

# Magnetic Field Amplification in SNR by Richtmyer-Meshkov Instability

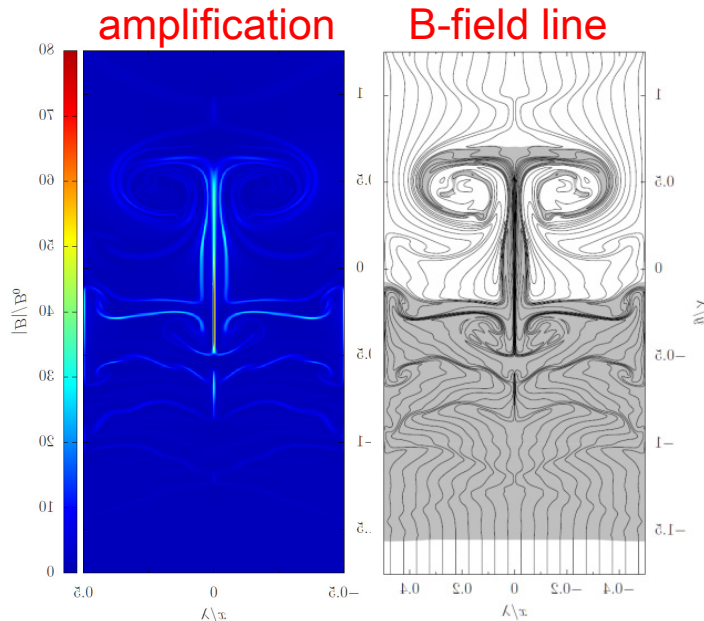
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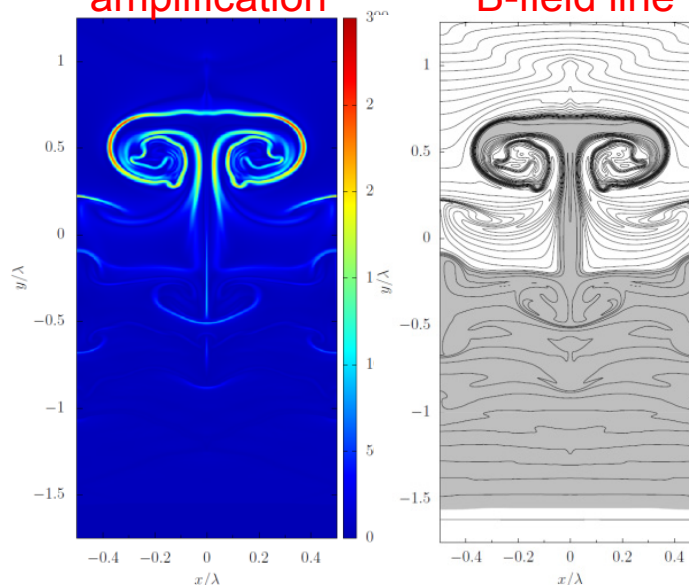
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parallel  
shock



amplification



perpendicular  
shock



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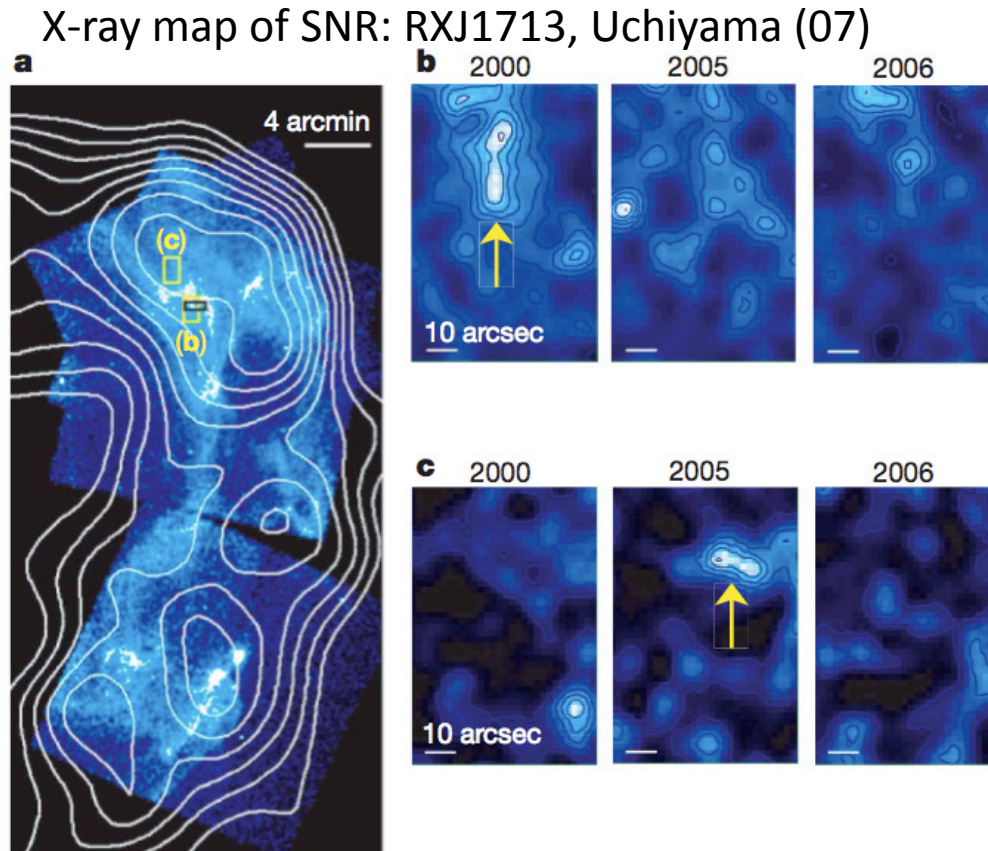


Figure 1 | Chandra X-ray images of the western shell of SNR

Synchrotron X-ray variability:  $\sim 1$  yr.  
(Uchiyama (07))

Synchrotron cooling rate:

$$t_{\text{synch}} \approx 1.5 \left( \frac{B}{mG} \right)^{-1.5} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{keV} \right)^{-0.5} \text{ yr}$$



$$B \approx 0.1 - 1 mG$$

$$(B_{\text{ISM}} \sim 5 \mu G)$$

### Nonuniform Inter Stellar Matter

X-ray image (color scale)

<-> Synchrotron emission

CO (j=1-0) line emission (iso-contour)

<-> molecular cloud ( $n \sim 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )

B-field amplification:  $\sim 100$

# ISM (Inter Stellar Matter) consists of **CNM** (Cold Neutral Medium) and **WNM** (Warm Neutral Medium)



ISM: an open system radiation heating / cooling

Heating:

radiation and cosmic rays from stars

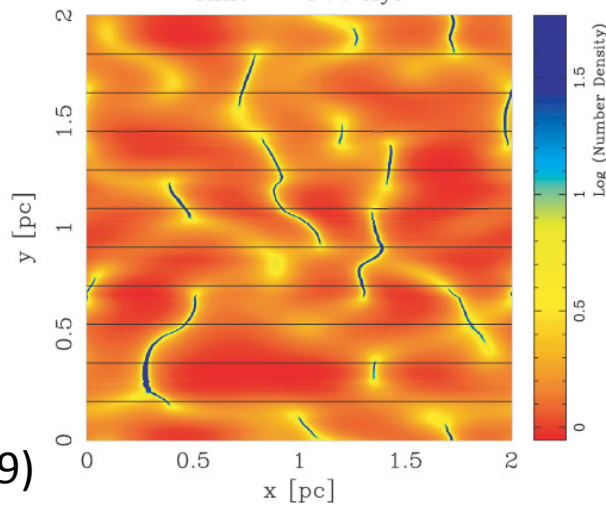
→ Heating rate  $\propto n$

Cooling:

line emission from excited atoms  
and molecular

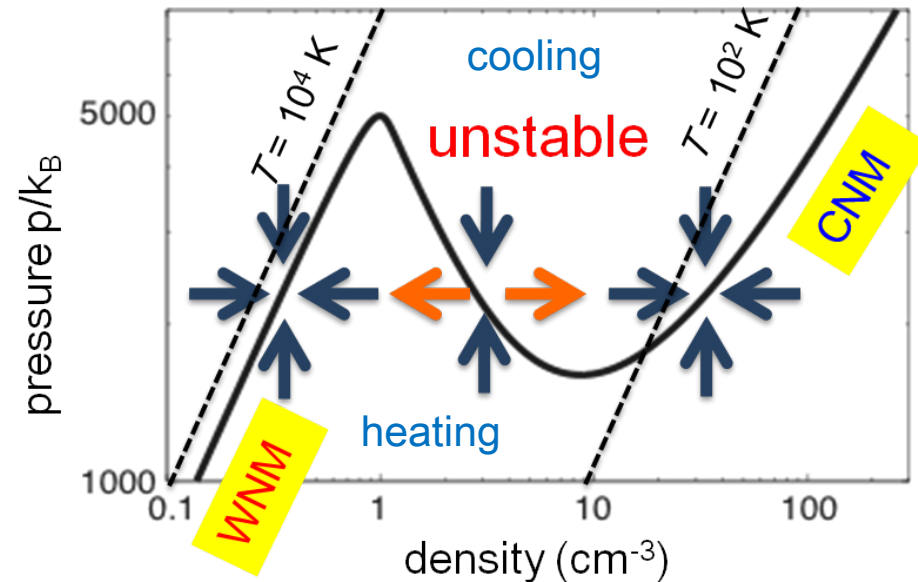
$T < 10^3 \text{K}$ : atomic fine structure ( $\epsilon \sim 0.01 \text{eV}$ )  
CO rotational transition  
 $T > 10^3 \text{K}$ : electron transition ( $\epsilon \sim 1 \text{eV}$ )  
(Ly- $\alpha$ , C, O, Fe etc)

→ Cooling rate  $\propto n^2 e^{-\epsilon/kT}$   
Time = 4.00 Myr



Inoue,  
Yamazaki,  
Inutsuka (09)

equilibrium states (Field(69); Wolfir(95))  
(balance between heating and cooling)



