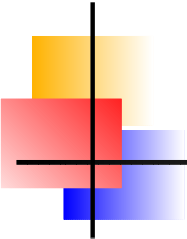


Mean field dynamos and magnetic helicity

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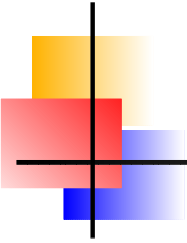
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- ▶ Magnetic helicity density, flux and dynamical quenching

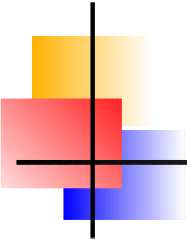
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The Magnetic Universe

Why Magnetic Universe?

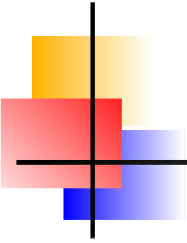
- ▶ **Electrically Neutral Universe**
 - ▶ Both +ve and -ve Charges Present
- ▶ **Free Electric charges + No magnetic charges $\Rightarrow$**
 - ▶ Can short out strong E in plasma rest frame
- ▶ **Non Relativistic Velocities $\Rightarrow$**
 - ▶ Simpler to think in terms of B than E



Why think about B fields?

- ▶ Gives "fluid" like property to hot/dilute plasma
 - ▶ $\lambda_{spitzer} \approx 5 \text{ kpc} (c_s/10^3 \text{ kms}^{-1})^4 (n/10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3})^{-1}$
- ▶ **Affects transport: Thermal conduction, viscosity, resistivity**
- ▶ **Controls star formation? Typical masses and IMF?**
 - ▶ Is B feedback as important as Z feedback for first stars?
- ▶ **Helps Accretion - Jets: Relevance to first AGN?**
- ▶ Cosmic ray confinement/transport/heating in ISM, IGM?
- ▶ **Makes objects "visible" : Synchrotron/Inverse compton**
- ▶ Primordial fields modify/induce structure formation
- ▶ **Need to explain ordered fields in Sun (11 yr cycle), Galaxies ($\sim 10 \mu\text{G}$, upto 10 kpc scale) and clusters (few μG , kpc to 10 kpc scale)**

Fun to think about!



MHD basics: The Induction equation

► Maxwell equations

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{E}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi \rho_e,$$

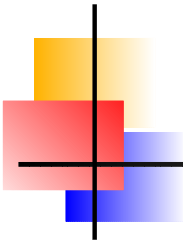
► Ohm's law

$$\mathbf{J} = \rho_e \mathbf{U} + \sigma \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}}{c} \right)$$

► Eliminate $\mathbf{J}$ using Ohm+Maxwell, define resistivity $\eta = c^2/(4\pi\sigma)$

$$\frac{\eta}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{\eta}{c^2} \mathbf{U}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) + \mathbf{E} = \frac{\eta}{c} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}}{c}.$$

► Faraday timescale $\eta/c^2 \sim 10^{-14} T_4^{-3/2} s$ for ionized plasma!



MHD basics: The Induction equation

- ▶ Variation timescale (or advective timescale) of $\mathbf{E}$ usually much smaller than Faraday time

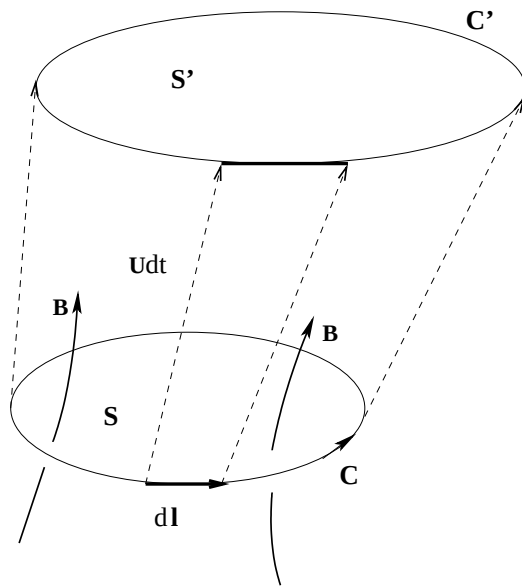
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- ▶ So neglect displacement and advective currents terms, take curl, use Faraday $\Rightarrow$ **Induction equation**

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B} - \eta \nabla \times \mathbf{B}).$$

- ▶ $\mathbf{U} = 0 \Rightarrow$ **pure diffusion and decay**
- ▶ If $\eta \rightarrow 0$, the flux $\Phi = \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ is 'frozen' $\rightarrow d\Phi/dt \rightarrow 0$.
- ▶ **Mag. Reynolds number** $R_M = (UB)/(\eta B/L) = UL/\eta \gg 1$

Flux Freezing



► **Magnetic flux:** $\Phi = \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$.

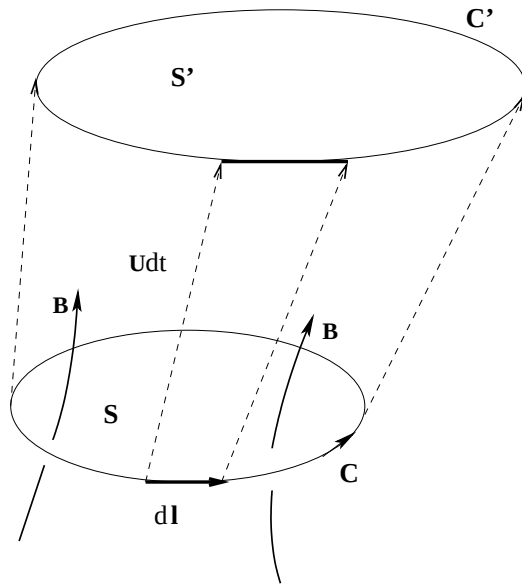
$$\Delta\Phi = \int_{S'} \mathbf{B}(t+dt) \cdot d\mathbf{S} - \int_S \mathbf{B}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

► $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ **at time** $t + dt \Rightarrow$

$$\int_{S'} \mathbf{B}(t + dt) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_S \mathbf{B}(t + dt) \cdot d\mathbf{S} - \oint_C \mathbf{B}(t + dt) \cdot (d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{U}dt),$$

$$\Delta\Phi = \int_S [\mathbf{B}(t + dt) - \mathbf{B}(t)] \cdot d\mathbf{S} - \oint_C \mathbf{B}(t + dt) \cdot (d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{U})dt.$$

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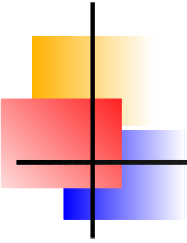
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$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} - \oint_C (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

► Using $\oint_C (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \nabla \times (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \int_S \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) \right] \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \eta \int_S (\nabla^2 \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

► So as $\eta \rightarrow 0$, $d\Phi/dt \rightarrow 0$ and so Φ is constant.



