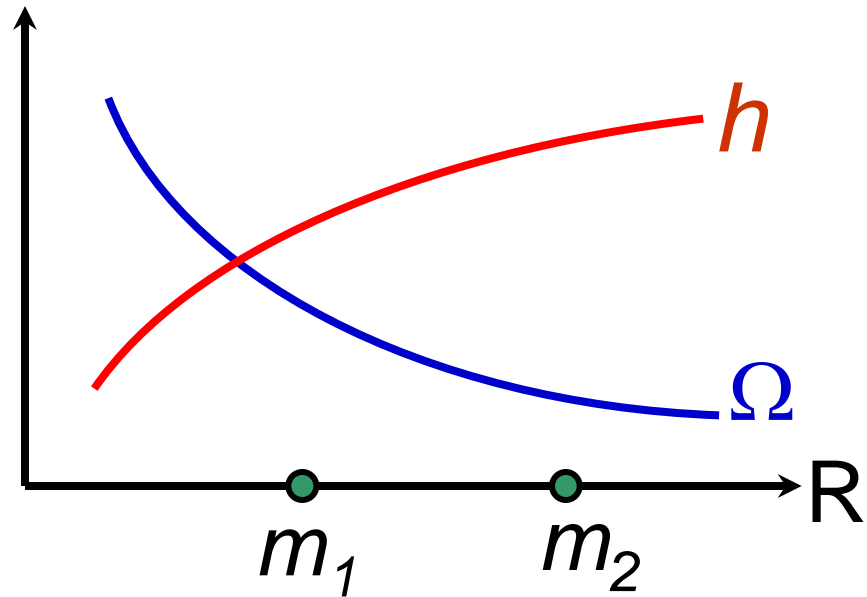
$$e = v_\phi^2/2 + \psi = (h/r)^2/2 + \psi(r)$$

total energy:

$$E = m_1 e_1 + m_2 e_2$$

total angular momentum:

$$H = m_1 h_1 + m_2 h_2$$



Transfer angular momentum ( $dh$ ) between 1 & 2:

$$dH = m_1 dh_1 + m_2 dh_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} dE &= m_1 (\partial e / \partial h) dh_1 + m_2 (\partial e / \partial h) dh_2 \\ &= m_1 dh_1 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2) < 0 \quad \text{for } dh_1 < 0 \end{aligned}$$

*i.e.*, Outward transfer of Angular Momentum may be unstable.

# Basic Energetics 2

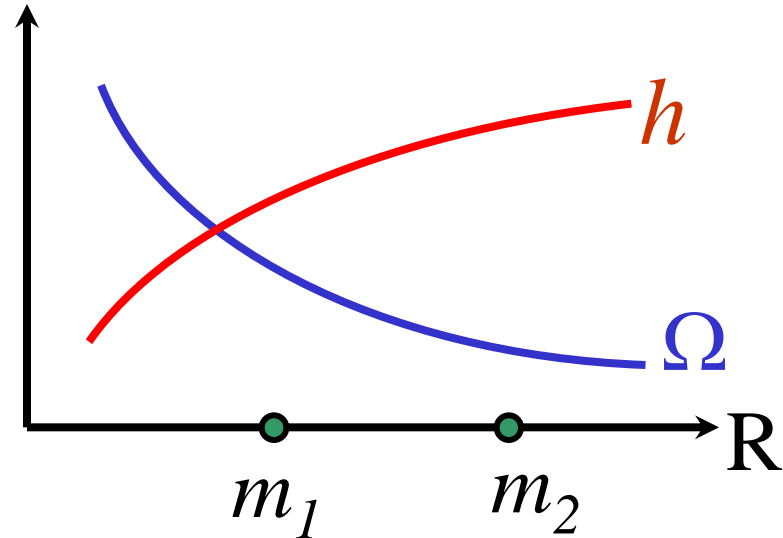
Next, transfer mass & angular mom.

$$dM = dm_1 + dm_2 = 0$$

$$dH = d(m_1 h_1) + d(m_2 h_2) = 0$$

$$dE = d(m_1 e_1) + d(m_2 e_2)$$

$$= dm_1 \{ (e_1 - h_1 \Omega_1) - (e_2 - h_2 \Omega_2) \} \\ + d(m_1 h_1) (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)$$



where

$$d(e - h \Omega) / dr = d(-v_\phi^2 / 2 + \psi) / dr = -r v_\phi d\Omega / dr > 0$$

Thus,

$$(e_1 - h_1 \Omega_1) - (e_2 - h_2 \Omega_2) < 0$$

$$dE < 0 \quad \text{for} \quad dm_1 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad d(m_1 h_1) < 0$$

How to transfer of Angular Momentum and Mass?

# Basic Eq.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \left( P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{4\pi\rho} (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} + \nabla \Phi = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = \eta \nabla^2 \vec{B}$$

$$\rho T \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{\eta}{4\pi} (\nabla \times \vec{B})^2$$

No Cooling!

where,

$d/dt$  : Lagrangian Derivative

$\Phi$  : Gravitational Potential

$\eta$  : Magnetic Diffusivity

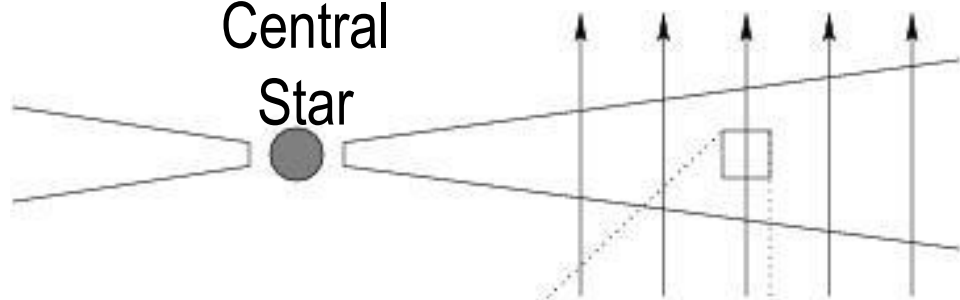
$s$  : Entropy per Unit Mass



# Magneto-Rotational Instability (MRI)

Weak Magnetic Field Lines

Central Star

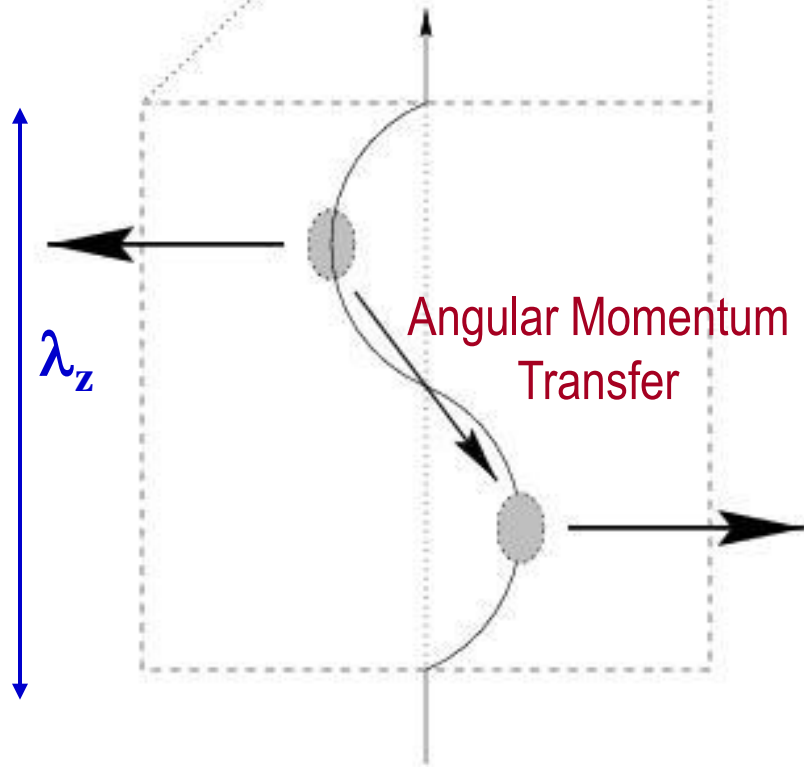


Local Linear Analysis  
with Bousinesq approx.

$$\delta \propto e^{i(kz + \omega t)}, \quad k = 2\pi/\lambda_z$$

Dispersion Relation in Ideal  
MHD ( $\eta=0$ ) Case

$$\omega^4 - \omega^2 [ \kappa^2 + 2(k \cdot v_A)^2 ] + (k \cdot v_A)^2 [ (k \cdot v_A)^2 + R \, d\Omega^2/dR ] = 0$$

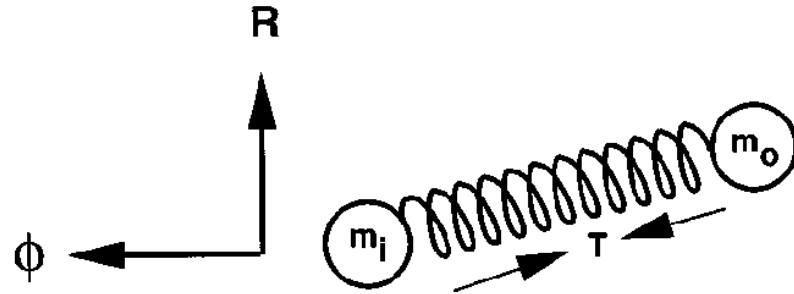


# Simple Explanation for Instability

## Equivalent Model with a Spring!

Connect two bodies

with a spring  $K_s = (k v_A)^2$ .