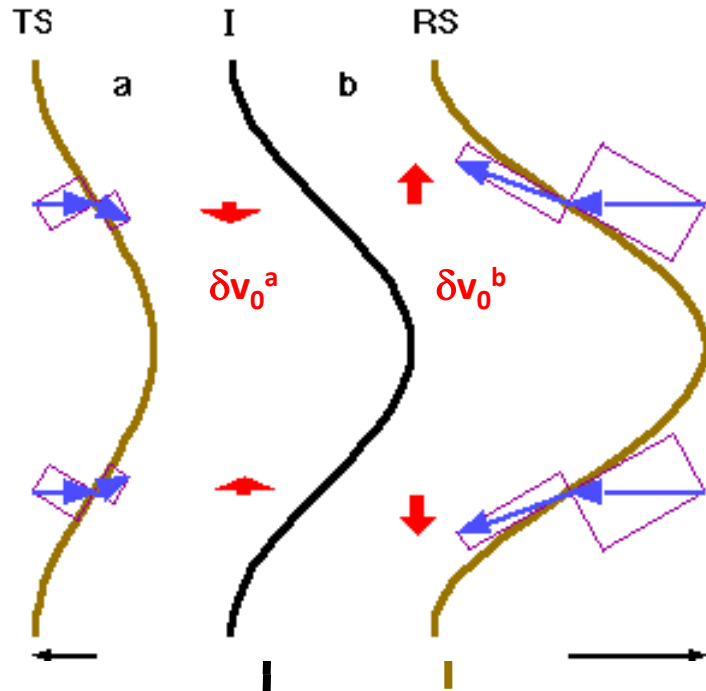
**WNM** (low density  $n \sim 1 \text{cm}^{-3}$ ): stable  
**CNM** (high density  $n > 10 \text{cm}^{-3}$ ): stable

unstable domain  
for iso-pressure perturbations

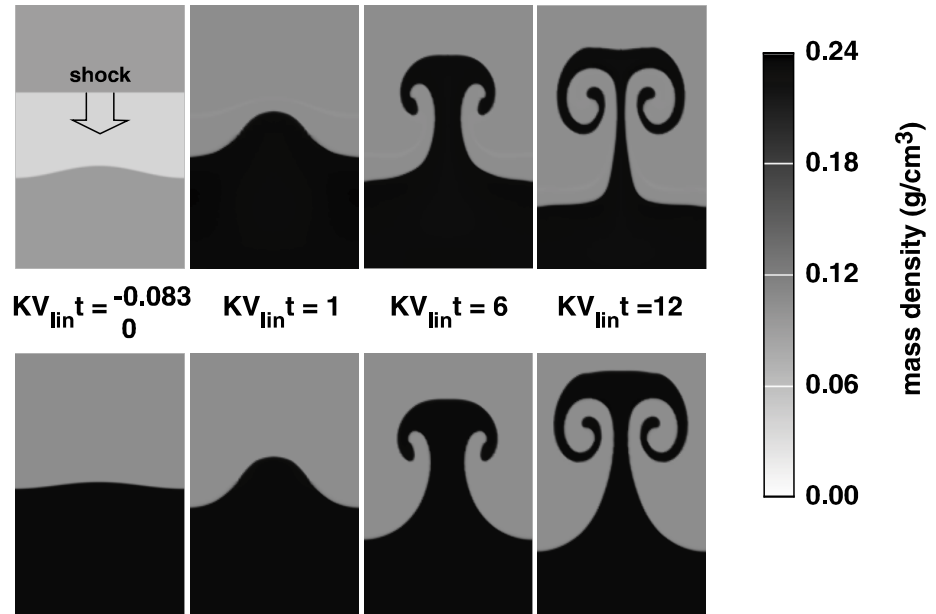
$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left( \frac{\mathcal{L}}{T} \right) \right]_p < 0$$

$\mathcal{L}(\rho, T)$  : cooling rate per unit mass

After an incident shock hits a corrugated interface, ripples on reflected and transmitted shocks are induced and RM instability is driven by velocity shear left by the rippled shocks.



shocked interface



vortex sheet

from linearized relation of the shock Rankin-Hugoniot

$$\delta v_o^a = k \xi_o \left( 1 - \frac{u_{st}}{u_{si}} \right) v_i, \quad \delta v_o^b = k \xi_o \left( 1 - \frac{u_{sr}}{u_{si}} \right) (v_i - v_1)$$

where  $\xi_o, k$ ; amplitude of the initial interface corrugation and its wave number,

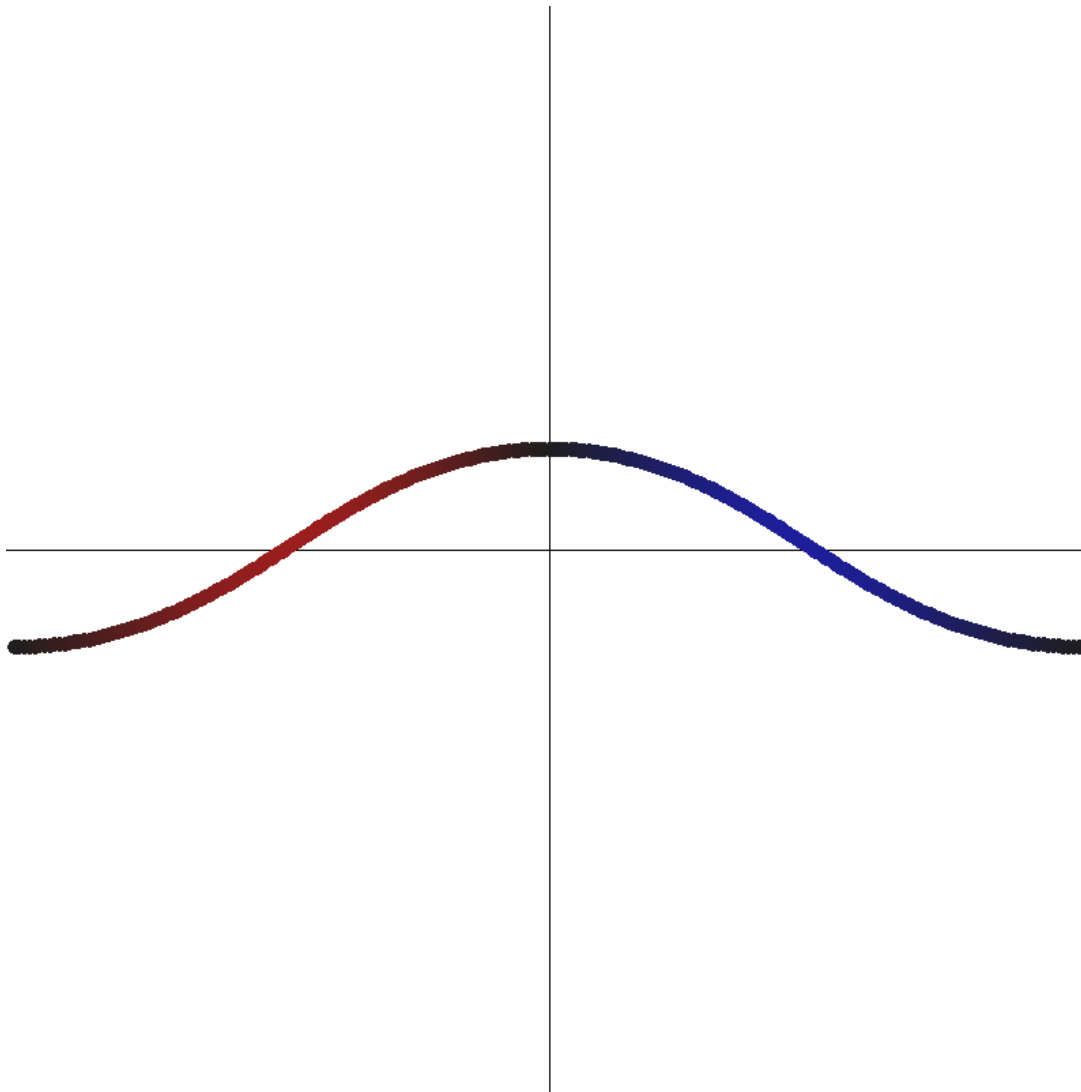
$u_{si}, u_{st}, u_{sr}$ ; incident, transmitted and reflected shock speeds, and

$v_i, v_1$ ; interface speed after the interaction and fluid velocity behind the incident shock.

Matsuoka, Nishihara  
Fukuda (PRE(03))  
A=0.376,  $\xi_o/\lambda=0.02$



Color shows the vorticity (Matsuoka (06))



asymptotic linear growth rate  
 $v_{lin}$  (weak shock limit)

$$v_{lin} = \frac{\rho_{bf} \delta v_{yb}^0 - \rho_{af} \delta v_{ya}^0}{\rho_{bf} + \rho_{af}}$$

Wouchuk (97)

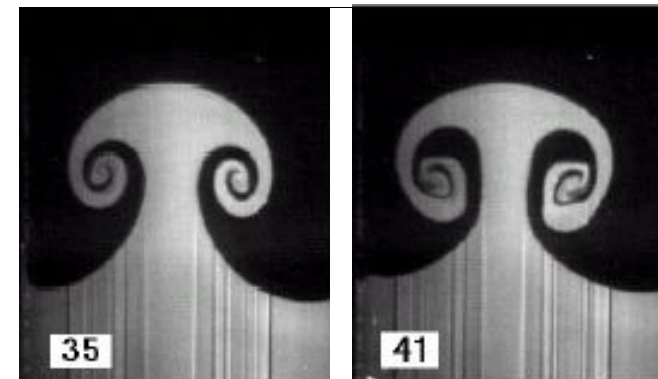
Parameters

$$A = 0.155$$

$$k\xi_0 = 0.2$$

$$kv_{lin}t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12$$

Jacobs





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## 2. 2D MHD simulation results of B-field amplification

- Three cases: a shock perpendicular, parallel, and oblique to B-field
- A shock wave propagates through a sinusoidal corrugated interface.
- Amplification factor of magnetic field ( $\geq 100$  times)
- parameter dependence of amplification factor

## 3. Physical mechanism of the magnetic field amplification

- Stretching of the interface and spike due to RMI along the B-field





# Initial Condition of 2-d MHD Simulations

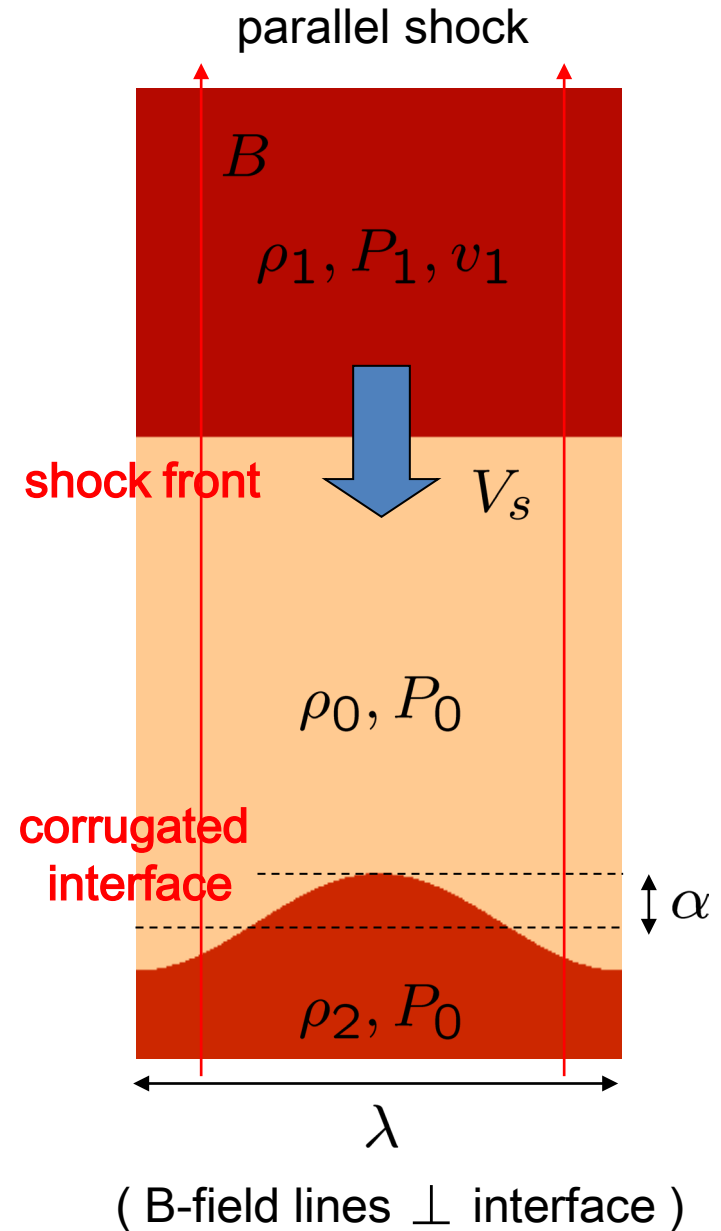
- Density Jump:  $\delta = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_0} = 10$
- Mach Number of the Shock:  $M = \frac{V_s}{c_{s0}} = 10$
- Initial Corrugation Amplitude:  $\xi = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} = 0.1$
- Field Strength:  $\beta_0 = \frac{8\pi P_0}{B^2} = 10^8$

three cases

perpendicular shock ( to B-field )  
( B-field lines // interface )

parallel shock ( to B-field )  
( B-field lines  $\perp$  interface )