Flux freezing applications

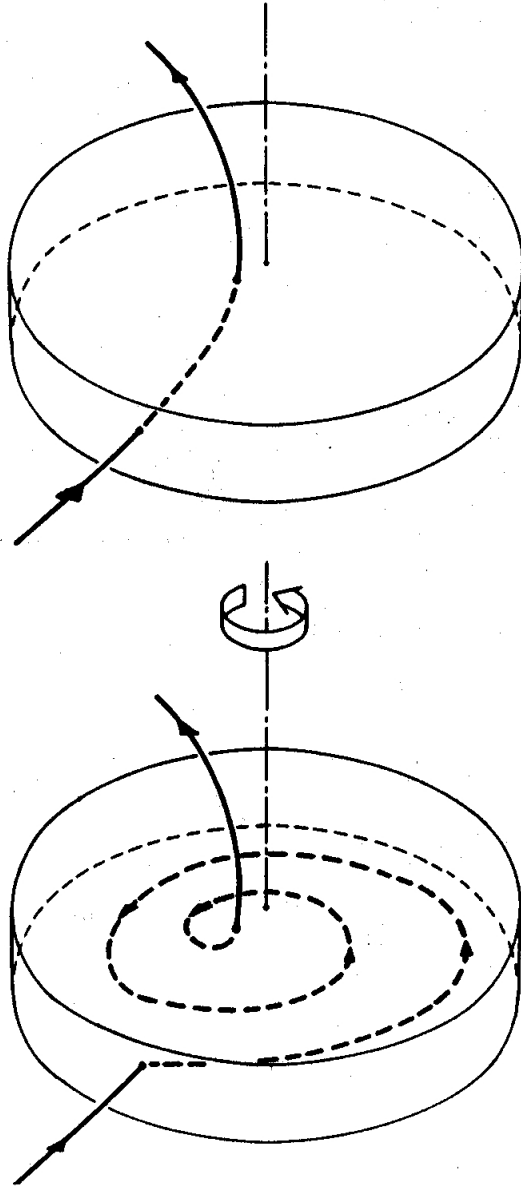
- ▶ Consider a flux tube with field B , length l , density ρ

$$BA = \text{Constant}, \quad \rho Al = \text{Constant} \rightarrow \frac{B}{\rho l} = \text{Constant}$$

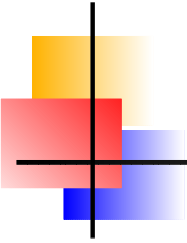
- ▶ Compressing a flux tube of constant length l increases B
- ▶ Incompressible fluid motion with $\rho = \text{Constant}$ gives $B \propto l$ and $A \propto 1/l$: Application to small-scale dynamo
- ▶ Ignoring diffusion, one can expand induction equation as

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (U \times B) = - \underbrace{(U \cdot \nabla) B}_{\text{advection}} + \underbrace{(B \cdot \nabla) U}_{\text{stretching}} - \underbrace{B(\nabla \cdot U)}_{\text{compression}},$$

Galactic Shear



- ▶ **Stretching due to differential rotation in galaxy**
- ▶ **Let $U = (0, r\Omega(r), 0)$, initially axisymmetric B**
- ▶ **Leads to winding up the field:**
 $B_r = B_r(r, z)$
 $B_\phi = B_\phi(r, z, t_0) + r(d\Omega/dr)B_r t$
 $B_z = B_z(r, z)$

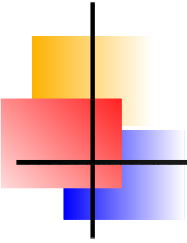


The Lorentz Force

- ▶ **The Lorentz force on a charge:** $\mathbf{F} = q[\mathbf{E} + (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B})/c]$
- ▶ **The Lorentz force on fluid $\mathbf{F}$ is :**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F} &= +en_p \left[\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{u}_p \times \mathbf{B}}{c} \right] - en_e \left[\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{u}_e \times \mathbf{B}}{c} \right] \\ &= [en_p - en_e] \mathbf{E} + [en_p \mathbf{u}_p - en_e \mathbf{u}_e] \times \mathbf{B}/c \\ &= \rho_e \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}}{c}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ **Charge density** $\rho_e = (+en_p - en_e)$
- ▶ **Current density:** $\mathbf{J} = (+en_p \mathbf{u}_p - en_e \mathbf{u}_e)$



The neglect of the Electric force

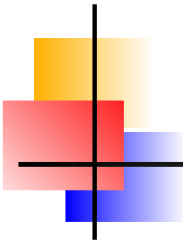
- ▶ Including the charge density the Lorentz force is:

$$\mathbf{F} = \rho_e \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}}{c}$$

- ▶ The ratio of the electric to magnetic parts is:

$$\frac{|\rho_e \mathbf{E}|}{|(\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}/c)|} = \frac{|(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) \mathbf{E}|}{|(\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B}|} \sim \frac{U^2}{c^2} \ll 1,$$

- ▶ The last part follows from Ohms law applied to a highly conducting medium: $\mathbf{E} + (\mathbf{U}/c) \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{J}/\sigma \sim 0$.
- ▶ So electric part of force can be neglected compared to magnetic part for $U/c \ll 1$.



The Lorentz force

► Using $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = (4\pi/c)\mathbf{J}$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{(\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B}}{4\pi} = \underbrace{-\nabla \left(\frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right)}_{\text{Pressure}} + \underbrace{\frac{(\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}}{4\pi}}_{\text{Tension}}$$

► Magnetic force broken into a "Pressure gradient" and Tension force

Magnetic energy evolution

- ▶ Start from Faraday's Law and dot with B

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} = B \cdot \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -c B \cdot (\nabla \times E) = -c \nabla \cdot (E \times B) - c E \cdot (\nabla \times B)$$

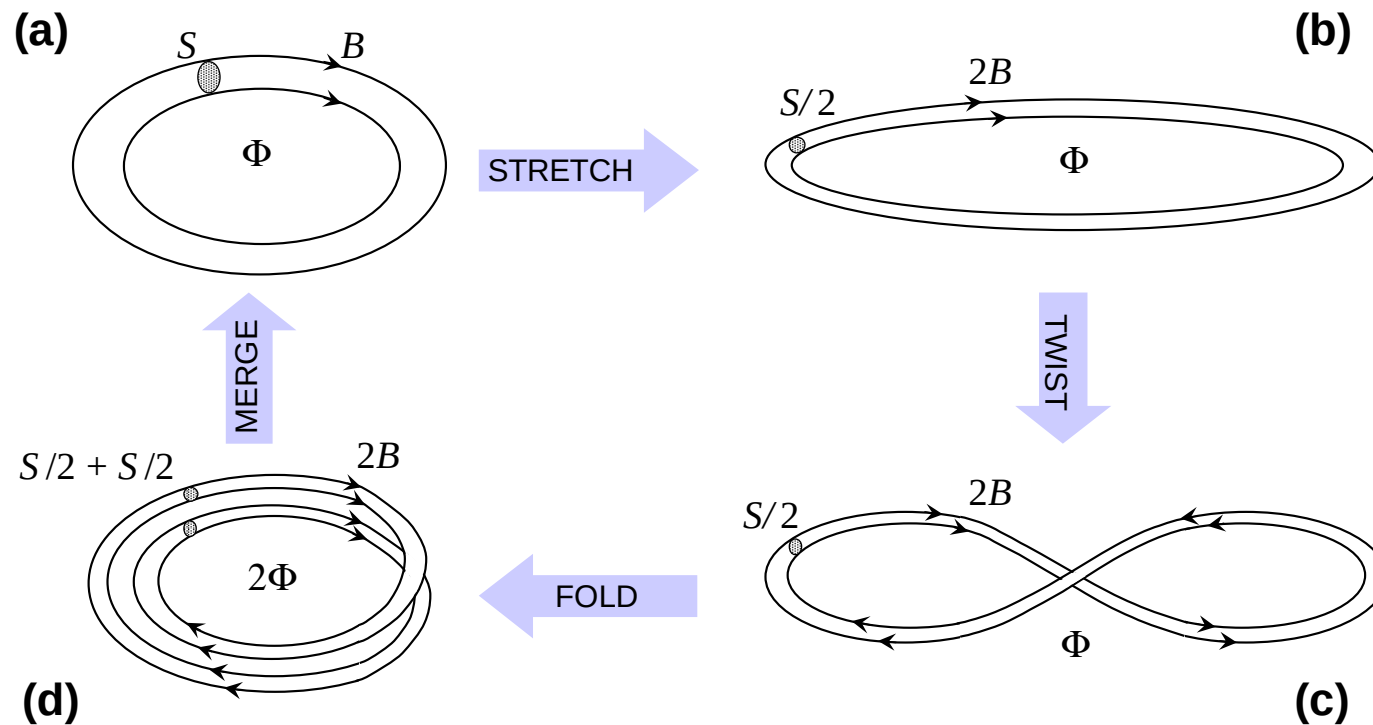
- ▶ Use Ohm's Law: $E = -(U \times B)/c + (4\pi/c^2)\eta J$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} = -c \nabla \cdot (E \times B) - (4\pi/c^2)\eta J \cdot (\nabla \times B) + (U \times B) \cdot (\nabla \times B)$$