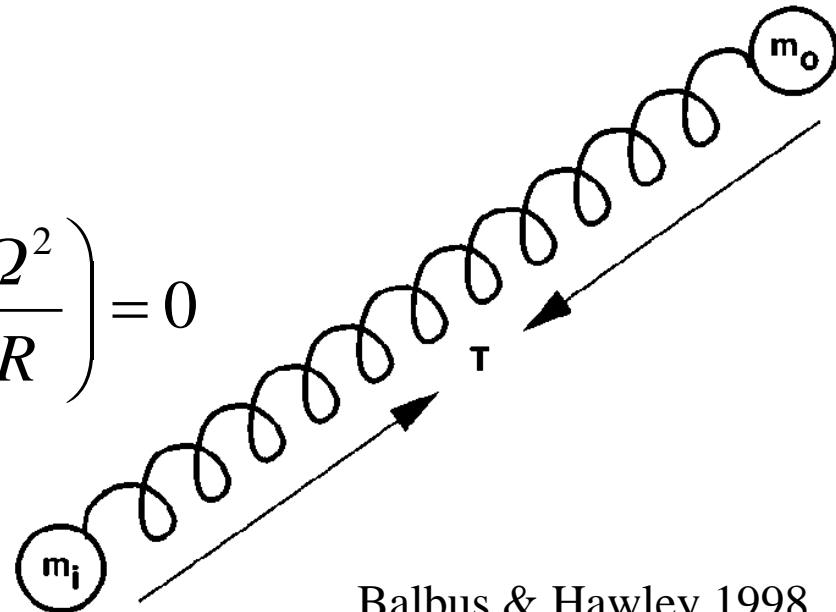
$$\ddot{x} - 2\Omega \dot{y} = -xR \frac{d\Omega^2}{dR} - K_s x$$

$$\ddot{y} + 2\Omega \dot{x} = -K_s y$$

$$\rightarrow \omega^4 - \omega^2 (\kappa^2 + 2K_s) + K_s \left( K_s + R \frac{d\Omega^2}{dR} \right) = 0$$

If  $K_s = (k v_A)^2$ , this is equiv. to

$$\omega^4 - \omega^2 [ \kappa^2 + 2(k \cdot v_A)^2 ] + (k \cdot v_A)^2 [ (k \cdot v_A)^2 + R d\Omega^2/dR ] = 0$$



Balbus & Hawley 1998,  
Rev. Mod. Phys. **70**, 1

# Basics of MRI

Ideal MHD

Linear Growth Rate:

$$\omega_{\max} \approx (3/4) \Omega_{\text{kepler}}$$

Exponential Growth  
from Small Field

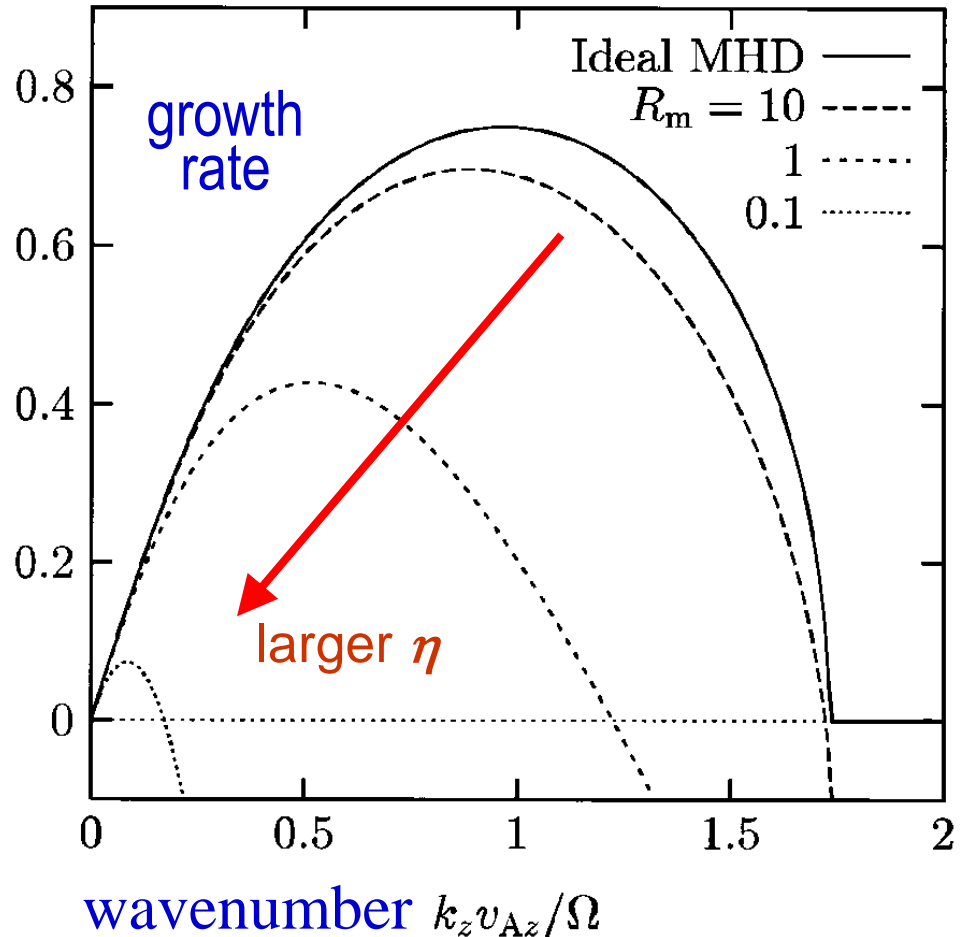
~~→ Kinetic Dynamo~~

$$\lambda_{\max} \approx 2\pi v_a / \Omega_{\text{kepler}}$$

⇒ "Inverse Cascade"

$k_x=0$  axisymmetric ( $m=0$ ) mode

$$R_m \equiv v_A (v_A / \Omega) / \eta$$



Sano & Miyama 1999, ApJ **515**, 776

# Non-Linear Stage of MRI

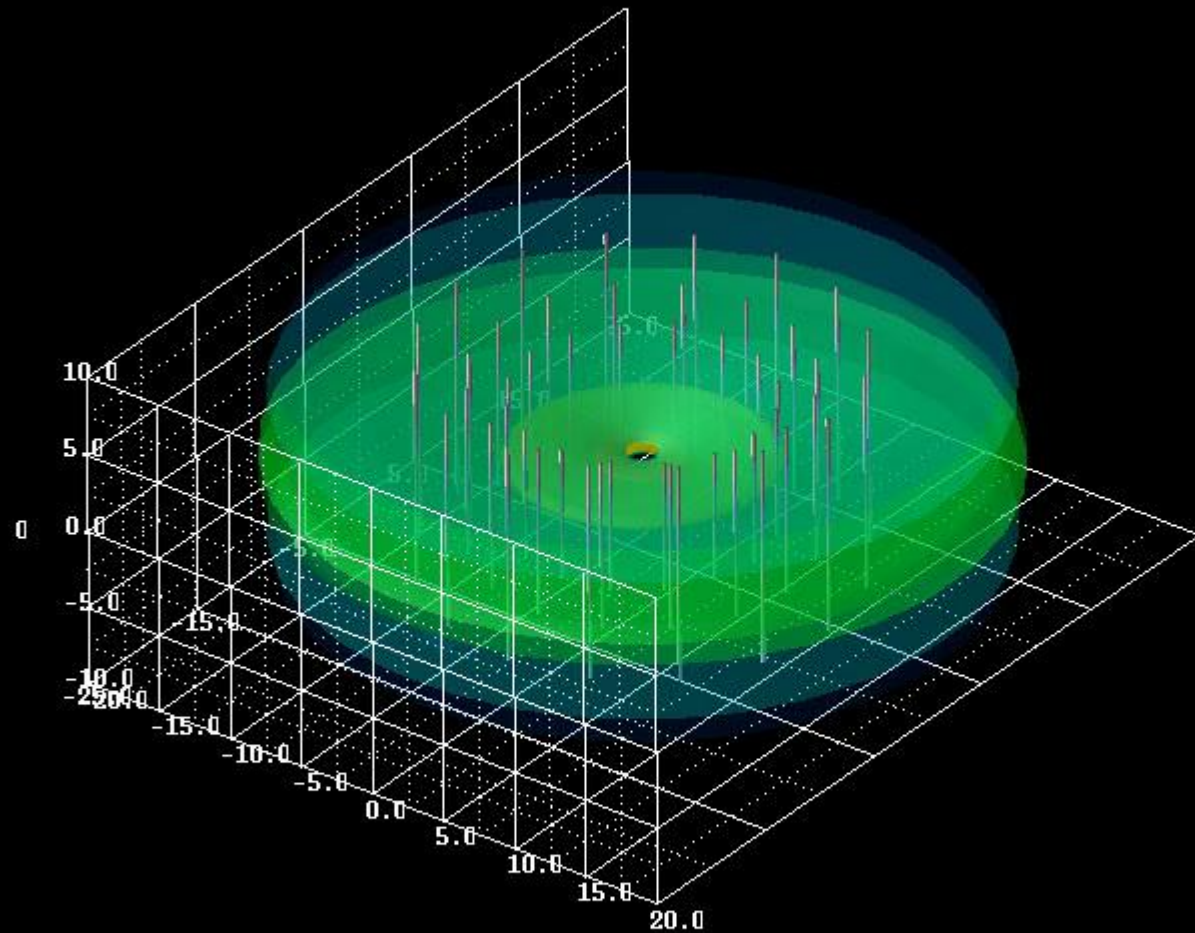
- Hawley & Balbus (1991)
- Hawley, Gammie & Balbus (1995, 1996)
- Matsumoto & Tajima (1995)
- Brandenburg et al. (1995)

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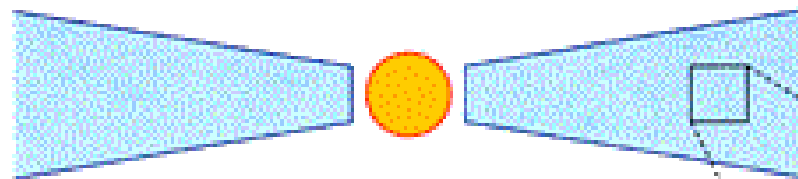