Oblique shock ( to B-field )  
( B-field lines  $\angle$  interface )



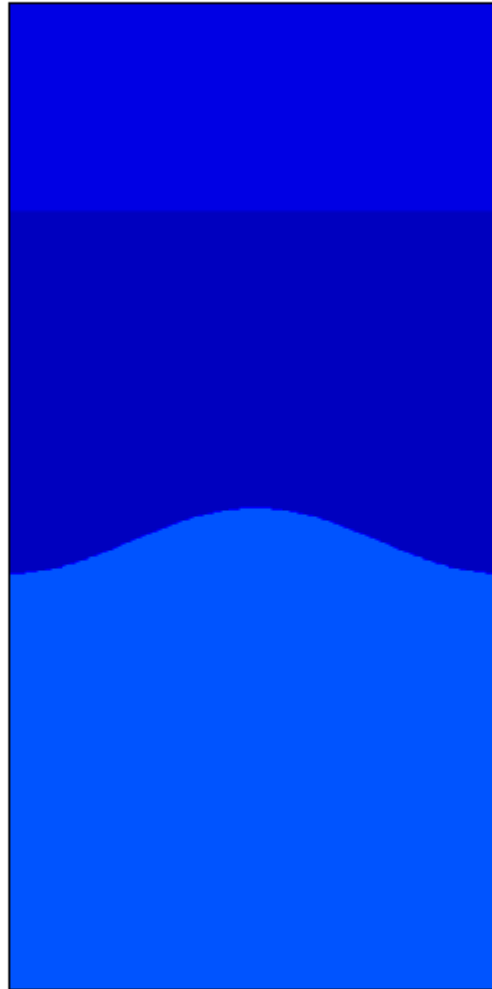




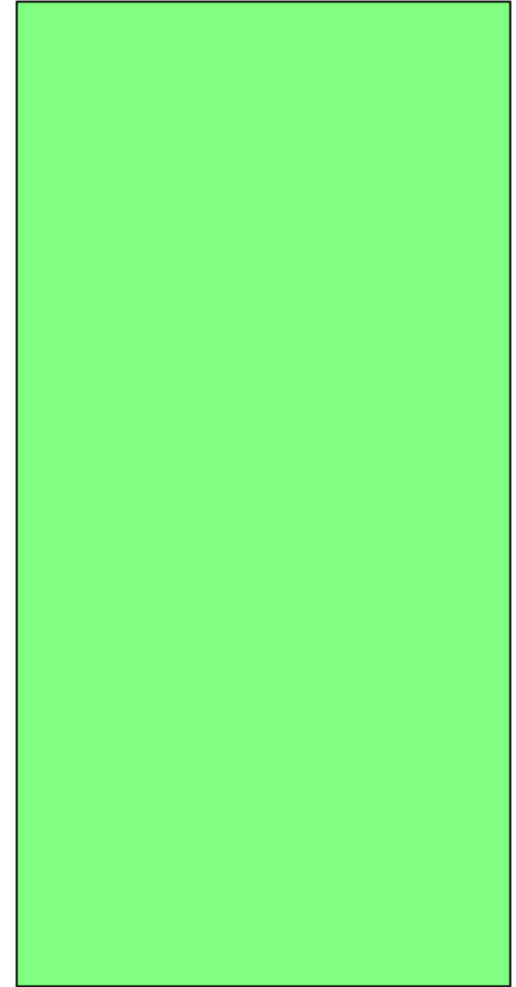
B-field lines



mass density



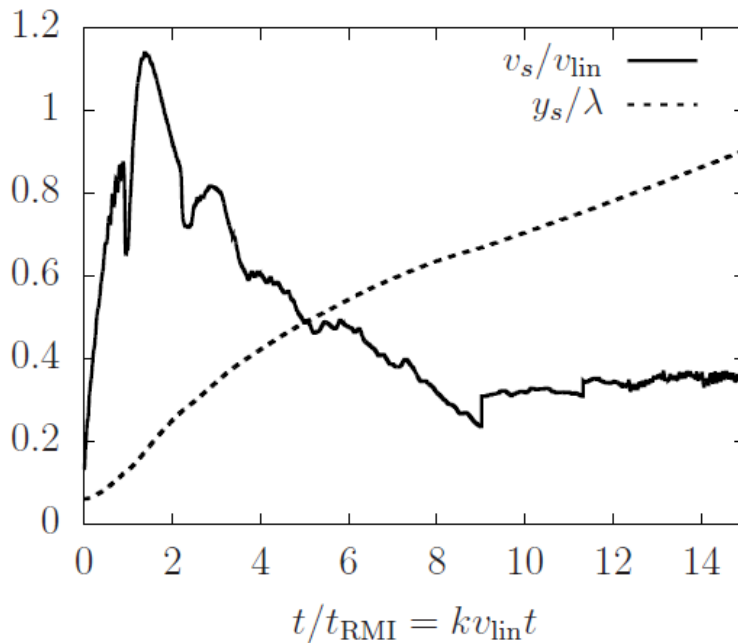
vorticity



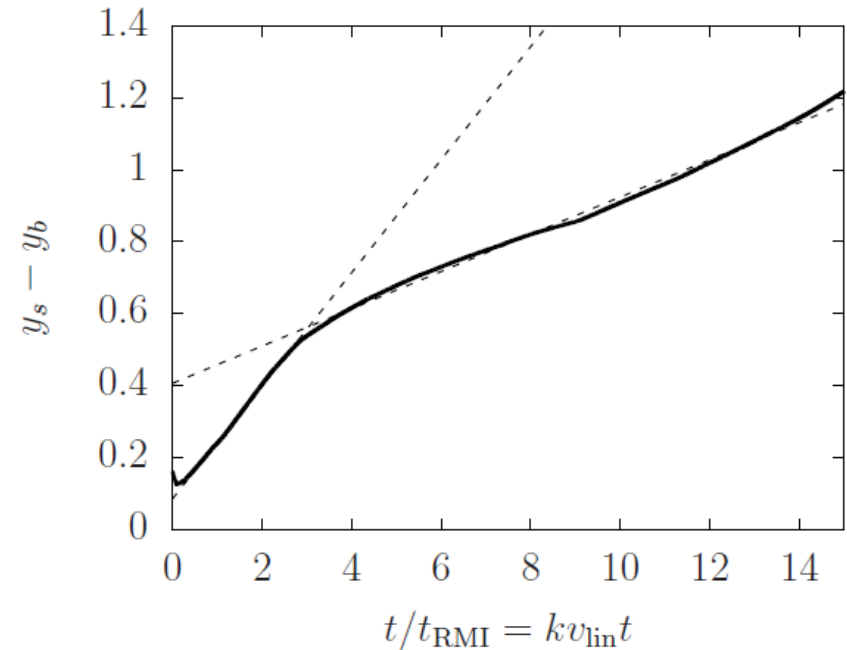
# RMI growth in 2-d MHD simulation of a shock perpendicular to B-field



time evolution of  
RMI growth rate and spike height



normalized length  
between spike top and bubble top



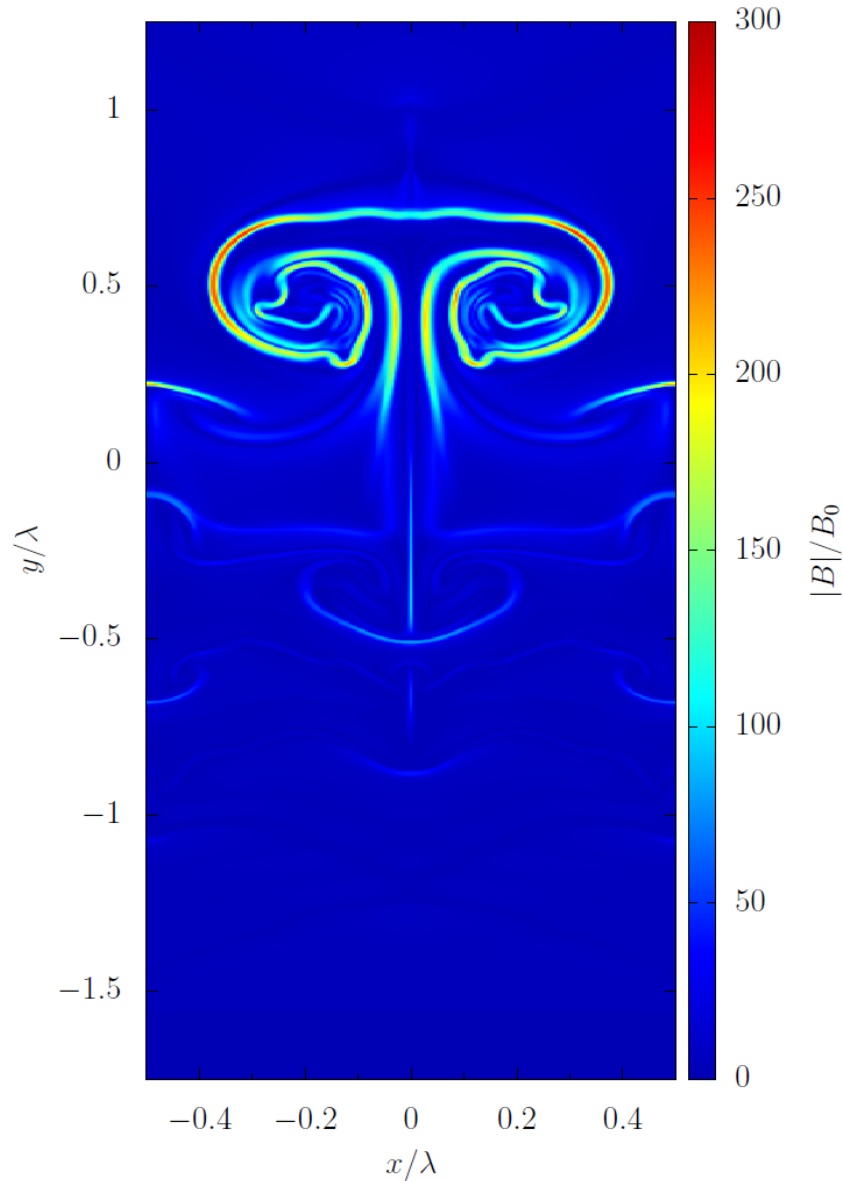
growth rate normalized by  $V_{\text{lin}}$   
length normalized by wavelength