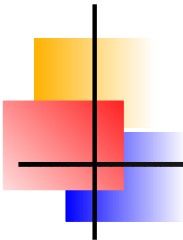
- ▶ Shuffle the triple product, divide by 4π

$$\frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \left[\frac{c}{4\pi} E \times B \right]}_{\text{Poynting flux}} = \underbrace{\frac{4\pi}{c^2} \eta J^2}_{\text{Dissipation}} - \underbrace{U \cdot \frac{(J \times B)}{c}}_{\text{LF Work}}$$

Zeldovich STF dynamo



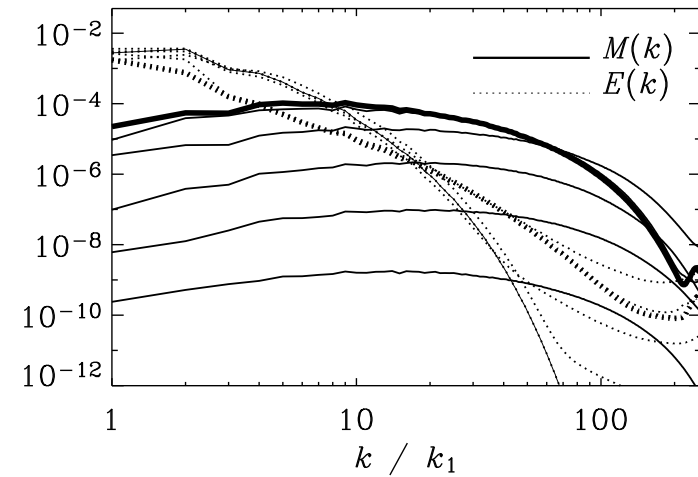
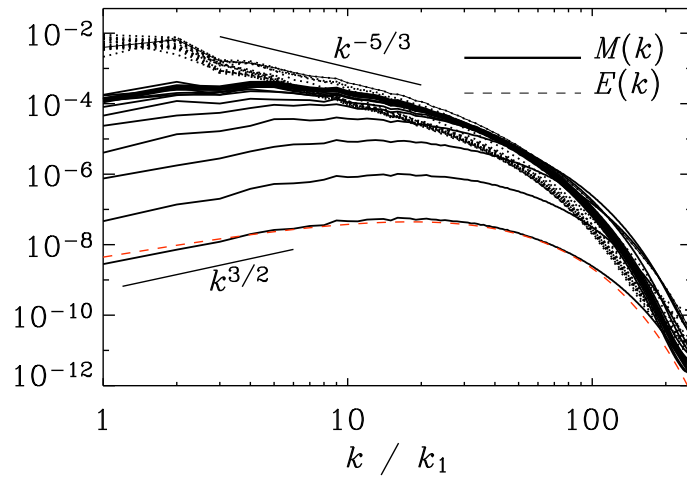
- ▶ Field grows by factor 2^N ; Energy from motions
- ▶ Flux through Eulerian surface grows though nearly frozen!
- ▶ Twist and 3d motion required for coherent growth
- ▶ Eventual saturation through Lorentz forces.



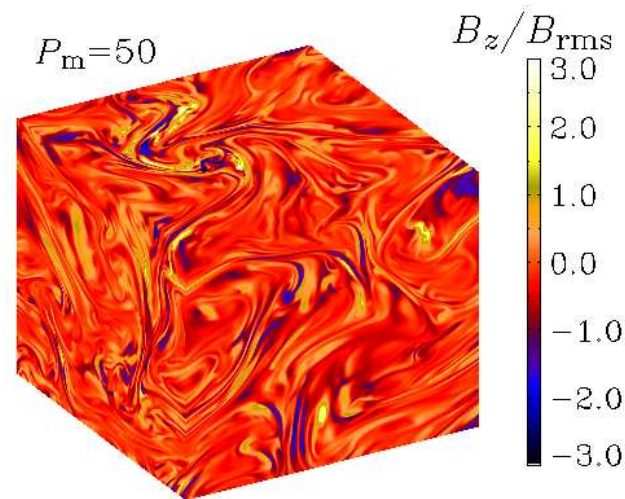
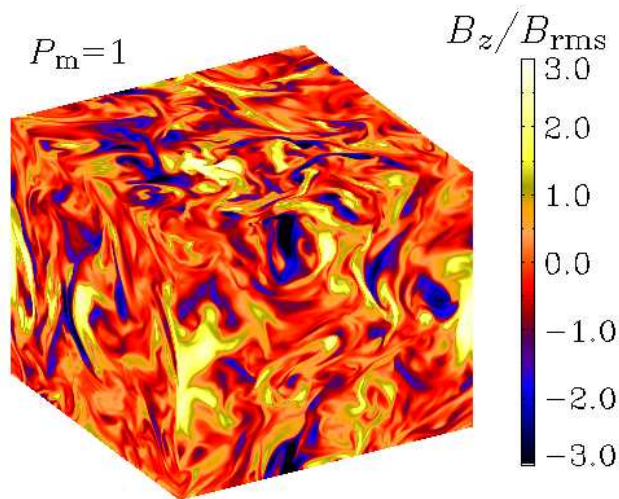
The fluctuation dynamo at large R_m