# Global Disk Simulation



# MHD Simulations including **Ohmic Dissipation**

A Keplerian Disk + **Uniform Vertical Fields**  $B_0$



On the Flame  
Rotating with Local  
Angular Velocity  $\Omega$

**Local Approximation:**

**Box**  $<$  **Disk Thickness**  $H$

**Density**  $\rho_0$ , **Pressure**  $P_0$ ,

**Magnetic Diffusivity**  $\eta$  are **Uniform**

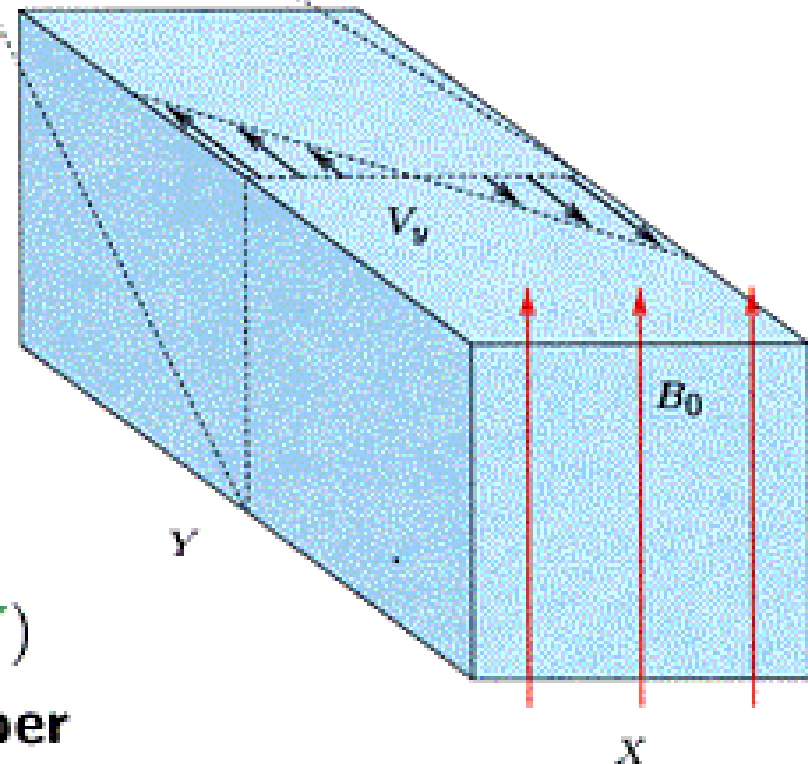
**Boundary Conditions:** **Periodic**

**Size:**  $(x, y, z) =$

$$(0.5H, 2H, 0.5H) \sim (2H, 8H, 2H)$$

$$= (64, 256, 64): \text{Grid Number}$$

2nd-order Godunov Method + MoC CT



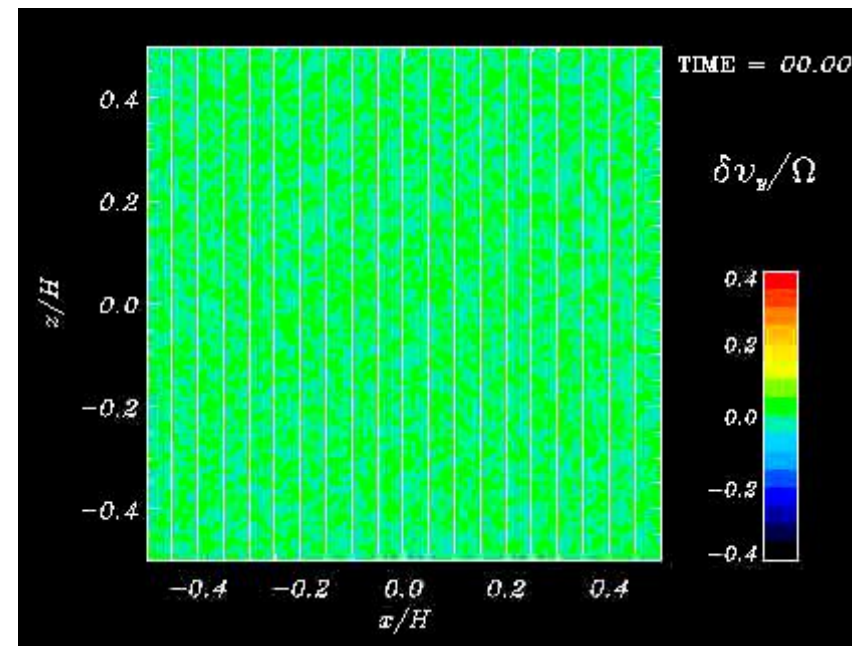
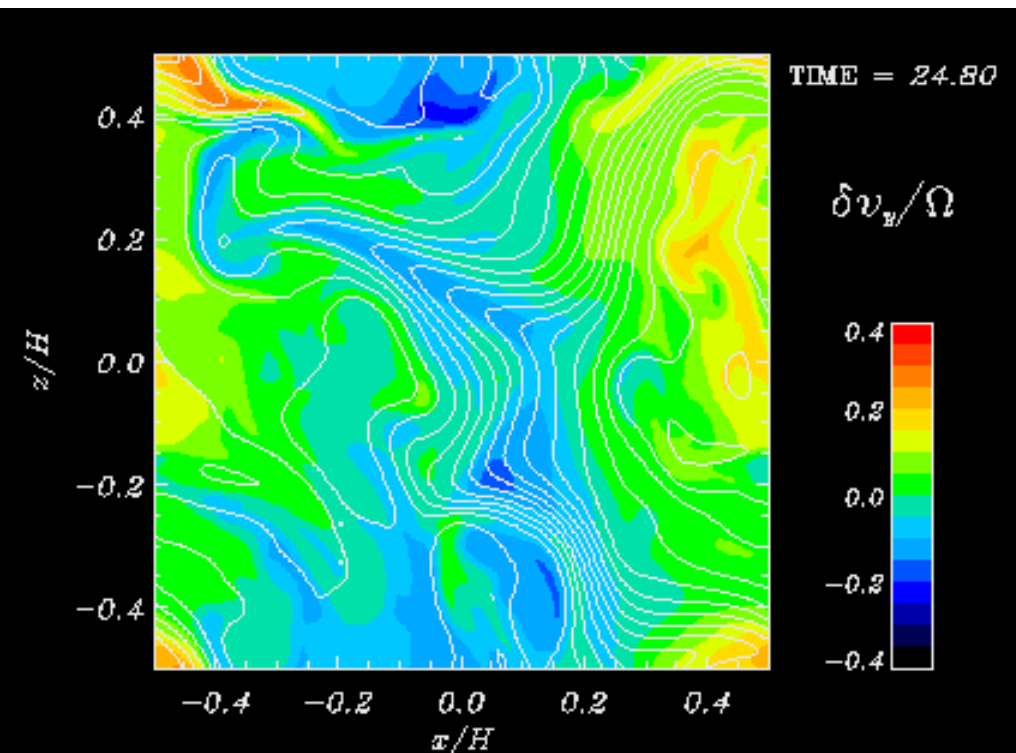
# 2D Axisymmetric Calculation

Magnetic Reynolds Number:  $R_M < 1$

“Uniformly Random” Turbulent State

⇒  $\eta$ -Dependent Saturation Level

$$\beta_0 = 3200, R_m = 0.5$$



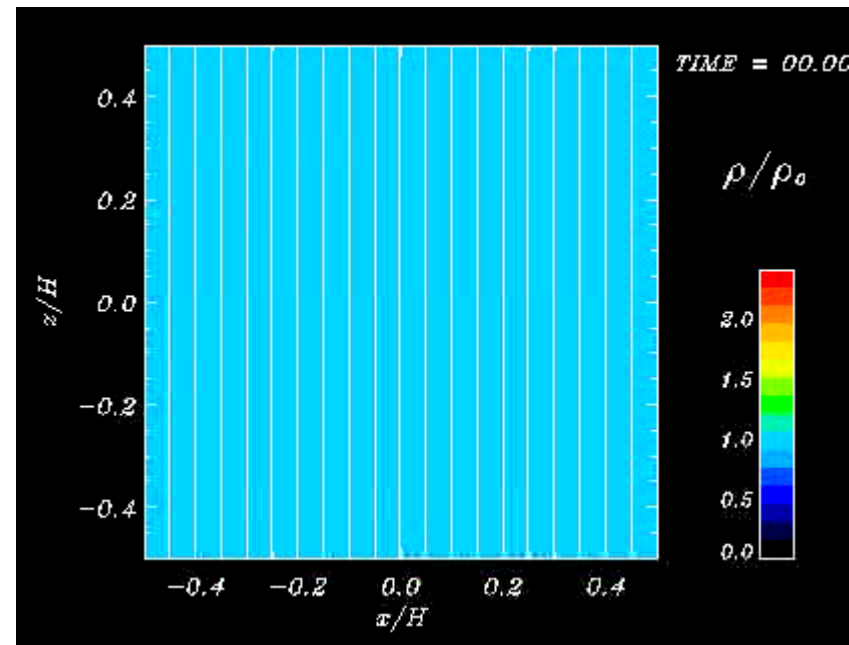
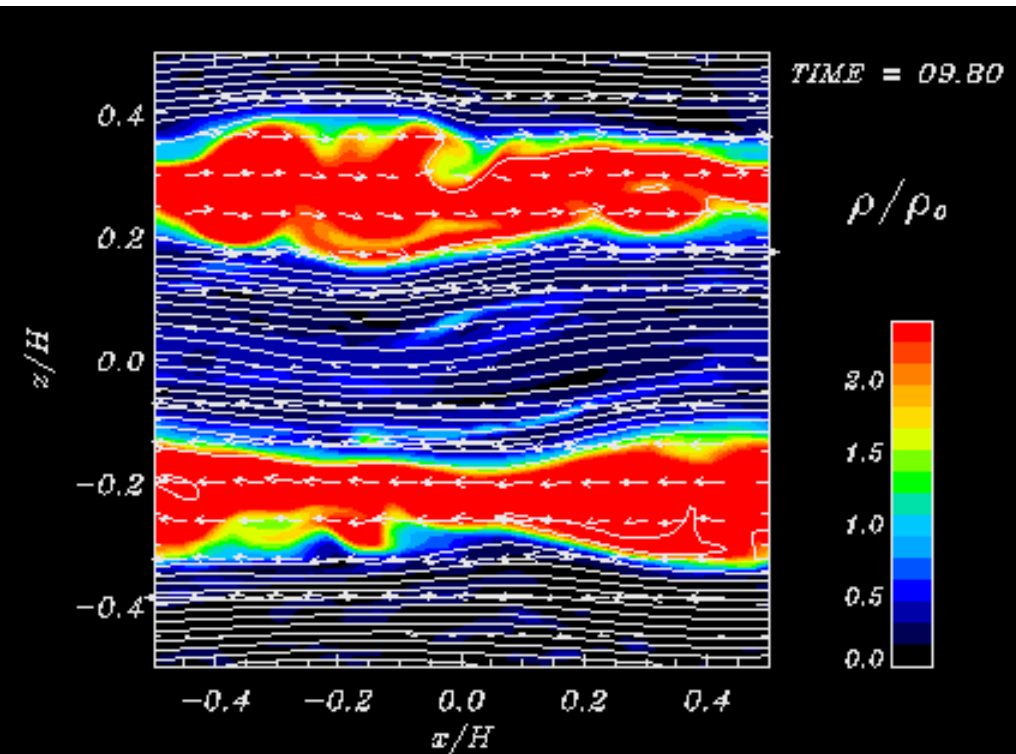
# 2D Axisymmetric Calculation