Growth rate reaches its maximum around  $kv_{\text{lin}} t = 1.5$  and decreases with time

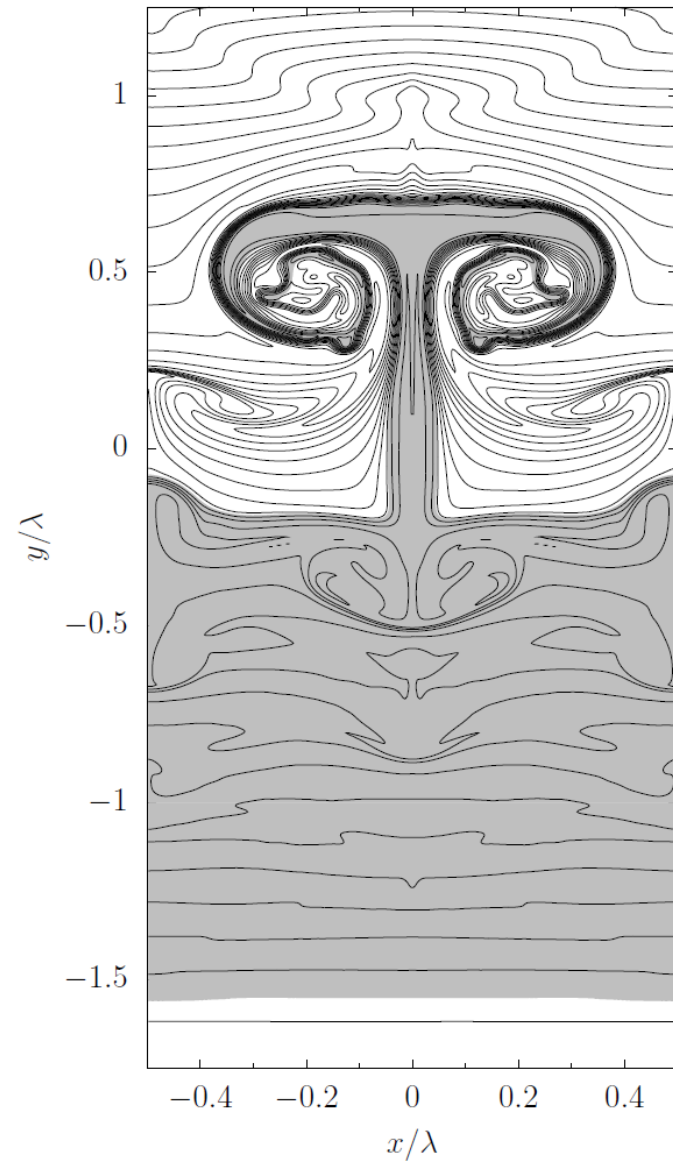


$kv_{\text{lin}}t = 10$

B-field ( $|B| / B_0$ )

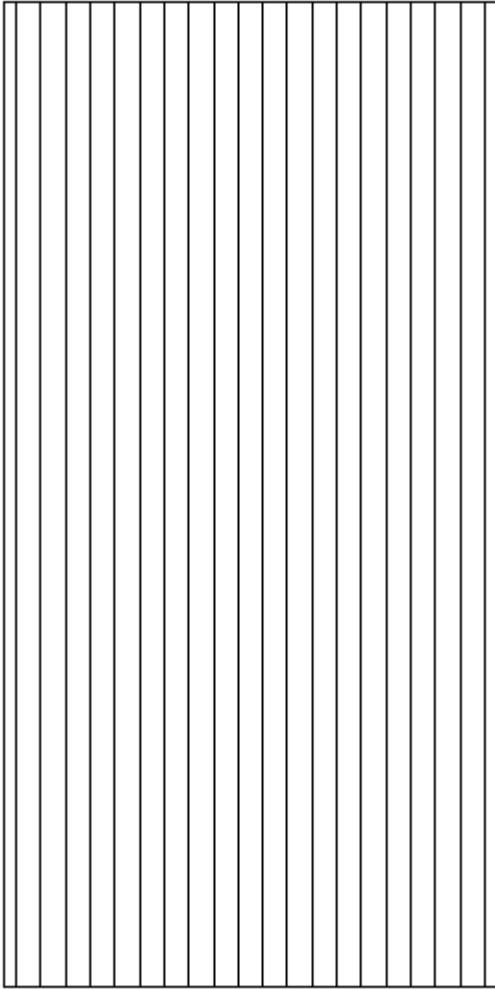


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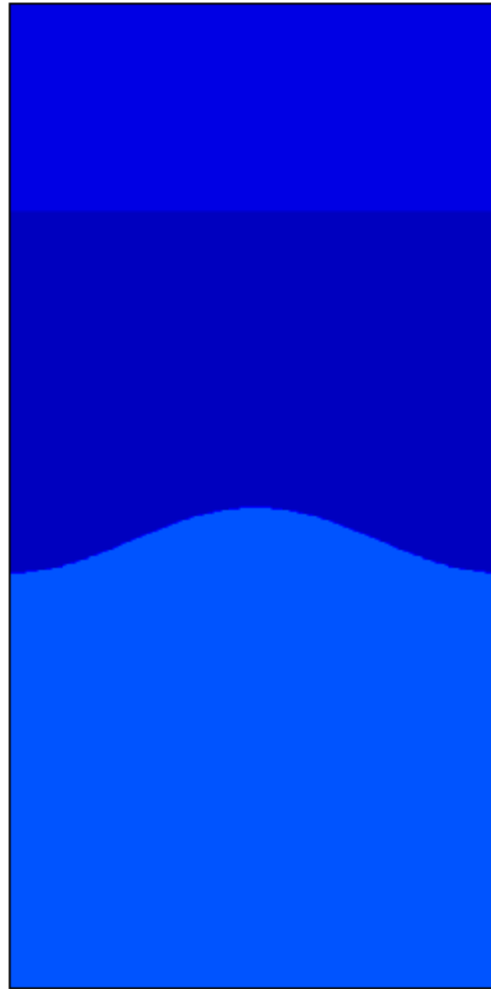




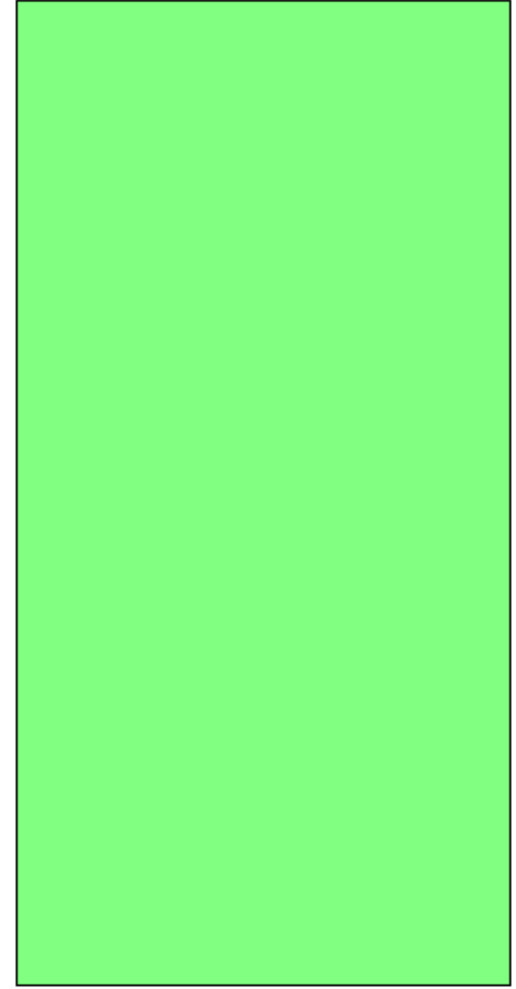
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mass density



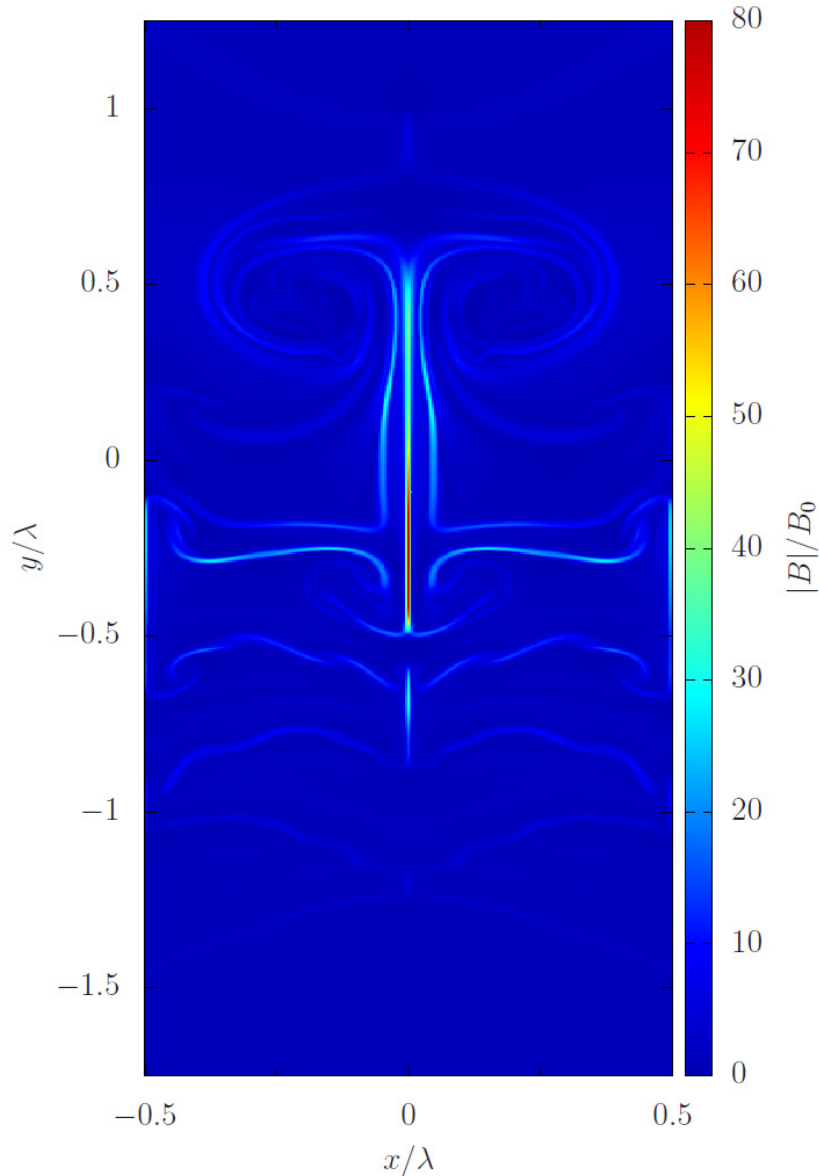
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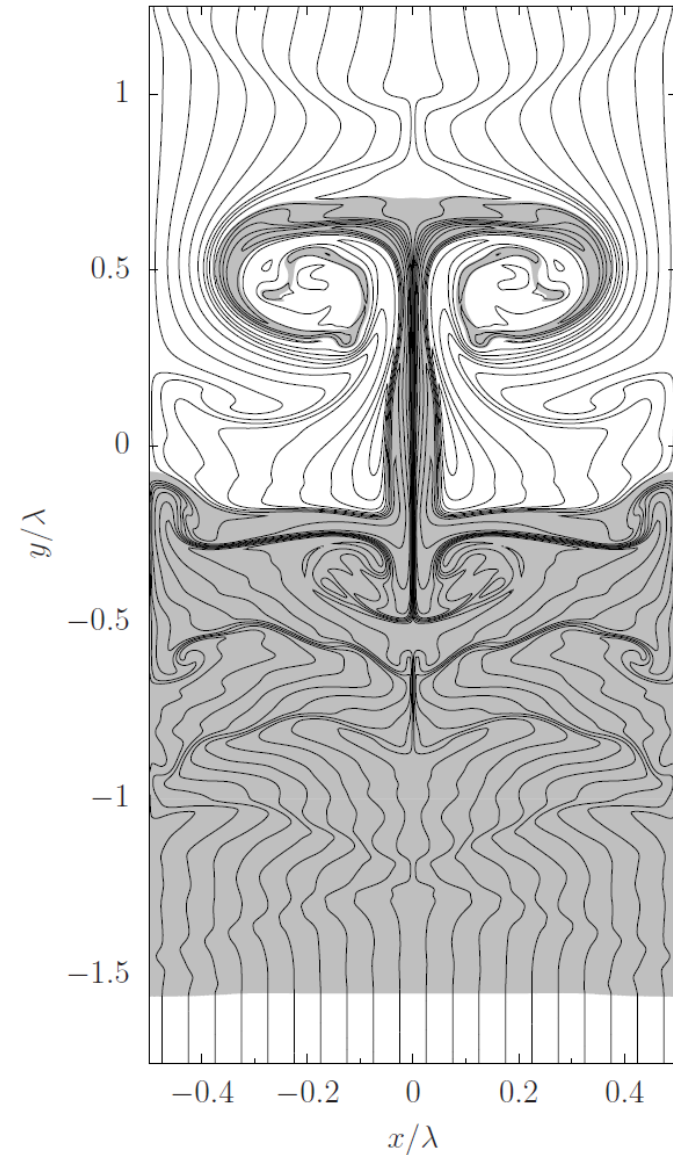