- ▶ **Turbulence** $\rightarrow$ **Random Stretching**;
- ▶ **Then Flux freezing** $\Rightarrow$ **Growth of B**
- ▶ $BA = \text{constant}$ and $\rho AL = \text{constant} \rightarrow B/\rho \propto L$, and $A \propto 1/(\rho L)$
- ▶ **Diffusion** $\sim$ **growth when** $v/L \sim \eta/l_B^2$ **or** $l_B \sim L/R_M^{1/2}$
- ▶ **Random B grows if** $R_M > R_{crit} \sim 30 - 100$ (**Kazantsev 1967**)
- ▶ **Growth rate** $\Gamma \sim v/L$, **field intermittent, concentrated in scales**
 $\sim L/R_m^{1/2}$
- ▶ **For** $l \sim 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ **and** $L \sim 100 \text{ pc}$, **growth time** $\Gamma^{-1} \sim 10^7 \text{ yr}$
- ▶ **How does it saturate? Impt. for mean field dynamo?**

Fluctuation dynamo simulations

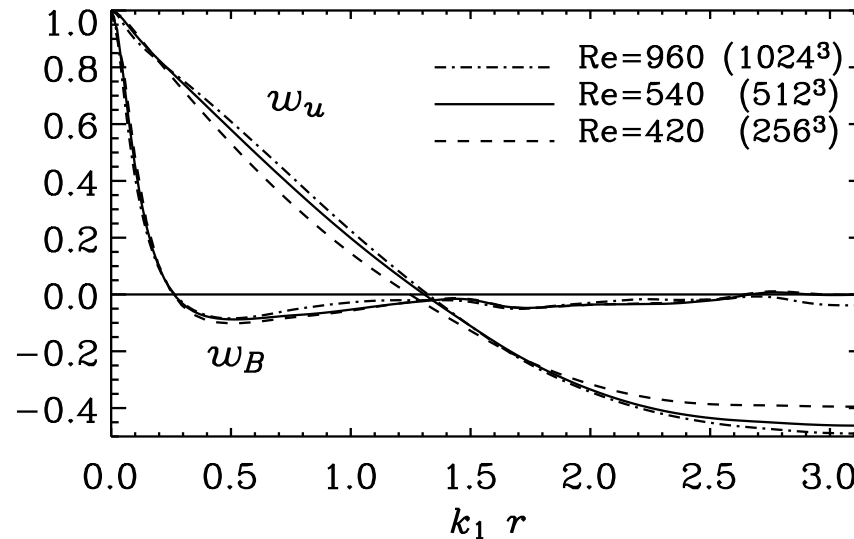


Generated B intermittent : Simulations by Axel Brandenburg, 2005



Fluctuation dynamo saturation?

- ▶ **Renormalized η drives effective** $R_M \rightarrow R_{crit}$, $l_B \sim L/R_{crit}^{1/2}$, Saturated state universal (Subramanian, PRL, 1999; 2003).
- ▶ **Magnetic autocorrelation function independent of R_M** , for $P_m = \nu/\eta = 1$ (Haugen, Brandenburg, Dobler, 2003, 2004)

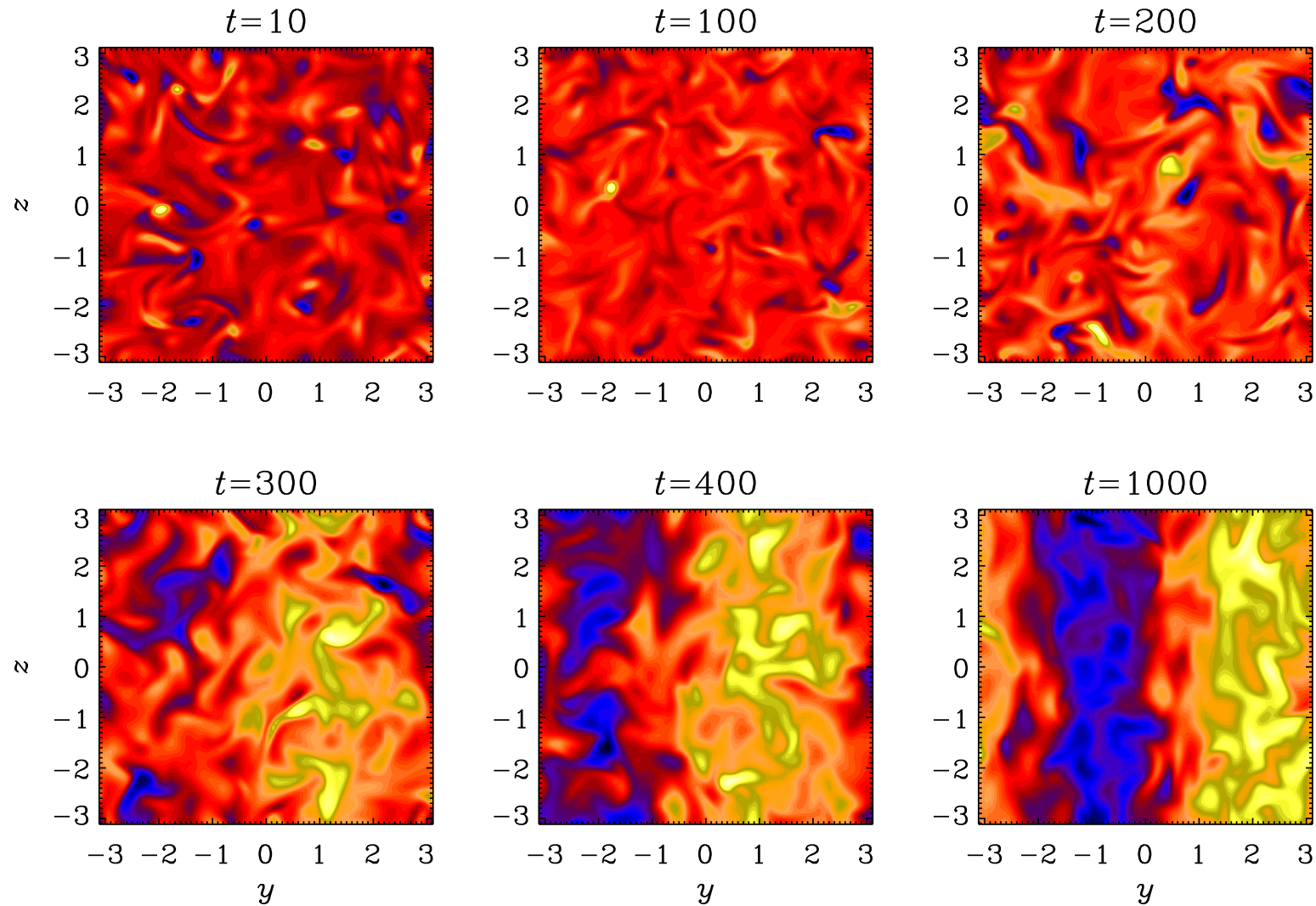


- ▶ **Saturation due to Reduced stretching BUT $l_B \sim L/R_M^{1/2}$!**
Plasma effects crucial (Schekochihin, Cowley et al., ApJ, 2004, 2006)

Important for **Cluster/young galaxy Faraday RM/CR confinement**

Helically forced turbulent dynamos

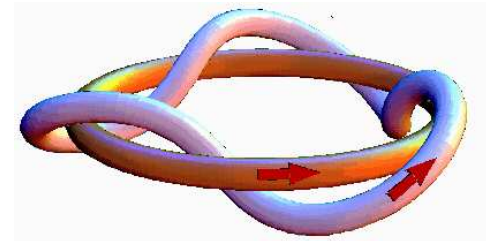
Axel Brandenburg, Ap.J. 550, 824 (2001)