Magnetic Reynolds Number:  $R_M > 1$

simple growth of the most unstable mode

⇒ Channel Flow... indefinite growth of B

$$\beta_0 = 3200, R_m = 1.5$$



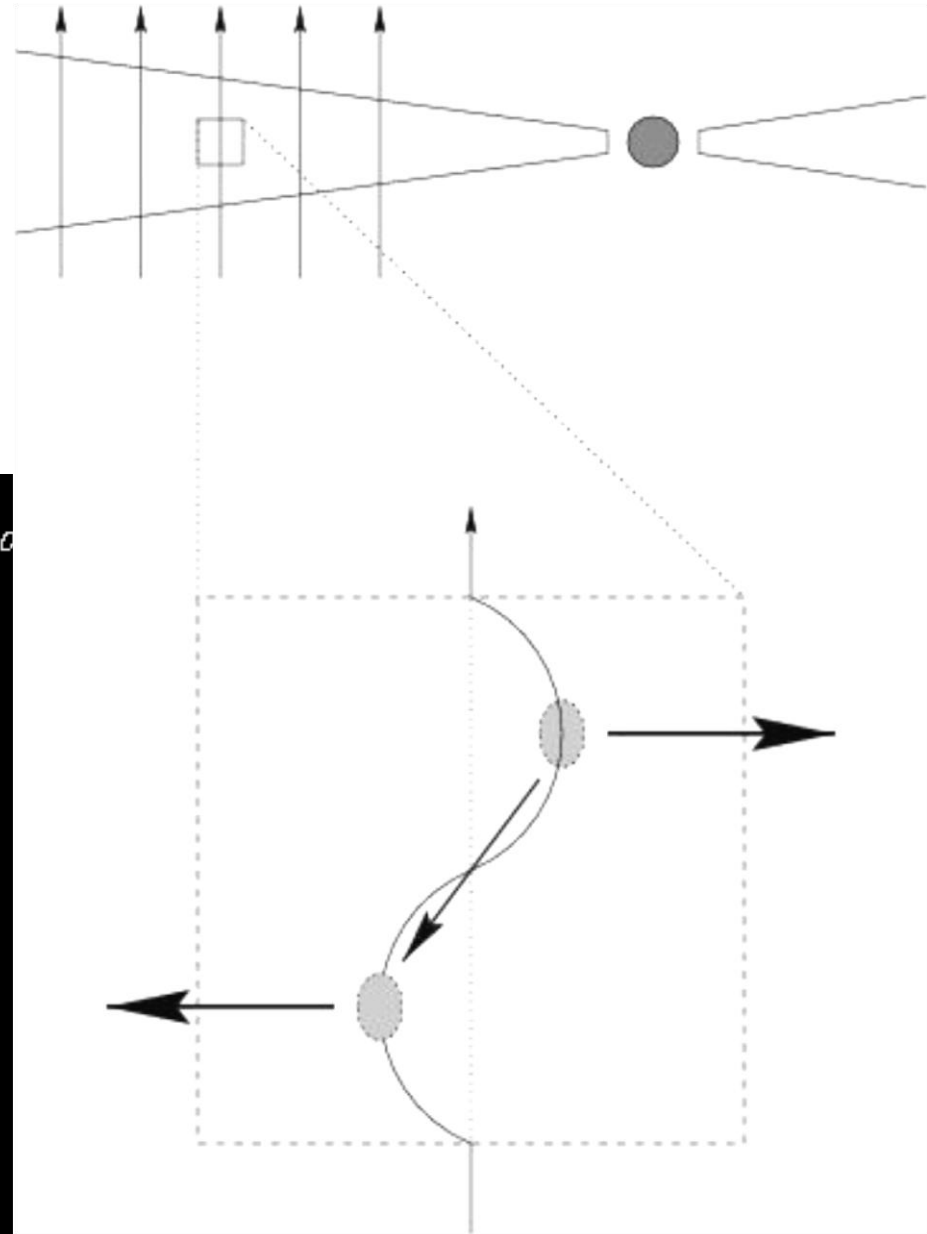
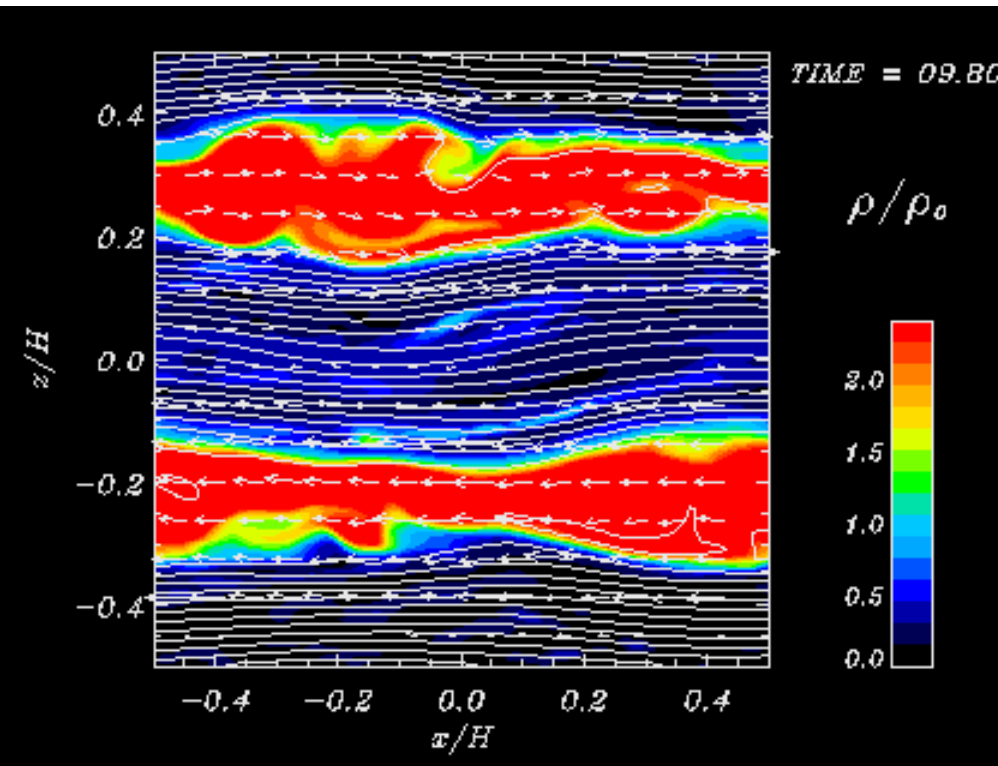


# 2D Axisymmetric Calculation

$$\underline{R_M} > 1$$

simple growth of the most unstable mode

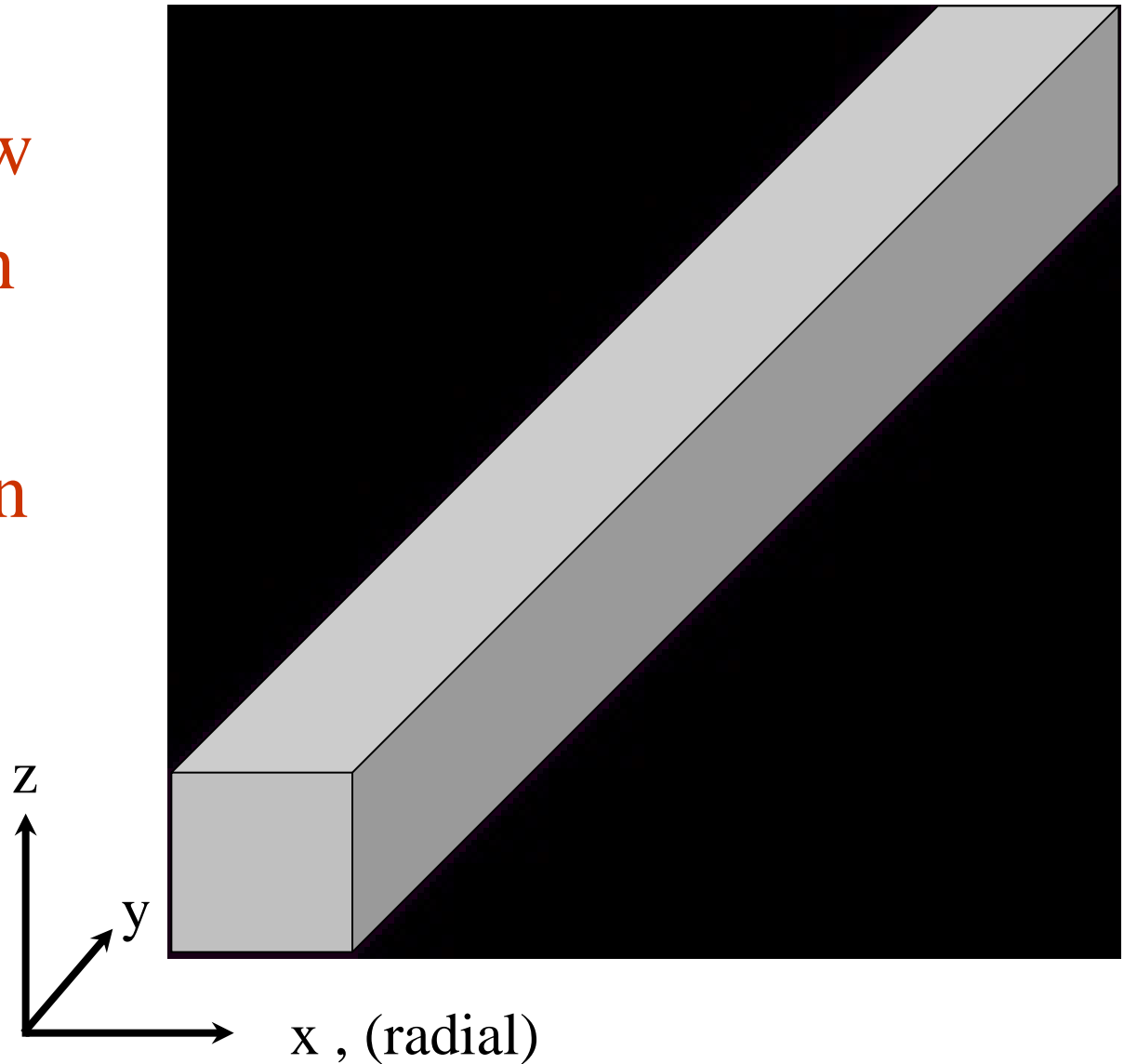
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# 3D Simulations