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B-field ( $|B| / B_0$ )



B-field lines



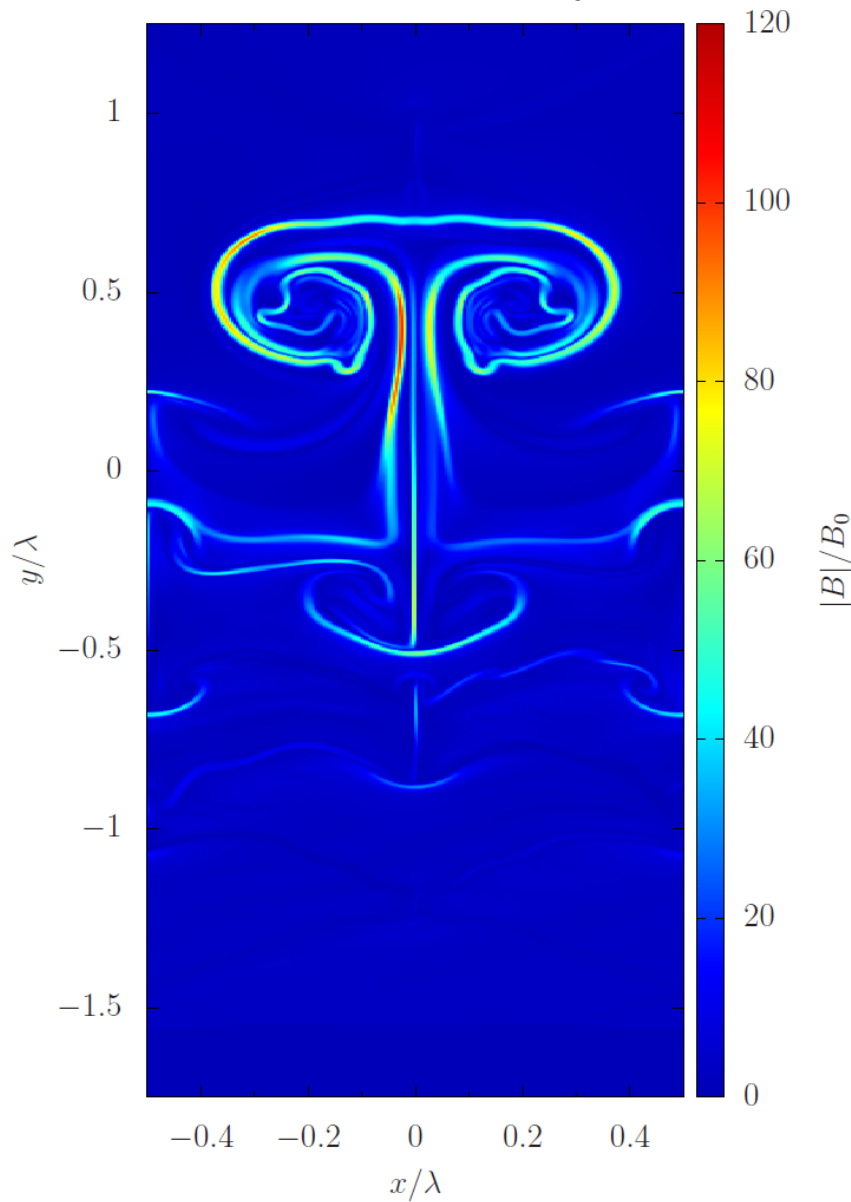
2d MHD 8  
 $B \nabla$  interface

B-field amplification for the case of a shock oblique to B-field  
Strong amplification ( $\sim 120$ ) appears at interface aligned to B-field

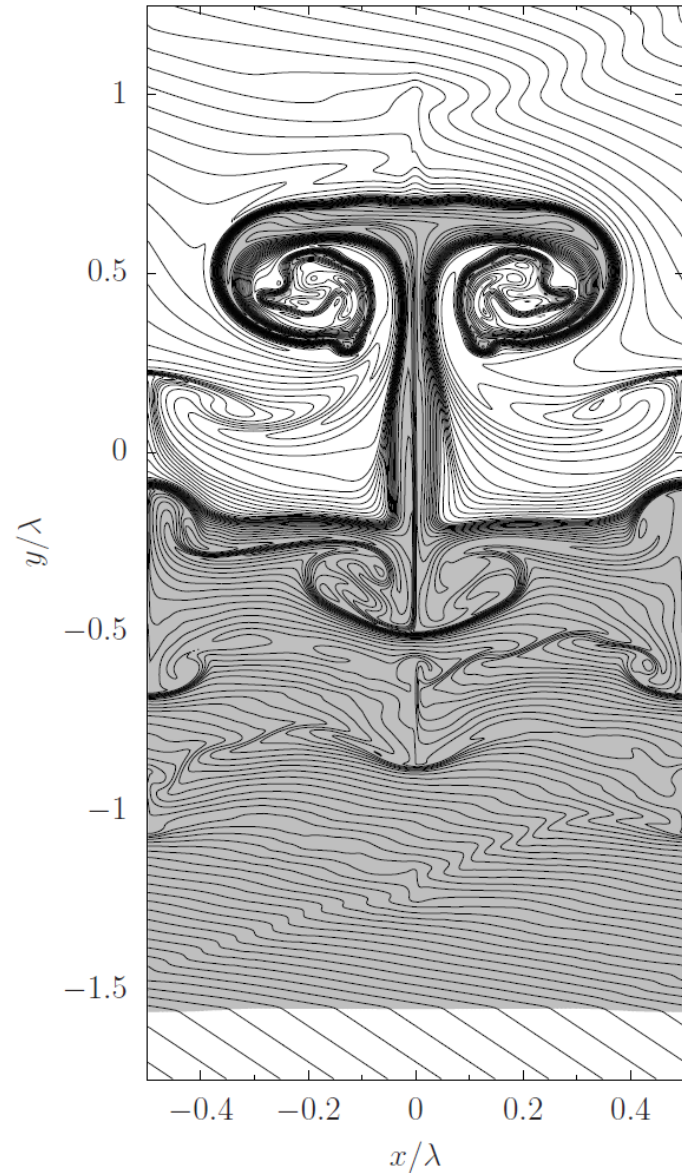


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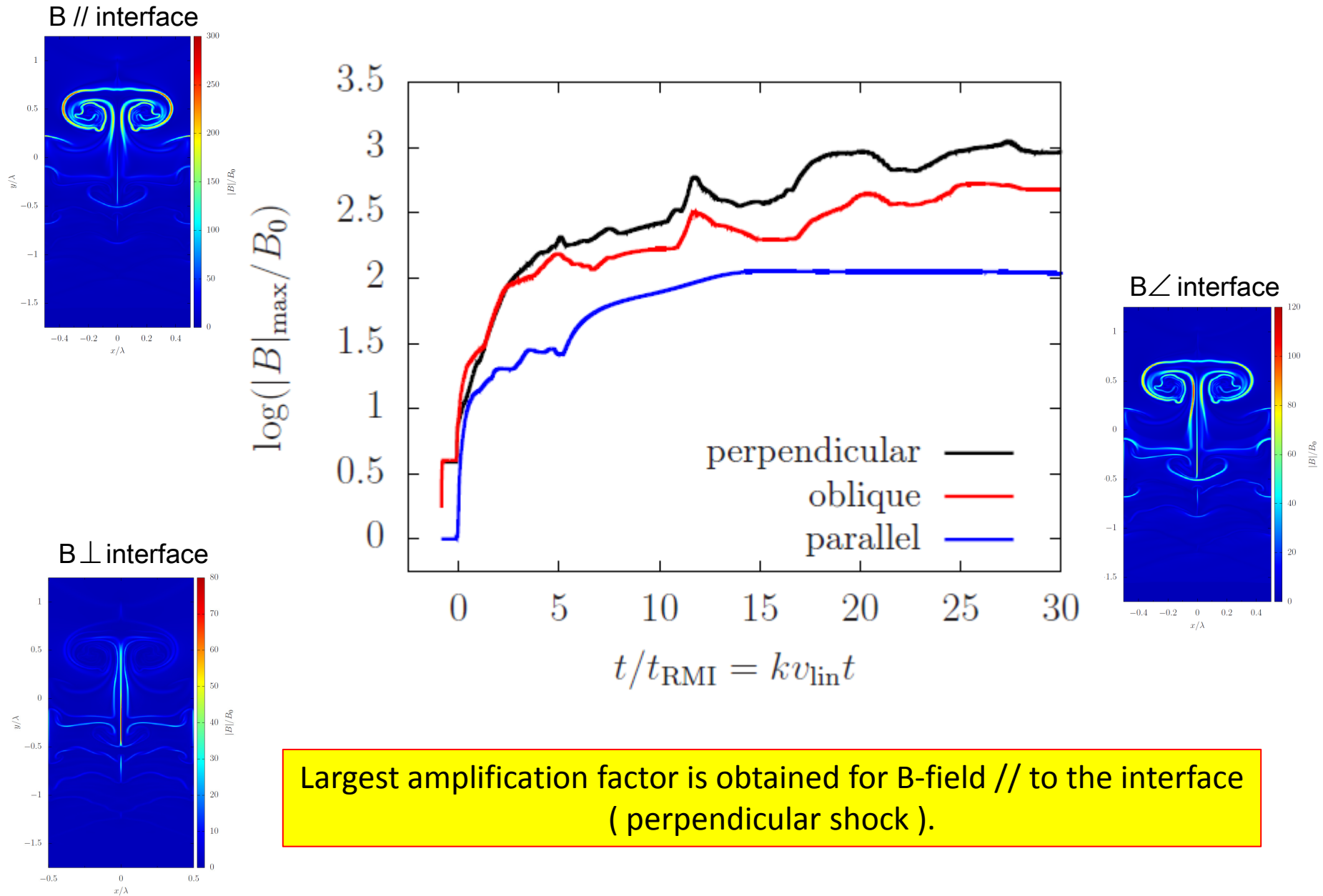
B-field ( $|B| / B_0$ )