Magnetic Helicity

- ▶ **Magnetic Helicity** $H = \int_V \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV$, $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$
 $\mathbf{A}$ is vector potential, V is **closed** volume

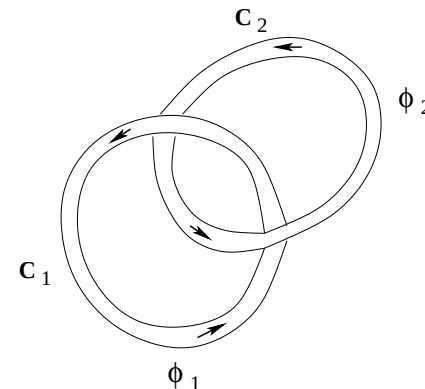
- ▶ **Measures links and twists in $\mathbf{B}$**

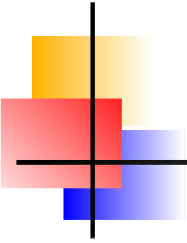


- ▶ H invariant under gauge transformation for closed fields

$$H' = \int_V \mathbf{A}' \cdot \mathbf{B}' dV = H + \int_V \nabla \Lambda \cdot \mathbf{B} dV = H + \oint_{\partial V} \Lambda \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{n} dS = H,$$

- ▶ $H = \Phi_1 \oint_{C_1} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} + \Phi_2 \oint_{C_2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}, = 2\Phi_1 \Phi_2$





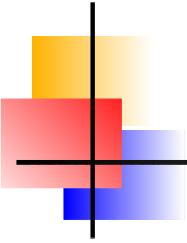
Magnetic helicity evolution

- Using Faraday's law and $(\partial \mathbf{A} / \partial t) = -c(\mathbf{E} + \nabla \phi)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) &= (-\mathbf{E} - \nabla \phi) \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \cdot (-\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \\ &= -2\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{E} - \phi \mathbf{B}). \end{aligned}$$

- Use Ohm's Law: $\mathbf{E} = -(\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B})/c + (4\pi/c^2)\eta \mathbf{J}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dH}{dt} &= -2 \int_V \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV + \oint_{\partial V} (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{E} - \phi \mathbf{B}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS \\ &= -2\eta \int_V \left(\frac{4\pi}{c}\right) \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV \end{aligned}$$



Helicity Conservation

- ▶ **Helicity evolution**

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = -2\eta \int_V dV \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B}.$$

- ▶ **For energy**

$$\frac{dE_B}{dt} = -\eta \int_V dV \frac{4\pi}{c^2} \mathbf{J}^2 - \int_V dV \mathbf{U} \cdot \frac{(\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B})}{c}$$

- ▶ **As $\eta \rightarrow 0$, $dE_B/dt \rightarrow$ constant with $|\mathbf{J}| \propto \eta^{-1/2}$, $B \propto \eta^0$.**

- ▶ **BUT $dH/dt \rightarrow 0$!**

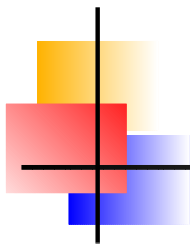
- ▶ **Helicity is nearly conserved even when energy dissipated**

How does the mean field helicity arise?



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$$(4 \times 1) + (4 \times -1) = 0!!$$



LECTURE 2

- ▶ **Maxwell equations + Ohms law $\Rightarrow$ Induction equation**

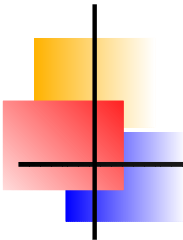
$$(\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t) = \nabla \times (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B} - \eta \nabla \times \mathbf{B}).$$

- ▶ **The field back reacts on $\mathbf{U}$ via the Lorentz force $\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$**

$$\rho(D\mathbf{U}/Dt) = -\nabla p + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}/c + \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{visc}},$$

- ▶ $\mathbf{U} = 0 \Rightarrow$ **pure diffusion and decay**
- ▶ If $\eta \rightarrow 0$, the flux $\Phi = \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ is 'frozen' $\rightarrow d\Phi/dt \rightarrow 0$.
- ▶ **Mag. Reynolds number** $R_M = (UB)/(\eta B/L) = UL/\eta \gg 1$
- ▶ $\mathbf{B} = 0$ is solution! $\Rightarrow$ **Need Batteries to generate B_{seed}**
- ▶ $B_{\text{seed}} \ll B_{\text{observed}} \Rightarrow$ **Need $\mathbf{U}$ to act as Dynamo**

Crucial to understand how dynamos work/saturate ?



The first “seed” fields in the universe

- ▶ **Primordial fields from Early Universe? Uncertain Physics**
Constrained by observations of CMB, FRM
- ▶ **Astrophysical Batteries using positive/negative charge asymmetry**
- ▶ **Biermann Batteries:** $\mathbf{E}_{Bier} = -\nabla p_e / en_e + \dots$
$$(\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t) = -c \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{Bier} = -(ck / en_e) \nabla n_e \times \nabla T_e$$
 - ▶ **Re-ionization fronts:** $B < 10^{-19}$ G (Subramanian, Narasimha, Chitre, MN, 1994; Gnedin, Ferrara and Zweibel, ApJ, 2000)
 - ▶ **Structure formation Shocks** (Kulsrud et al, 1997)
- ▶ **During recombination:** $\gamma - e/p$ **scattering asymmetry**
 $B_0 \sim 10^{-30}$ G at Mpc (Gopal & Sethi, 2005; Mattarrese et al, 2005);
 $B_0 \sim 10^{-21}$ G at pc (Ichiki et al 2007)
- ▶ **Seed fields from first supernovae and AGN outflows**

Need Dynamos to explain observed fields and maintain against decay

Biermann Battery

- Write 2-fluid equations for electrons/protons and subtract

$$\frac{D_e \mathbf{v}_e}{Dt} = -\frac{\nabla p_e}{n_e m_e} - \frac{e}{m_e} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_e \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \phi_g - \frac{(\mathbf{v}_e - \mathbf{v}_p)}{\tau_{ei}},$$

$$\frac{D_i \mathbf{v}_i}{Dt} = -\frac{\nabla p_i}{n_i m_i} + \frac{e}{m_i} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_i \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \phi_g + \frac{m_e n_e}{m_i n_i} \frac{(\mathbf{v}_e - \mathbf{v}_i)}{\tau_{ei}}.$$

- Assume $m_e \ll m_i$, neglect nonlinear terms, to get Generalized Ohm's law

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_i \times \mathbf{B} = -\frac{\nabla p_e}{en_e} + \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{en_e} \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{m_e}{e^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\mathbf{J}}{n_e} \right)$$