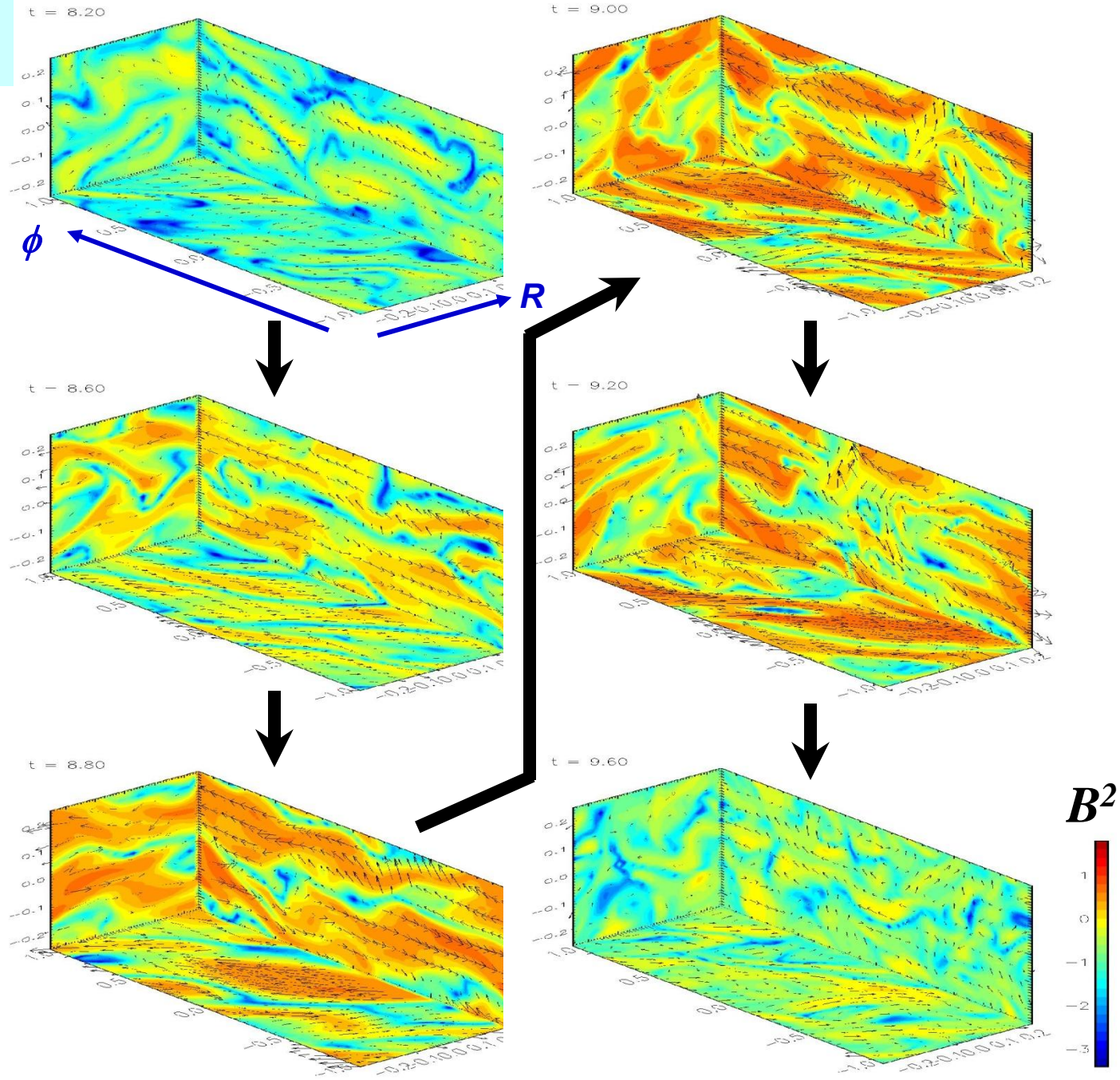
$$R_m > 1$$

Channel Flow  
Break-Down  
by  
Reconnection



# 3D Calculations

$$Re_M > 1$$

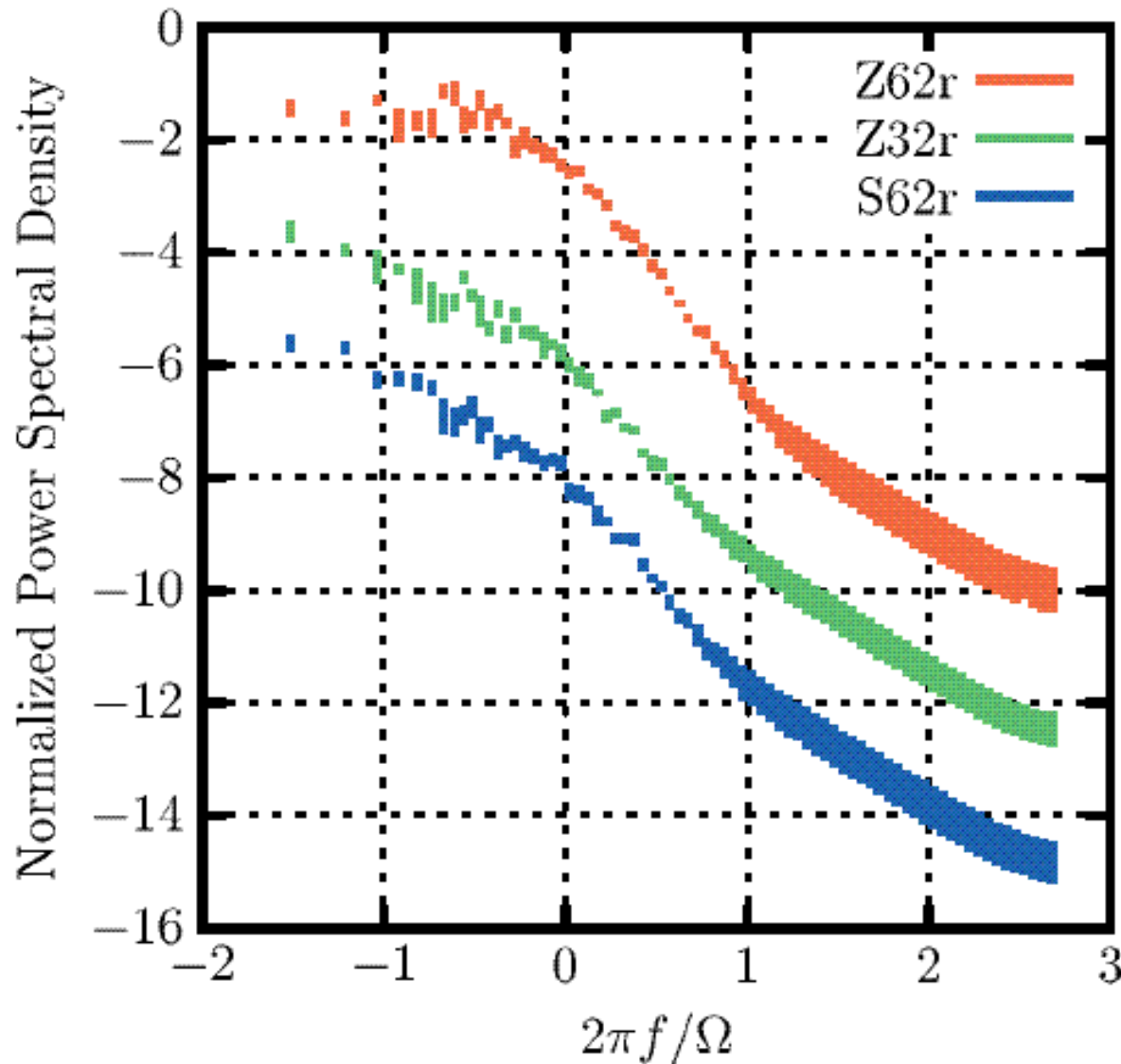


Exponential  
Growth of Most  
Unstable Mode  
 $\Rightarrow$  channel flow  
 $\Rightarrow$  dissipation due  
to reconnection