B-field lines



# B-field amplification factors for three different cases become about **100** to **1000**

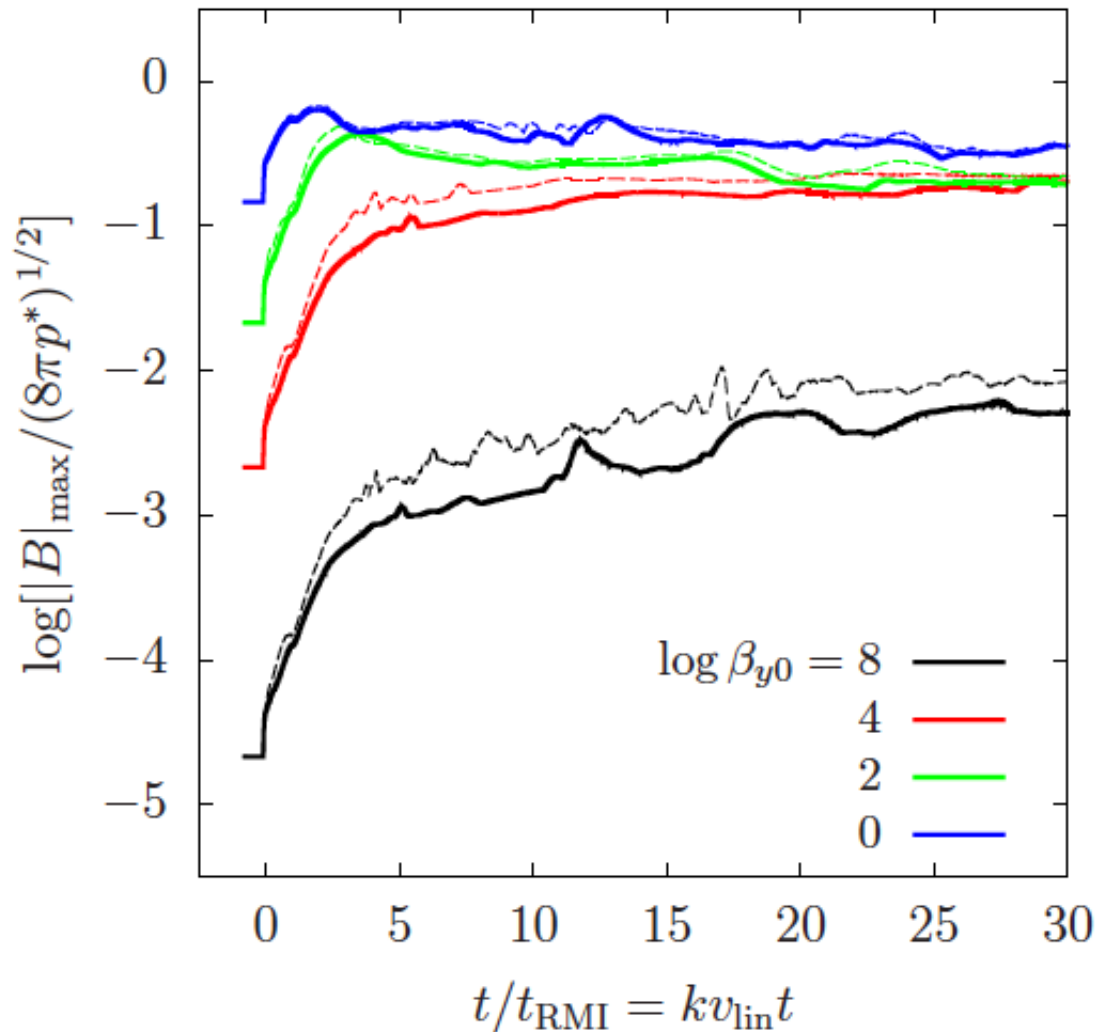




# Magnetic pressure does not exceed to plasma pressure even for parallel shock



square root of the ratio of magnetic pressure to plasma pressure  
for different its initial values



Amplification factor of B-field becomes  $> 100$  for initial plasma  $\beta > 10^3$



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## Magnetic field amplification

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times E$$

$$= \nabla \times (v \times B)$$

$$= \underbrace{-v \cdot \nabla B}_{\text{advection}} + \underbrace{B \cdot \nabla v}_{\text{stretching}} - \underbrace{B \nabla \cdot v}_{\text{compression}}$$

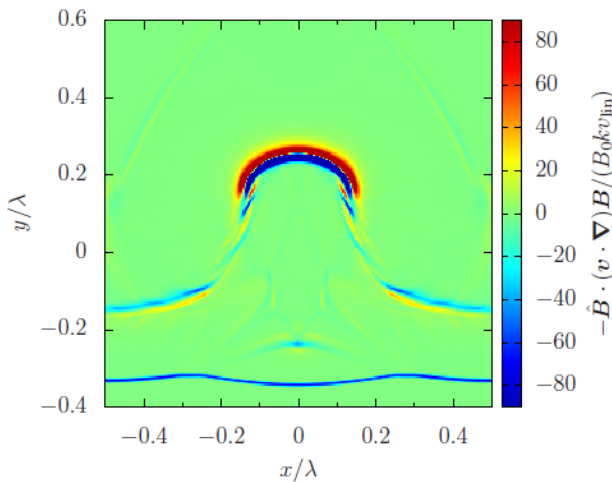
advection      stretching      compression

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |B^2| = -B \cdot (v \cdot \nabla) B \quad \text{advection}$$

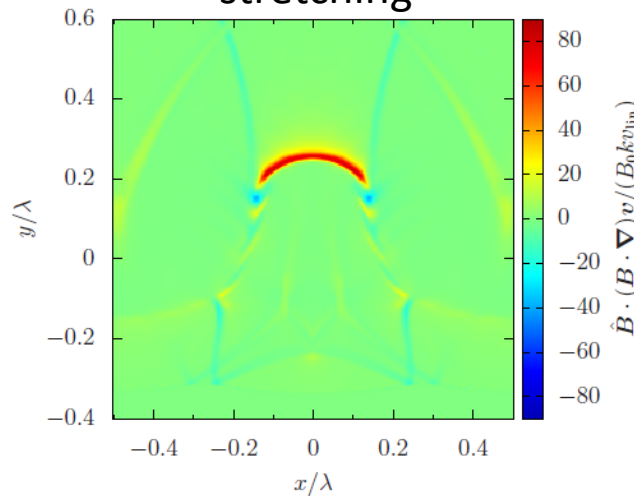
$$+ B \cdot (B \cdot \nabla) v \quad \text{stretching}$$

$$- |B^2| \nabla \cdot v \quad \text{compression}$$

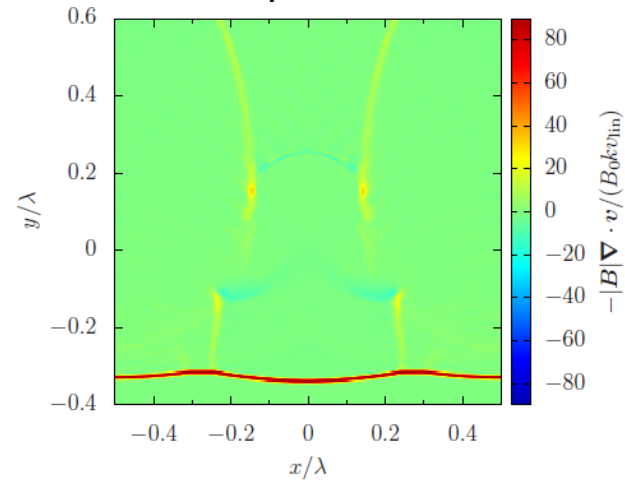
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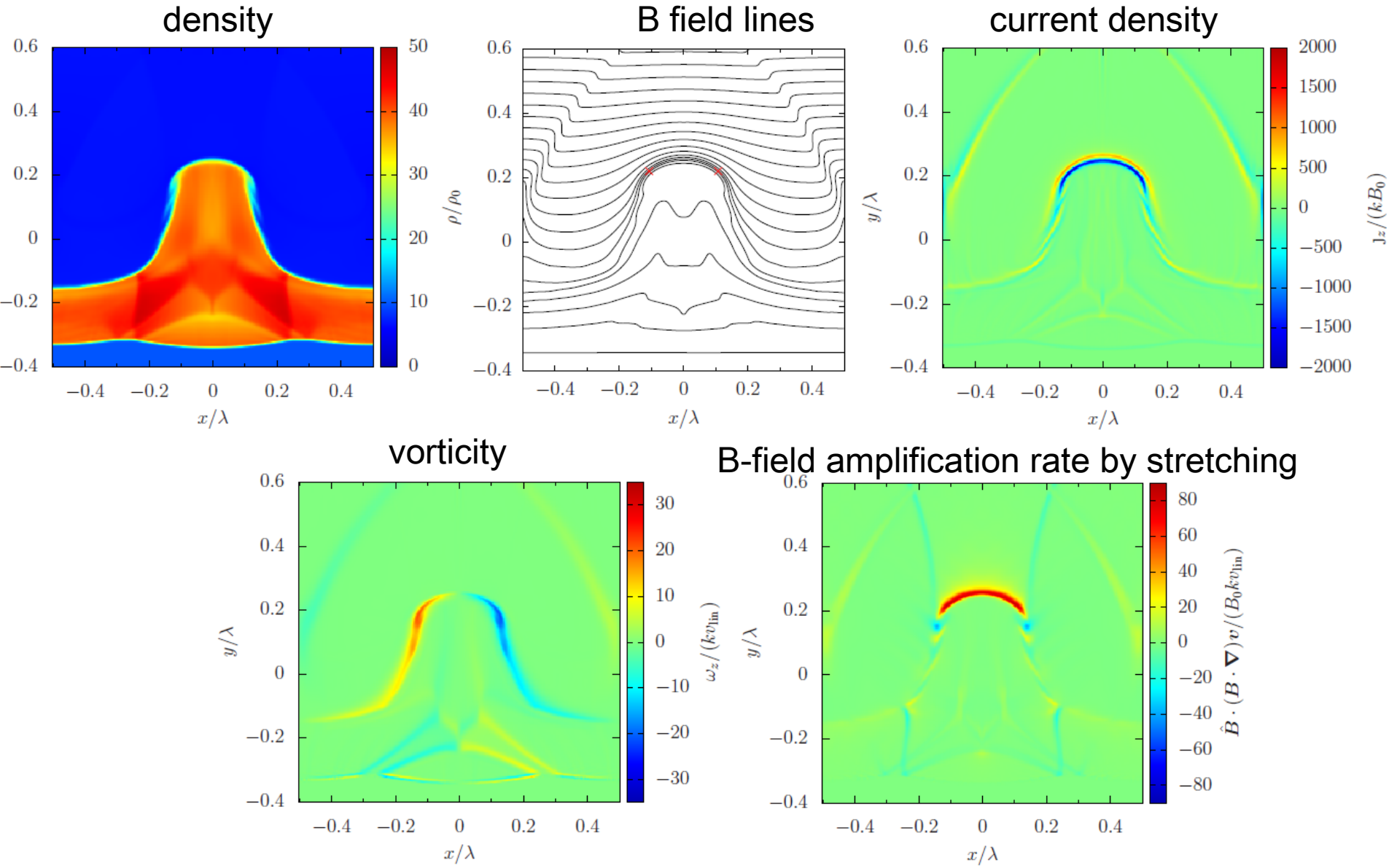