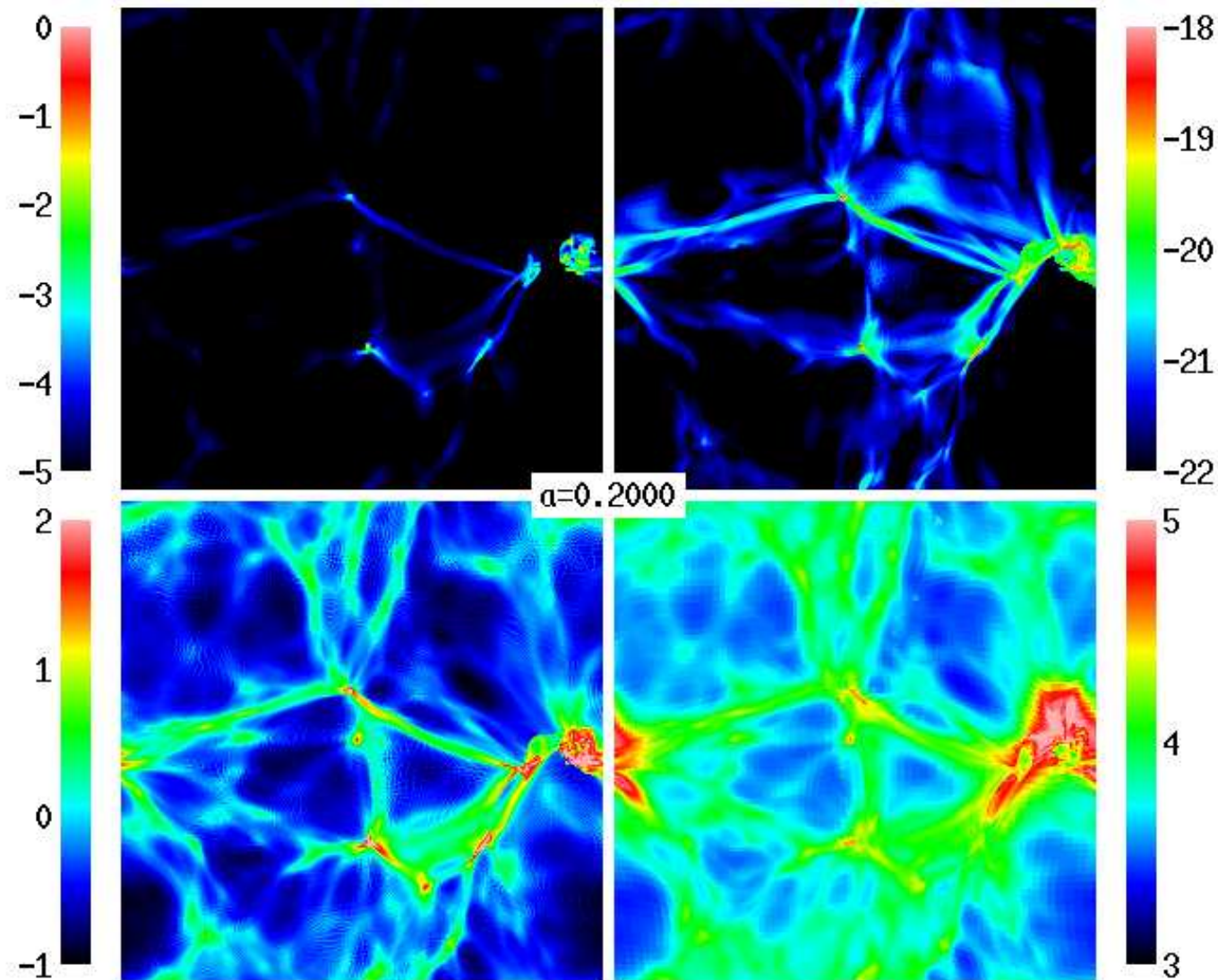
- Take curl, use Ampere, neglect Hall, inertial terms

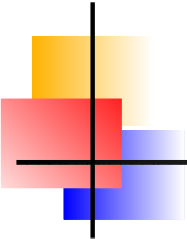
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times [\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B} - \eta(\nabla \times \mathbf{B})] - \frac{ck_B}{e} \frac{\nabla n_e}{n_e} \times \nabla T.$$

- Fields generated from zero if ∇T not parallel to ∇n_e

Magnetic fields from Reionization

HI, gas density, temperature and B field; Gnedin, Ferrara, Zweibel, 2000, ApJ





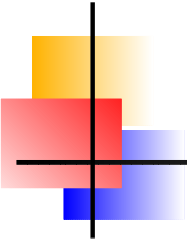
Turbulent Mean-Field Dynamo

- ▶ Consider flow with large-scale velocity $\bar{U}$ and a 'turbulent' stochastic velocity u
- ▶ $U = \bar{U} + u$, $B = \bar{B} + b$: Mean + Stochastic fields
- ▶ Average can be volume average over 'intermediate' scales or ensemble average
- ▶ Averages satisfy Reynolds rules

$$\overline{U_1 + U_2} = \bar{U}_1 + \bar{U}_2, \quad \overline{\bar{U}} = \bar{U}, \quad \overline{\bar{U}u} = 0, \quad \overline{\bar{U}_1 \bar{U}_2} = \bar{U}_1 \bar{U}_2,$$

$$\overline{\partial U / \partial t} = \partial \bar{U} / \partial t, \quad \overline{\partial U / \partial x_i} = \partial \bar{U} / \partial x_i.$$

- ▶ Average now the induction equation



Turbulent Mean-Field Dynamo

- ▶ $\mathbf{U} = \overline{\mathbf{U}} + \mathbf{u}$, $\mathbf{B} = \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \mathbf{b}$: **Mean + Stochastic fields**
- ▶ **Mean satisfies DYNAMO equation, with $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}$:**

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\overline{\mathbf{U}} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathcal{E}} - \eta(\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}));$$

- ▶ **The stochastic small-scale field satisfies:**

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\overline{\mathbf{U}} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{u} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta \nabla \times \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{G}$$

- ▶ **Here $\mathbf{G}$ is the "pain in neck" nonlinear term in $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{b}$.**

$$\mathbf{G} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b})' = \nabla \times [\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b} - \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}]$$

- ▶ **Finding $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}$ is a closure problem: $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \alpha \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta_{turb}(\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}})$**

The kinematic limit of $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$

- For short correlation times (τ_{cor}), neglect G , also assume statistical isotropy of the random $\mathbf{u}$:

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \int_0^t dt' (\partial \mathbf{b} / \partial \tau)} = \overline{\mathbf{u}(t) \times \int_0^t dt' [-\mathbf{u}(t') \cdot \nabla \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}(t')]}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}}_i = \int_0^t \left[\epsilon_{ijk} \overline{u_j(t) u_{k,p}(t') \overline{B}_p(t')} + \epsilon_{ijp} \overline{u_j(t) u_{l}(t') \overline{B}_{p,l}(t')} \right] dt',$$

- So: $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \alpha \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta_t \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}$, where

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \overline{\mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}(t')} dt' \approx -\frac{1}{3} \tau_{\text{cor}} \overline{\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}},$$

$$\eta_t = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \overline{\mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \mathbf{u}(t')} dt' \approx \frac{1}{3} \tau_{\text{cor}} \overline{\mathbf{u}^2},$$

MFD in δ -correlated velocity field

- ▶ Iterate the formal solution for small δt

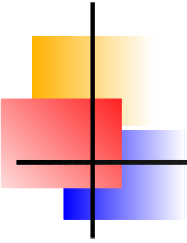
$$B(\delta t) = B(0) + \int_0^{\delta t} dt' \{ \nabla \times [U(t') \times B(t')] - \eta \nabla \times B(t') \}.$$

- ▶ Zeroth order: ignore integral and put $B^{(0)}(x, \delta t) = B(x, 0)$.
- ▶ Substitute B^0 for B to get $B^{(1)}$, then $B^{(1)}$ for B , to get $B^{(2)}$ and then average.