Sano, SI,  
Turner, & Stone  
2004, ApJ **605**, 321

# Turbulence Spectrum

Power Spectrum of Gas Velocity,  $v_{\text{gas}}(t)$



Sano, SI, Turner, & Stone  
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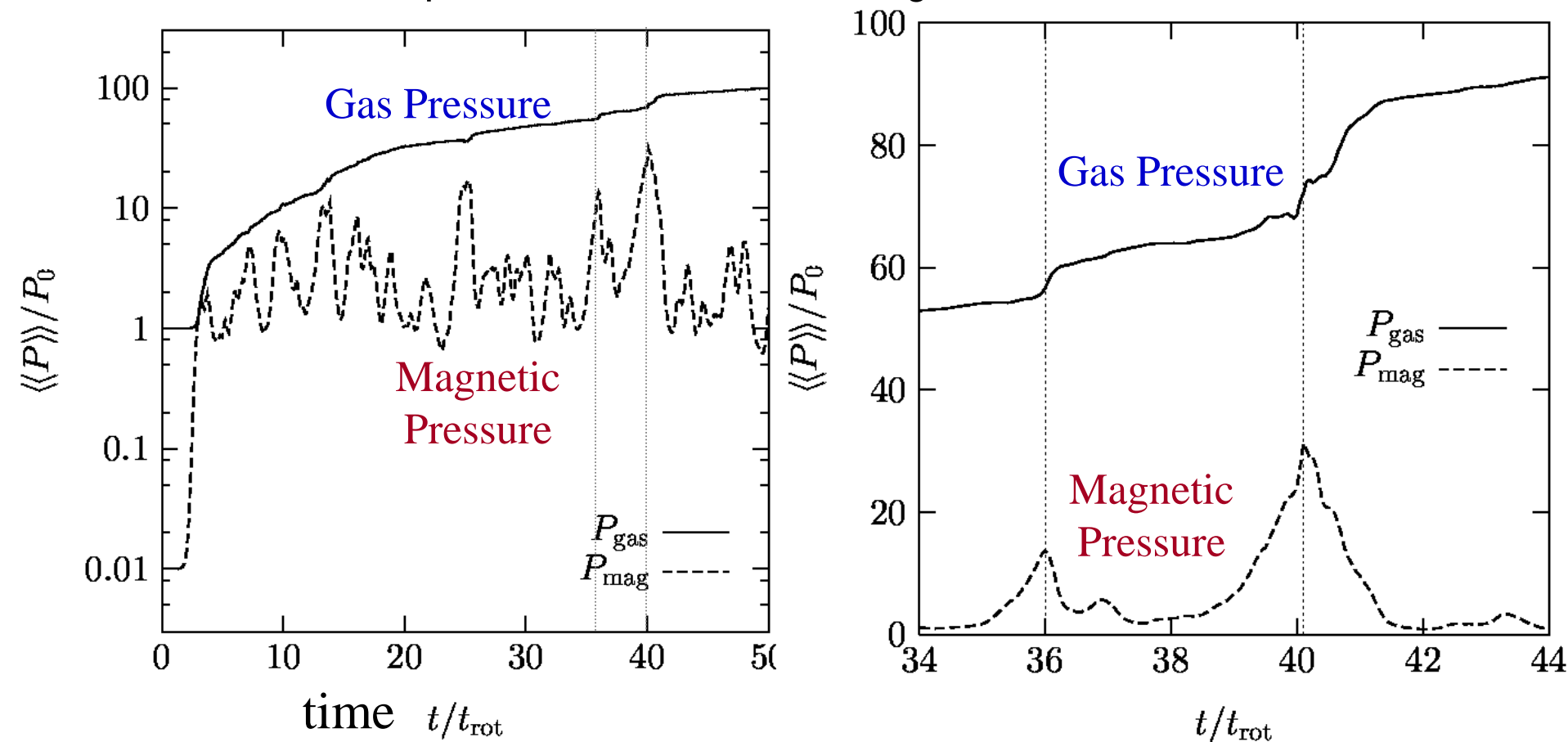


# Nonlinear Time Evolution

When  $Re_M > 1$ ,

Spicky Feature in Time Evolution of Energy

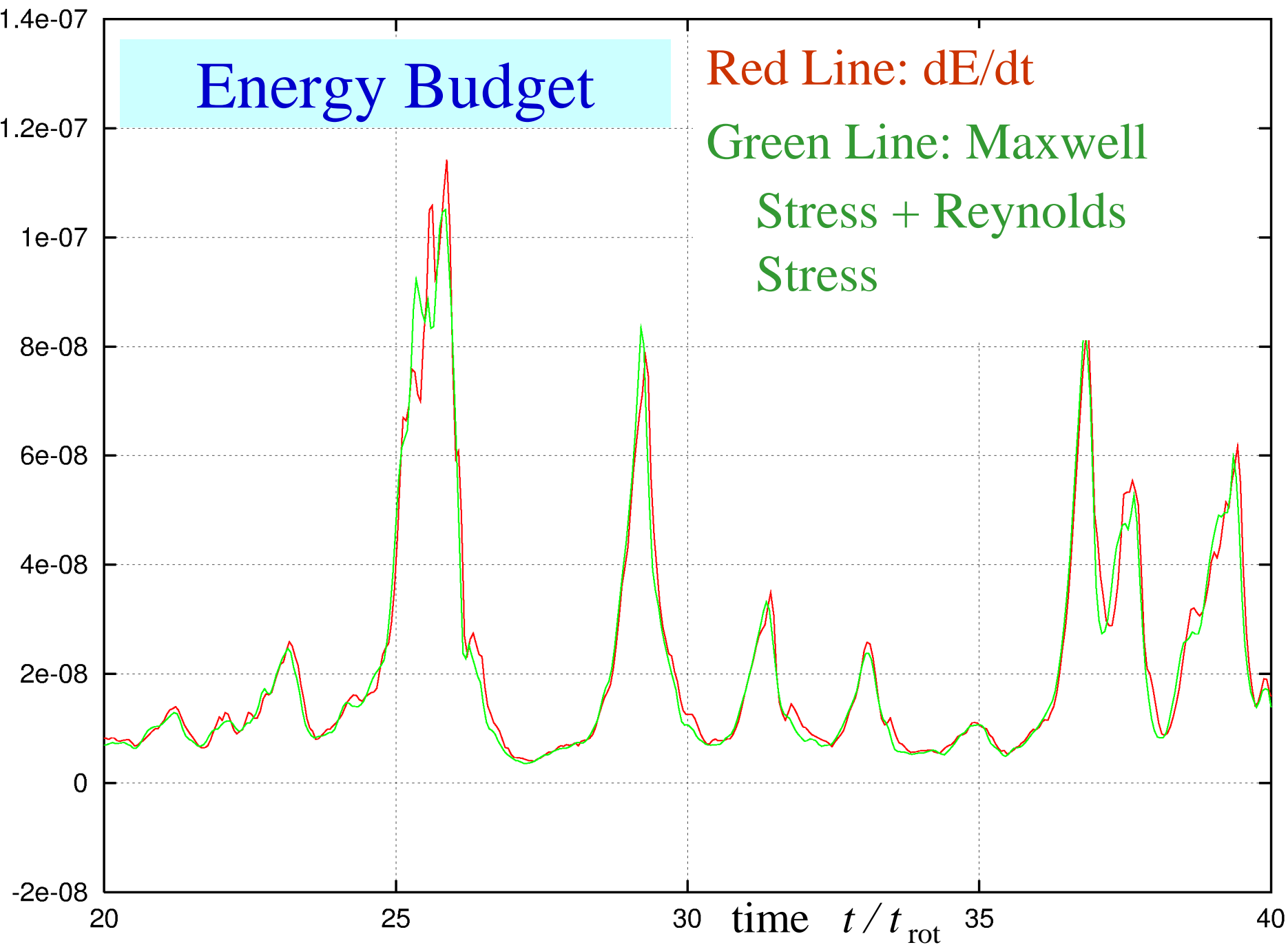
= Recurrence of Exponential Growth and Magnetic Reconnection



# Energy Budget

Red Line:  $dE/dt$

Green Line: Maxwell  
Stress + Reynolds  
Stress



# Fluctuation vs Dissipation

$$\Gamma \equiv \iiint \left[ \rho \left( \frac{1}{2} v^2 + \underbrace{u}_{\text{Thermal Energy}} + \psi \right) + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right] dV$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} \equiv \iint \left[ \rho \vec{v} \left( \frac{1}{2} v^2 + u + \frac{P}{\rho} + \psi \right) + \underbrace{\vec{S}}_{\text{Poynting Flux}} \right] \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{3}{2} \Omega L_x \iint_{yz\text{-面}} \left( \rho v_x \delta v_y - \frac{B_x B_y}{4\pi} \right) dA$$

Hawley et al. 1995

Stress Tensor,  $W_{xy}$

$$\dot{M} \propto W_{R\phi} \equiv \rho v_R \delta v_\phi - \frac{B_R B_\phi}{4\pi} \propto \frac{d\Gamma}{dt}$$

If saturated,  $\left\langle \left\langle \frac{\partial v^2}{\partial t} \right\rangle \right\rangle = \left\langle \left\langle \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} \right\rangle \right\rangle = 0$ , then,  $\left\langle \frac{d\Gamma}{dt} \right\rangle = \left\langle \left\langle \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial t} \right\rangle \right\rangle = \frac{3\Omega}{2} \left\langle \left\langle \rho v_R \delta v_\phi - \frac{B_R B_\phi}{4\pi} \right\rangle \right\rangle$ ,

where  $\langle \rangle$  denotes time-average, and  $\langle\langle \rangle\rangle$  denotes time- and spatial- average.

Note that  $\langle v_R \rangle = \langle \delta v_\phi \rangle = \langle B_R \rangle = \langle B_\phi \rangle = 0$ .