Advection does not increase B-field along the plasma

Stretching of the interface along a magnetic field mainly leads to the magnetic amplification



spatial profile (initial B // interface: at  $kv_{\text{lin}}t=2.0$ )

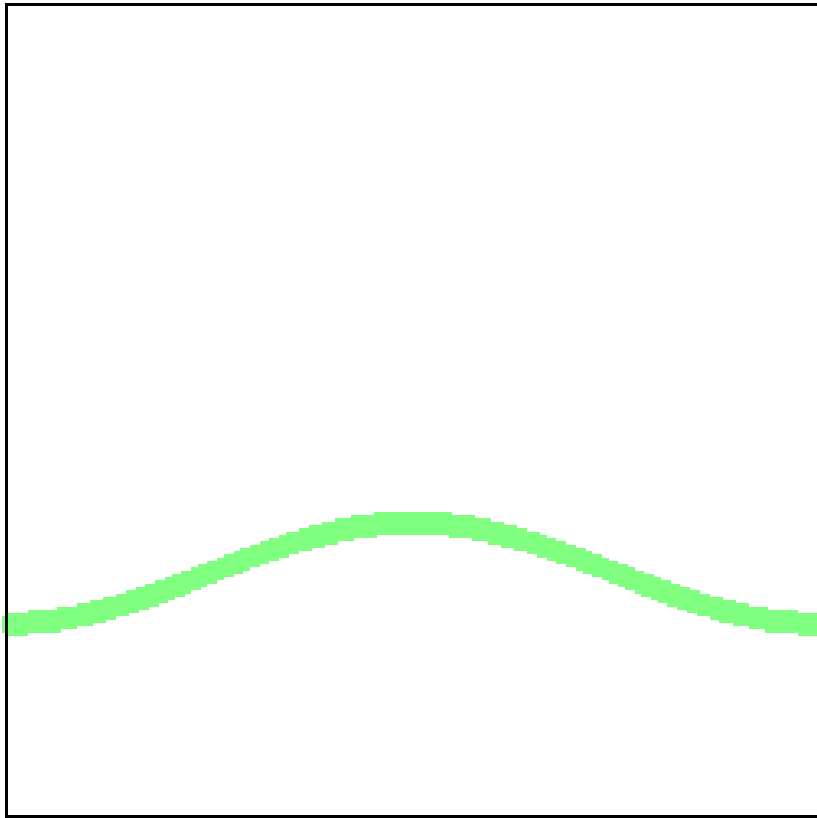


B-amplify 3  
B // interface

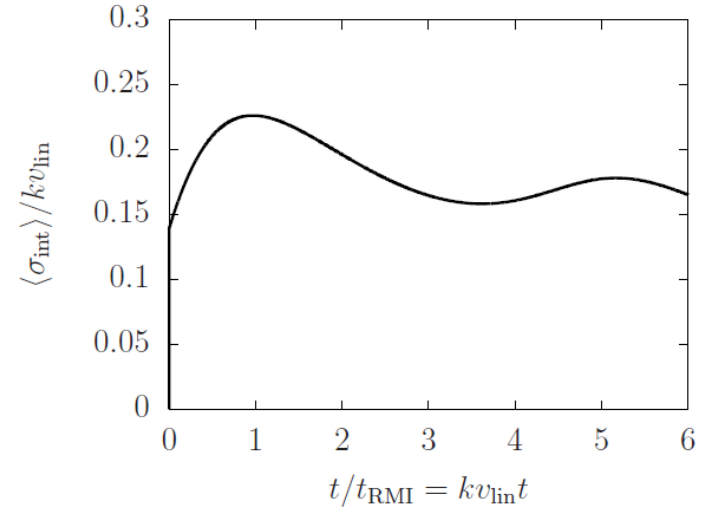
Interface stretching rate obtained from nonlinear vortex sheet model shows large stretching rate at the top of the spike in early stage.



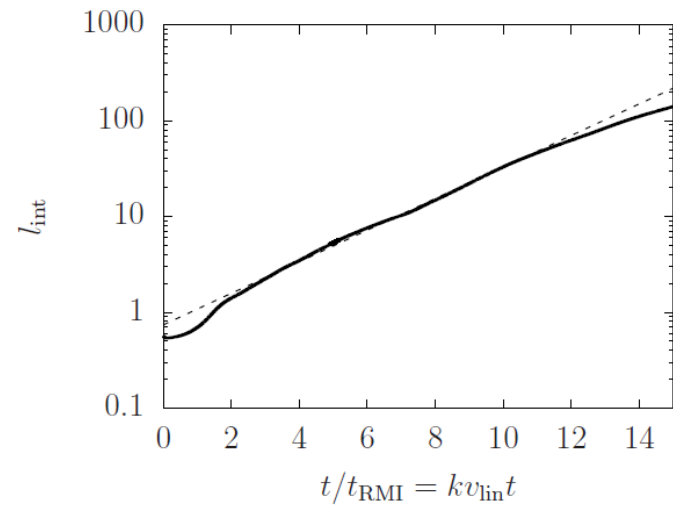
interface stretching rate  
from  $kv_{\text{lin}} t=0$  to 6



stretching rate of the interface in RMI  
(nonlinear vortex sheet model)

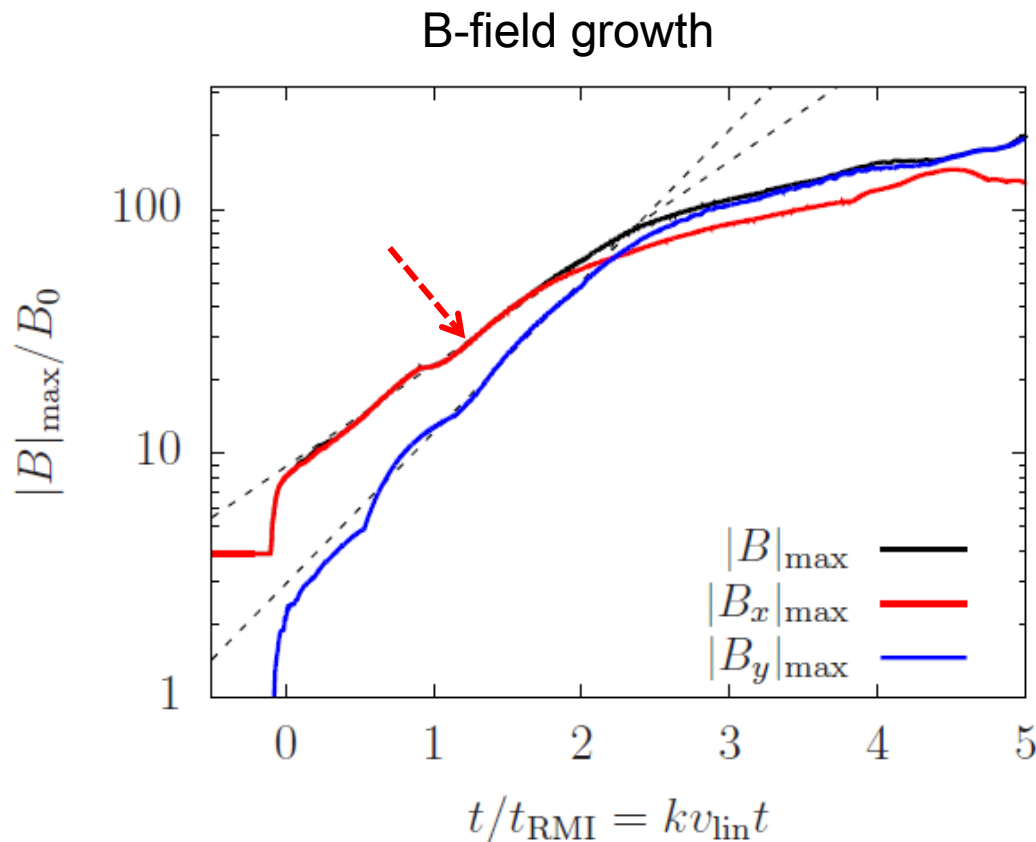


interface length vs time  
observed in 2d MHD simulation

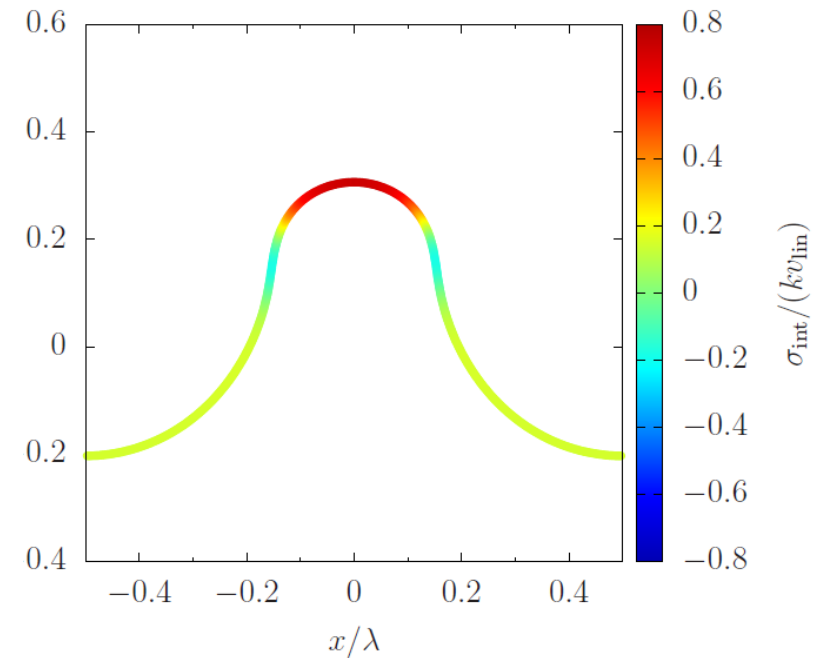




Stretching rate at  $t=2.0$ , the peak value is about  $1/kv_{\text{lin}}$ , which is comparable to the growth rate of B-field.