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{B}(\delta t) &= \overline{B}(0) - \delta t [\nabla \times (\overline{U} \times \overline{B}(0)) - \eta \nabla \times \overline{B}(0)] \\ &+ \int_0^{\delta t} dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' \nabla \times \left\{ \overline{v(t') \times [\nabla \times (v(t'') \times B(0))]} \right\} (1) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Use v at time t not correlated with $B(x, 0)$, and take limit $\delta t \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{\partial \overline{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times [\overline{U} \times \overline{B} + \alpha \overline{B} - (\eta + \eta_t) \nabla \times \overline{B}].$$



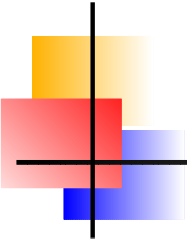
Kazantsev Model

- ▶ **Isotropic, homogeneous, gaussian random with zero mean, δ -correlated in time velocity field**

$$\langle v_i(\mathbf{x}, t) v_j(\mathbf{y}, s) \rangle = \delta(t - s) \left[\left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} \right) T_N(r) + \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} T_L(r) \right]$$

- ▶ **Here $r = |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|$ and $T_N = (1/2r)[\partial(r^2 T_L)/\partial r]$**
- ▶ **Turbulent diffusion: $T_L(0) = (1/3) \int_0^t \langle \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t') \rangle dt'$**
- ▶ **Induction equation is now stochastic. Look for solutions for magnetic correlations:**

$$\langle B_i(\mathbf{x}, t) B_j(\mathbf{y}, t) \rangle = \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} \right) M_N(r, t) + \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} M_L(r, t)$$



Kazantsev Model: Bound states

- ▶ Iterate the induction equation, average and get

$$\frac{\partial M_L}{\partial t} = \frac{2}{r^4} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r^4 \eta_T(r) \frac{\partial M_L}{\partial r} \right] + G M_L,$$

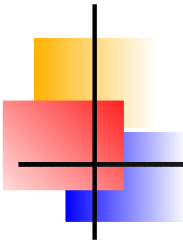
- ▶ η_T is Scale dependent turbulent diffusion, G velocity shear

$$\eta_T(r) = \eta + T_L(0) - T_L(r), \quad G = -2(T_L'' + 4T_L'/r)$$

- ▶ Eigenmode solutions of form: $\Psi(r) \exp(2\Gamma t) = r^2 \sqrt{\eta_T} M_L$

$$-\Gamma \Psi = -\eta_T \frac{d^2 \Psi}{dr^2} + U_0(r) \Psi$$

- ▶ Boundary condition is $\Psi \rightarrow 0$ for $r \rightarrow 0, \infty$
- ▶ Growing modes if there are bound states in potential $U_0(r)$.
- ▶ Growth rate $\sim v/L$, field concentrated in scales $\sim L/R_m^{1/2}$



Including helicity

- Now let us include kinetic helicity (VK; 96, RK, 97; S 99, KH, 99)

$$T_{ij} = \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} \right) T_N(r) + \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} T_L(r) + \epsilon_{ijk} r_k F(r),$$

- Here $-2F(0) = -\frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \langle \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{v}(t') \rangle dt'$.

$$M_{ij} = \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} \right) M_N + \frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} M_L + \epsilon_{ijk} r_k C,$$

$$\frac{\partial M_L}{\partial t} = \frac{2}{r^4} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r^4 \eta_T \frac{\partial M_L}{\partial r} \right] + G M_L + 4\alpha C,$$

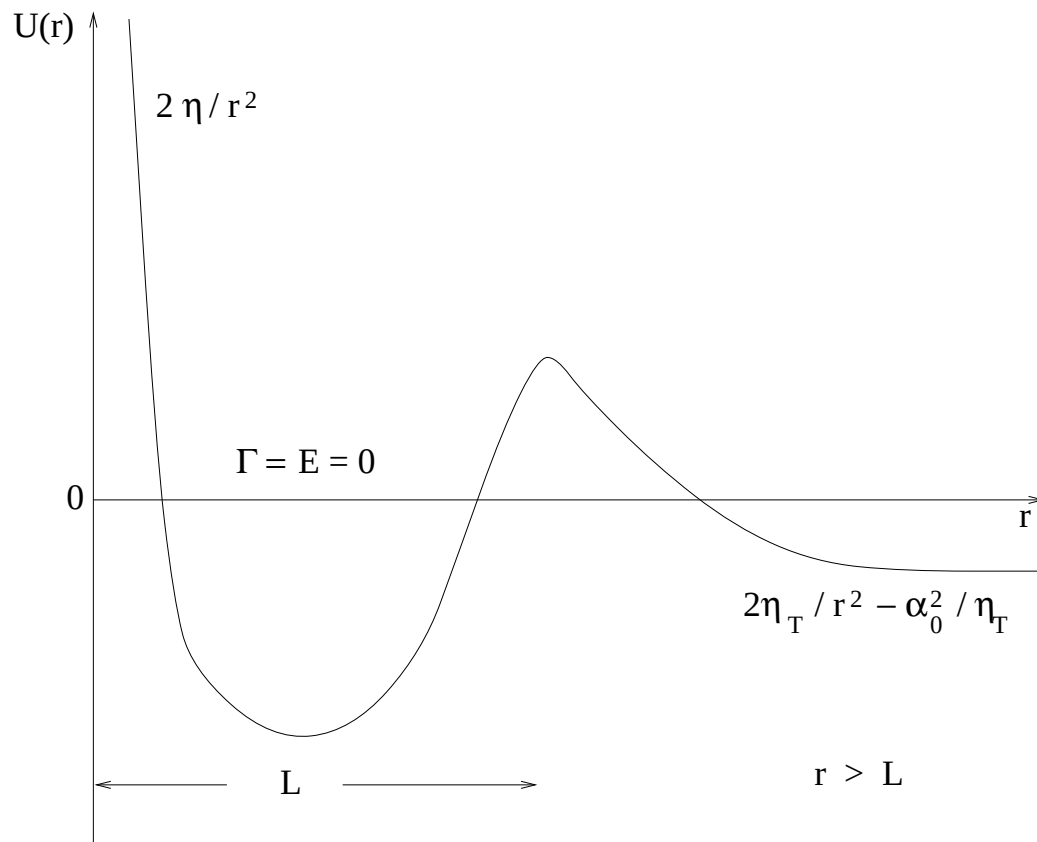
$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = -2\eta_T C + \alpha M_L, \quad C = - \left(H'' + \frac{4H'}{r} \right),$$

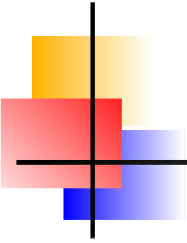
- $H(0, t) = \frac{1}{6} \overline{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}, C(0, t) = \frac{1}{6} \overline{\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B}}$
- Suppose $\alpha_0 = -2F(0) \neq 0$ $\dot{M}_L = \dots + 4\alpha_0 C$ and $\dot{H} = \dots + \alpha_0 M$.

Kazantsev with Helicity: Tunneling?