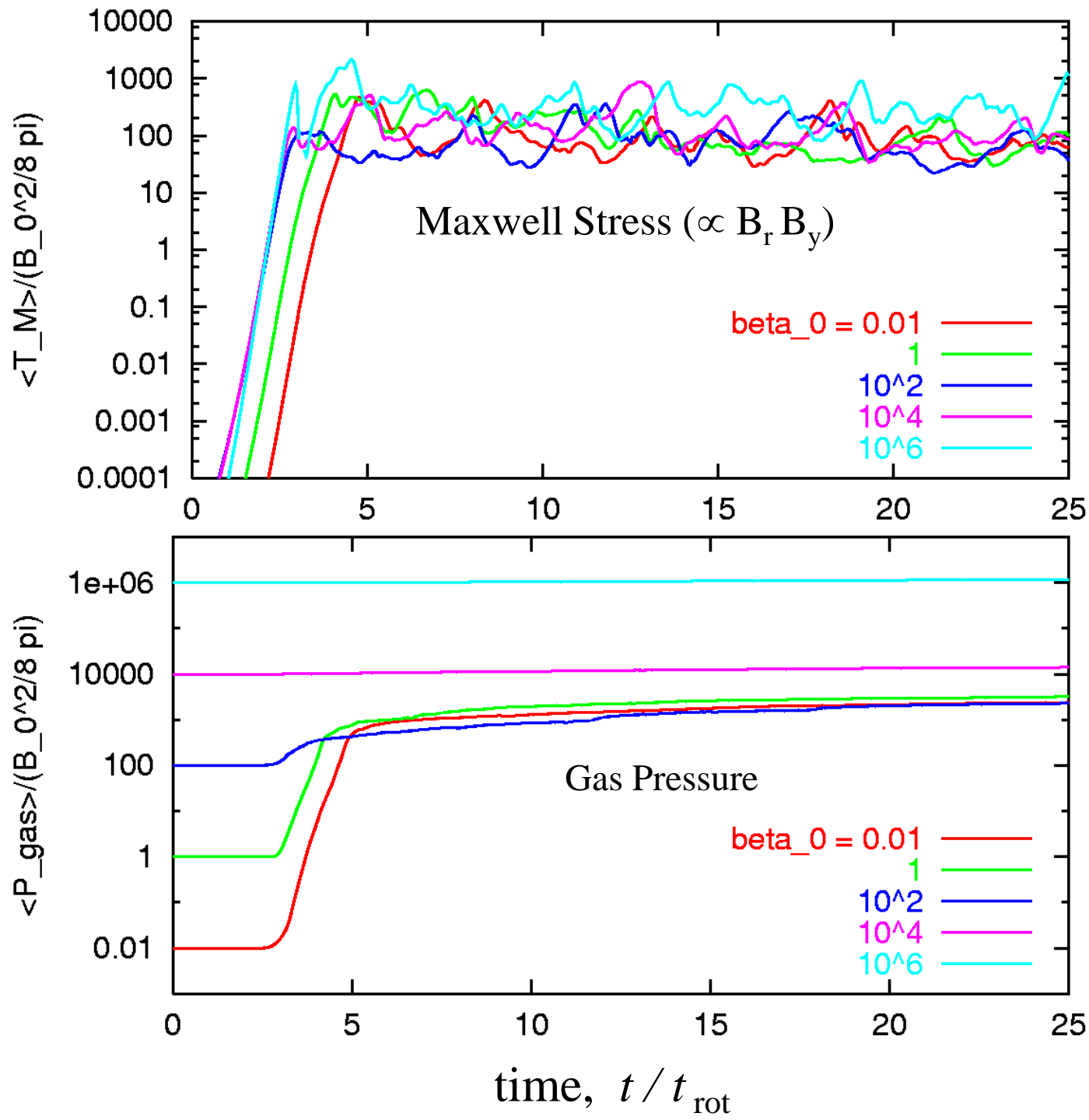
Sano & SI (2001) ApJ **561**, L179

**Saturation** Value of  $\langle\langle B^2 \rangle\rangle \Rightarrow$  **Dissipation** Rate  $\approx 0.03\Omega \langle\langle B^2 \rangle\rangle$

SI & Sano (2005) ApJL **628**, L155

# Evolution of Pressure

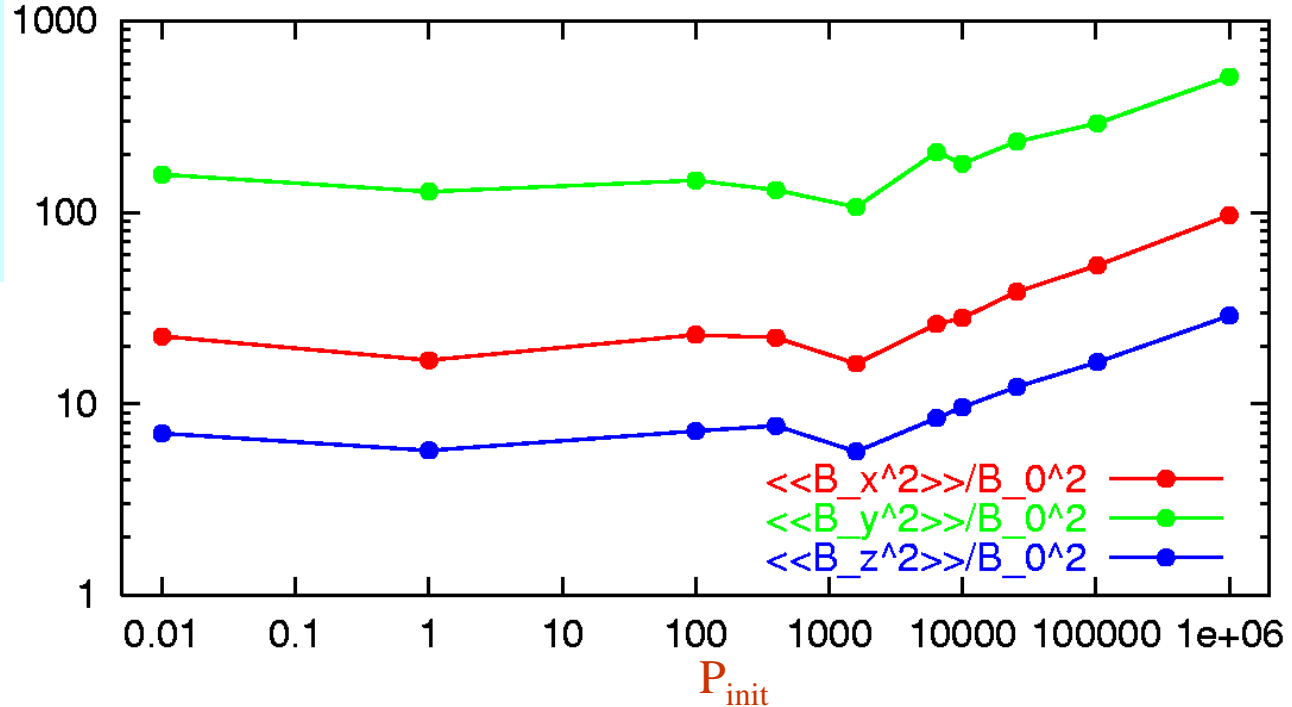
Monotonic Increase of Pressure because of no cooling



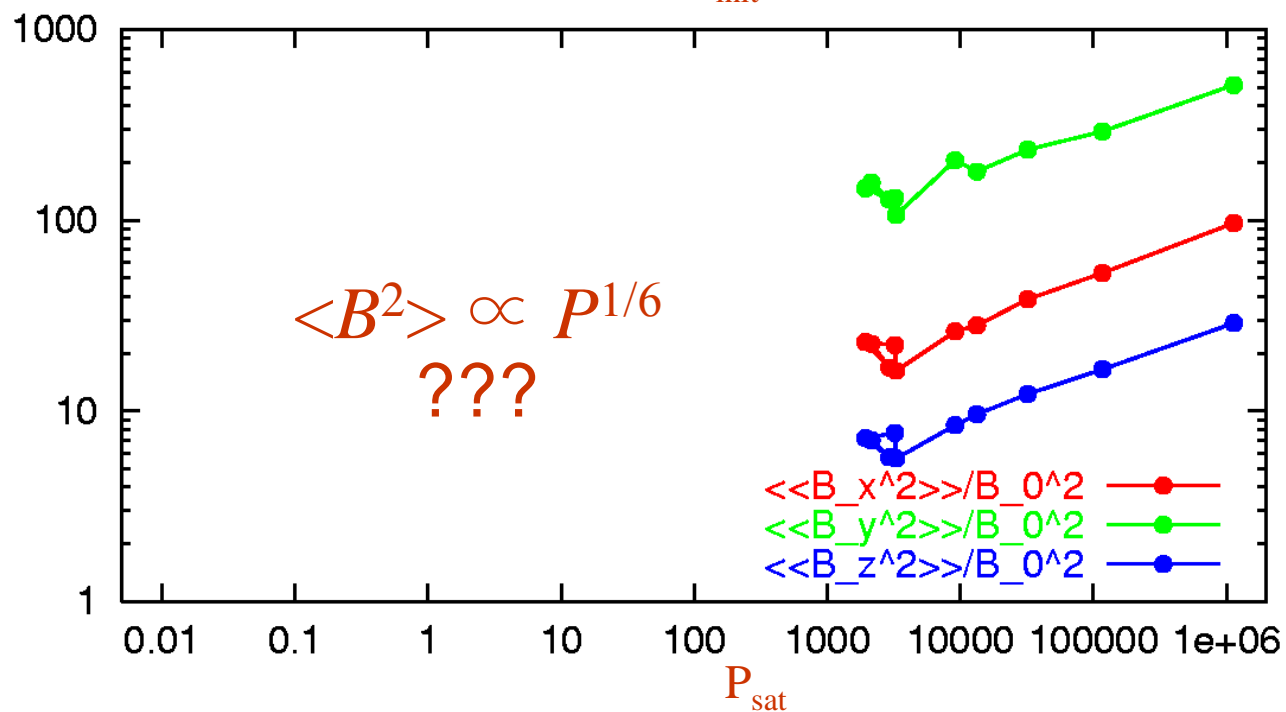


# Saturation Level

dependence on the initial pressure



dependence on the resultant pressure



# Discussion 1: Saturation Level?

$$\langle\langle \rho v_x \delta v_y - B_x B_y / 4\pi \rangle\rangle \equiv \langle\langle \mathbf{B}^2 \rangle\rangle_{\text{sat}} (\eta, B_{z,\text{init}}, P, L_z, \dots) \propto \langle\langle B_z^2 \rangle\rangle$$

## In the case with Net $B_z$

- $\text{Re}_m < 1$  ... Strong Dependence on Resistivity  $\approx$  2D evolution

Sano, SI, & Miyama, ApJ **506**, L57, 1998

- $\text{Re}_m > 1$  ... recurrence of Channel Flow & Reconnection

Sano, SI, Turner & Stone (2004)

$$\langle\langle \mathbf{B}^2 \rangle\rangle_{\text{sat}} \approx v_{\text{Az,init}} \rho L_z \Omega (P_{\text{gas}}/P_c)^{1/6} \quad \dots \text{Why?}$$