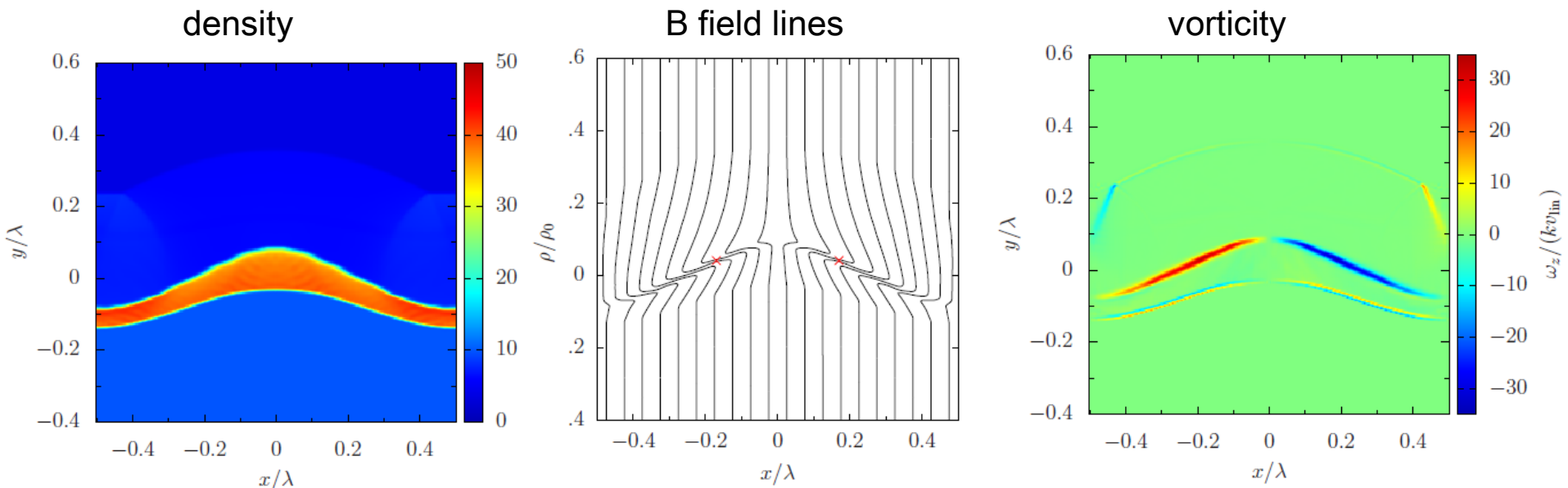
local stretching rate of the interface



The B-field in the shock propagation direction ( $B_y$ ) grows later, which corresponds to the nonlinear stretching of the spike.

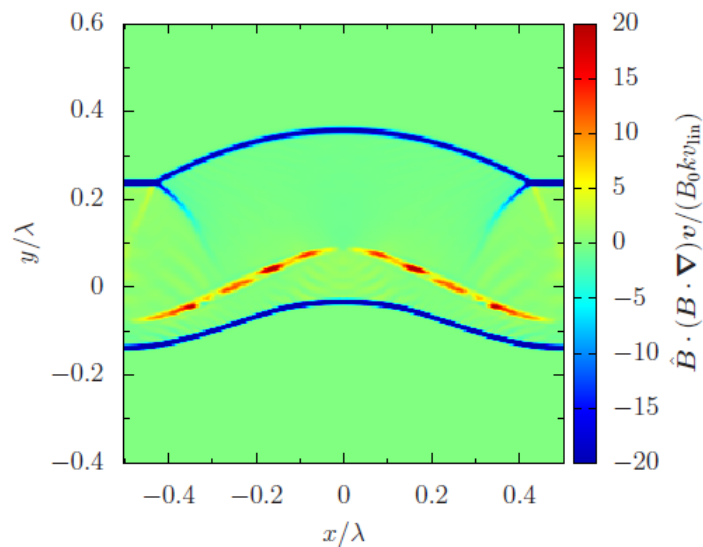
B-amplify 5  
 $B \perp$  interface

B-field arraigned the interface appears at early stage  
 due to velocity shear at the interface, even for parallel shock.

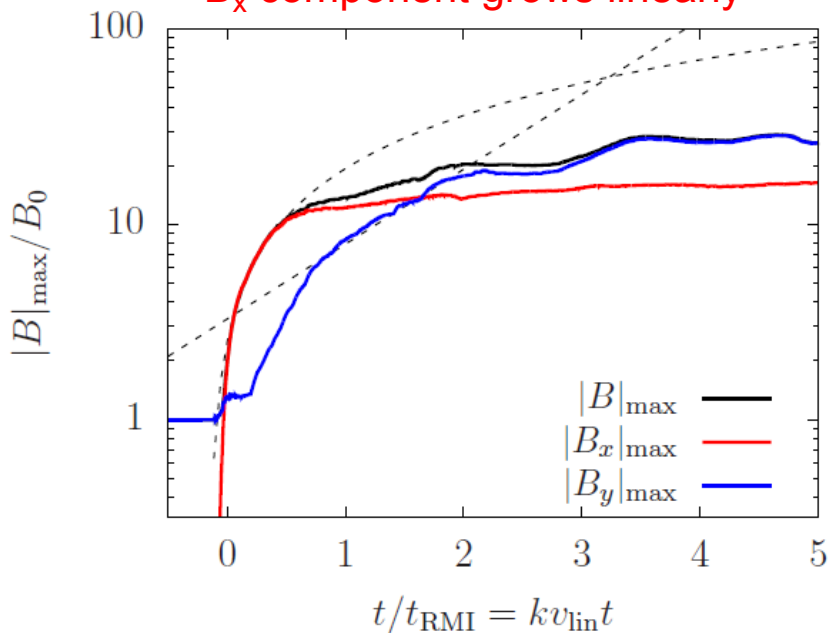


B-field amplification rate  
 by stretching

( at  $kv_{\text{lin}} t = 0.5$  )



$B_x$  component grows linearly



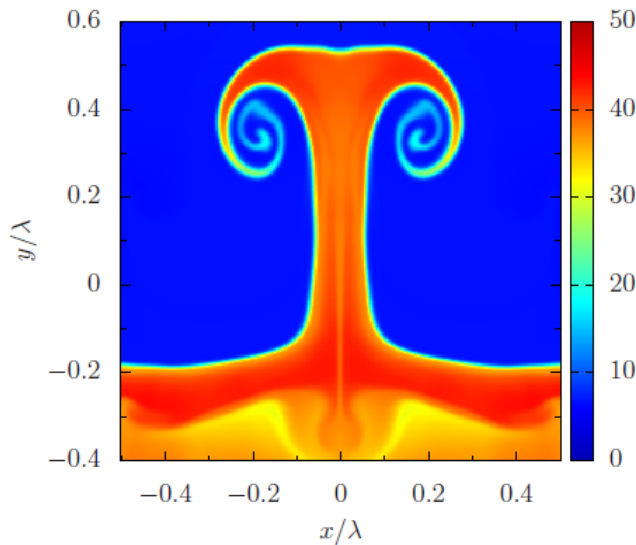


B-amplify 6  
B  $\perp$  interface

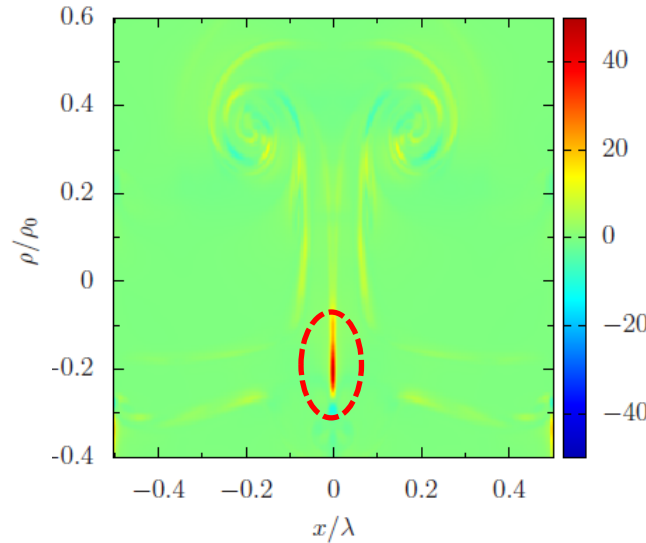
B-field amplification at root of stem appears later in parallel shock which corresponds to its stretching due to interaction with bulk vorticity.



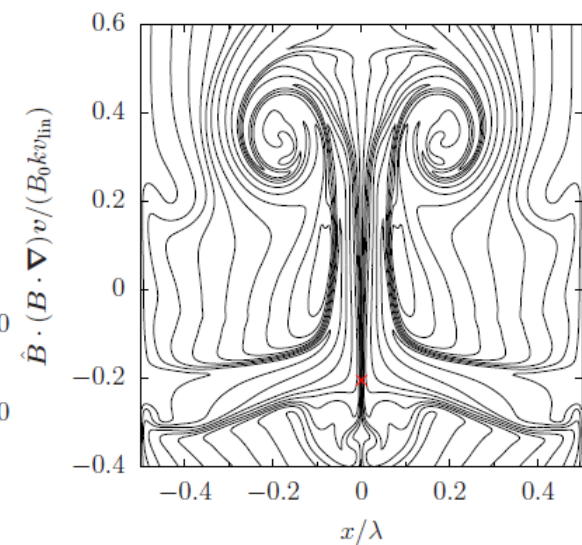
density ( at  $kv_{lin}t=6.0$  )



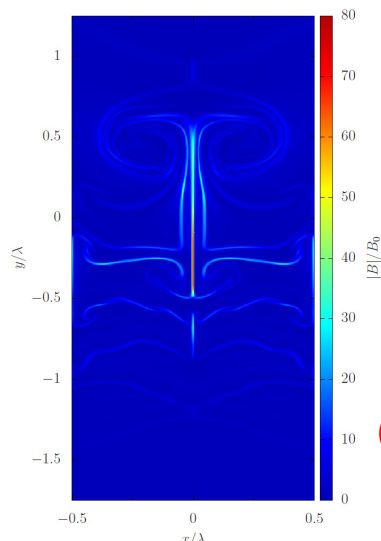
B-field amplification rate by stretching



B field lines



B  $\perp$  interface



( at  $kv_{lin}t=10$  )

Due to the interaction between the vortex sheet and bulk vorticity left behind a rippled strong shock, the stretching of the root of the stems appears later for a case of parallel shock ( B-field lines  $\perp$  interface)

# Conclusion and Acknowledgement



1. We showed strong amplification of magnetic field by the Richtmyer-Meshkov instability for three different shock propagation directions to magnetic field.
2. The amplification factor obtained from 2-d MHD simulations were greater than 100 for every cases, which agrees with the observations in SNR. We also discussed various parameter dependences of the amplification factors.
3. It is shown that the stretching of the interface and spike due to RMI mainly causes the magnetic field amplification.

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