# Discussion 2: Saturation Level?

Lesur & Longaretti (2007),  $Re_m > 1$

Using Spectral Method for Incompressible Fluid

$$\langle\langle B^2 \rangle\rangle_{\text{sat}} \propto (\text{Pr})^\delta, \delta=0.25-0.5$$

where Magnetic Prandtl number is  $\text{Pr} \equiv \nu_{\text{viscosity}} / \eta_{\text{resistivity}}$

→ Importance of **Turbulent Reconnection?**

cf. ) Lazarian & Vishniac (1999)

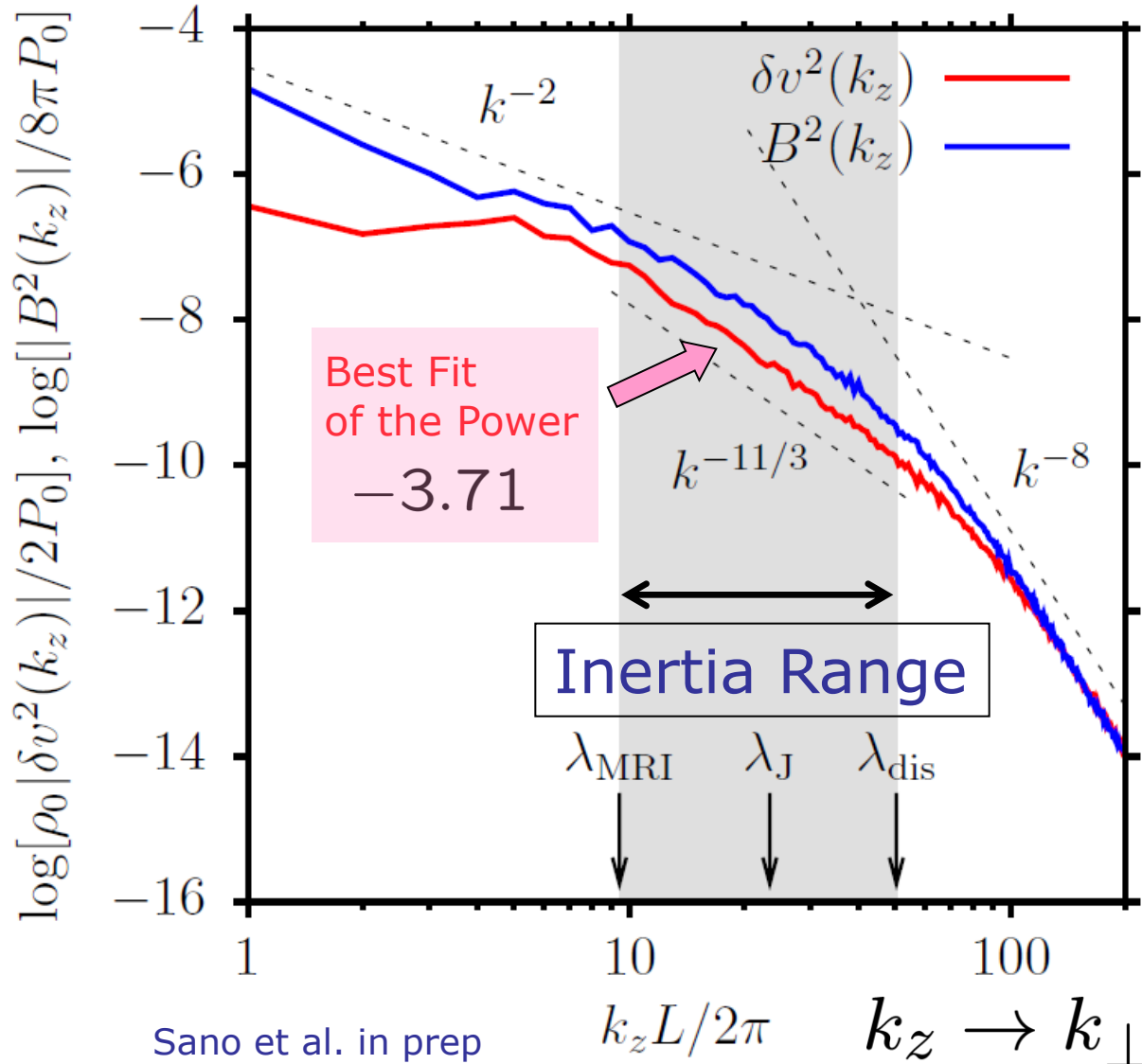
$\nu$ , viscosity ↑

→ Size of Smallest Eddy ↑

→ Turbulent Reconnection Rate ↓

→ Saturation Level ↑

# Spectrum for Motion $\perp \mathbf{B}$ field



MRI Active Range

$$\lambda_{\text{MRI}} = 2\pi \frac{\langle v_{Az}^2 \rangle^{1/2}}{\Omega}$$

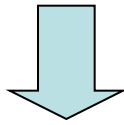
Dissipation Dominant Range

$$k^2 \eta \sim \Omega$$

$$\lambda_{\text{dis}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{\Omega}}$$

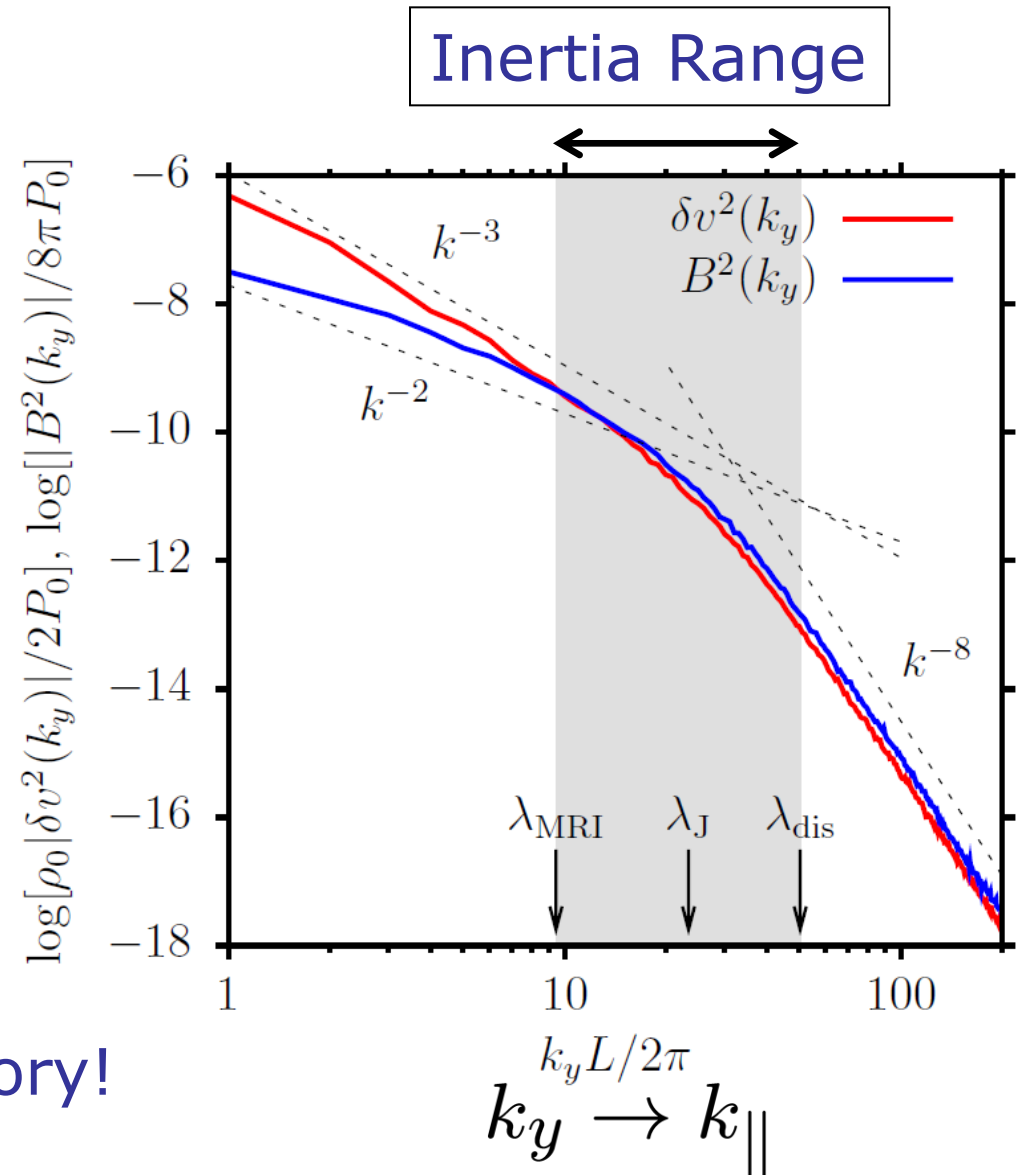
# Spectrum for Motion // $B$ field

- **Vertical Direction**
  - Kolmogorov Spectrum
- **Azimuthal Direction**
  - Weaker Power
  - Steeper Decline



- Many Similarities to **Goldreich-Sridhar Spectrum**

We need turbulence theory!





# Summary

Results of 3D Resistive MHD Calculation

When **Magnetic Reynolds Number** ( $Re_m$ )  $> 1$

Exponential Growth from very small  $B$

- Growth Rate =  $(4/3)\Omega$ ... **independent on  $B$  Field Strength**  
cf. Kinematic Dynamo
- $\lambda_{\text{maximum growth}}$  becomes larger as  $B$  becomes greater.  
→ **Inverse Cascade of Energy**

Saturated States...  $\neq$  Energy Equipartition

**Classified by  $Re_m$**

- $Re_m < 1$ ... quasi-steady saturation similar to 2D results
- $Re_m > 1$ ... recurrence of **Channel Flow & Reconnection**

**Fluctuation-Dissipation Relation**

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\langle \text{Energy Dissipation Rate} \rangle\rangle &\propto \langle\langle \rho v_x \delta v_y - B_x B_y / 4\pi \rangle\rangle \\ &\propto \text{Mass Accretion Rate} \end{aligned}$$