- ▶ **For** $\dot{M}_L \approx 0$, $\dot{H} \approx 0 \rightarrow -\eta_T(d^2\Psi/dr^2) + \Psi \left[U_0 - (\alpha^2(r)/\eta_T(r)) \right] = 0$,
- ▶ $r \gg L$, $M_L(r) = \bar{M}_L(r) \propto r^{-3/2} J_{\pm 3/2}(\mu r)$,

Helicity opens up possibility of 'tunneling'





MFD in Renovating Flows

- ▶ **Consider a flow which renovates every τ .**
(Gilbert and Bayly, 1992, JFM).

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a} \sin(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \psi) + \mathbf{b} h \cos(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \psi);$$

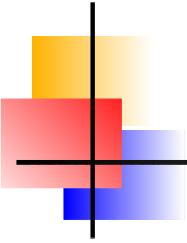
$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{q} = 0, \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{q}/q \times \mathbf{a}.$$

- ▶ **h controls helicity; $h = \pm 1$ for maximal helicity.**
- ▶ **In any time interval τ , randomly chosen ψ , $\mathbf{q}/q$ and a .**

$$B_i(\mathbf{x}, n\tau) = \int \mathcal{G}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) B_j(\mathbf{y}, (n-1)\tau) d^3\mathbf{y},$$

$$\overline{\tilde{B}_i}(\mathbf{k}, n\tau) = \overline{G_{ij}}(\mathbf{k}) \overline{\tilde{B}_j}(\mathbf{k}, (n-1)\tau)$$

- ▶ **Split τ into 2 subintervals, (1) flux frozen (2) pure diffusion.**
- ▶ **Exponential growth if eigenvector of G_{ij} has eigenvalue σ , s.t $|\sigma| > 1$. Growth rate: $\lambda = \tau^{-1} \ln(\sigma)$.**



Flux freezing revisited

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} = \frac{D\mathbf{B}}{Dt} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}),$$

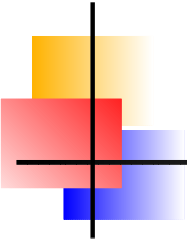
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{U}),$$

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\rho} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\rho} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{U}$$

$$\frac{D\delta \mathbf{x}}{Dt} = \delta \mathbf{x} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{U},$$

- If at $t = t_0$, fluid particles were on a given magnetic field line with $(\mathbf{B}/\rho)(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) = c_0 \delta \mathbf{x}(t_0) = c_0 \delta \mathbf{x}_0$, then for all times we will have $\mathbf{B}/\rho = c_0 \delta \mathbf{x}$.

$$B_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho c_0 \delta x_i = \frac{G_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_0, t)}{\det(\mathbf{G})} B_{0j}(\mathbf{x}_0), \quad G_{ij} = \partial x_i / \partial x_{0j}$$



MFD in renovating flows

- ▶ **For $h = \pm 1$**

$$G_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{ij} j_0(ak\tau) + j_1(\tau ak\chi)(iaqh\tau/2k)\epsilon_{ijm}k_m$$

- ▶ **Eigenvectors are $\mathbf{k}$, $(\mp i, 1, 0)$ and the eigenvalues $1, \sigma_{\pm}$.**

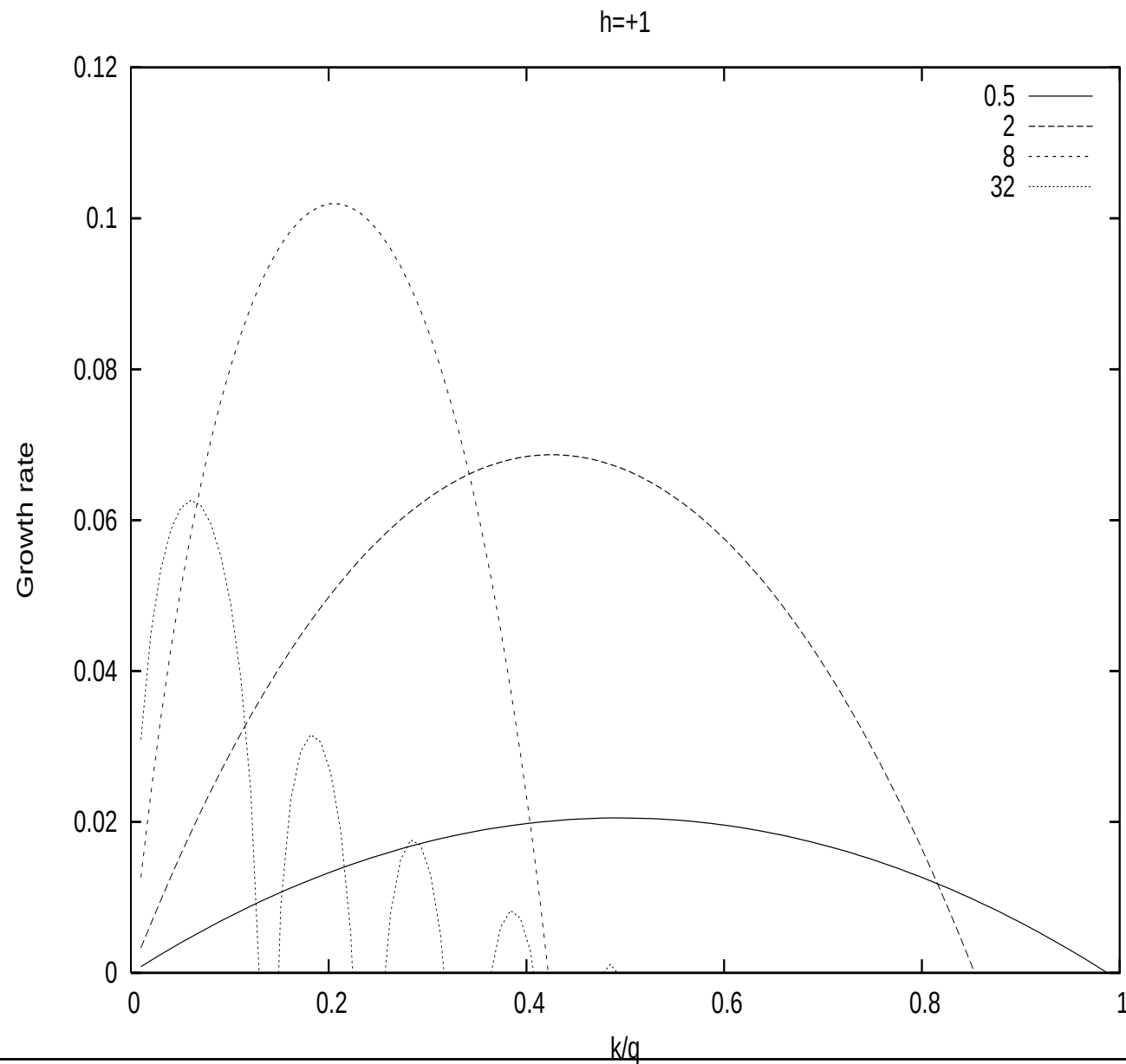
$$\sigma_{\pm} = j_0(\tau ak) \mp \frac{\tau aqh}{2} j_1(\tau ak)$$

- ▶ **The growth rate in terms of eddy turnover rate T^{-1} is**

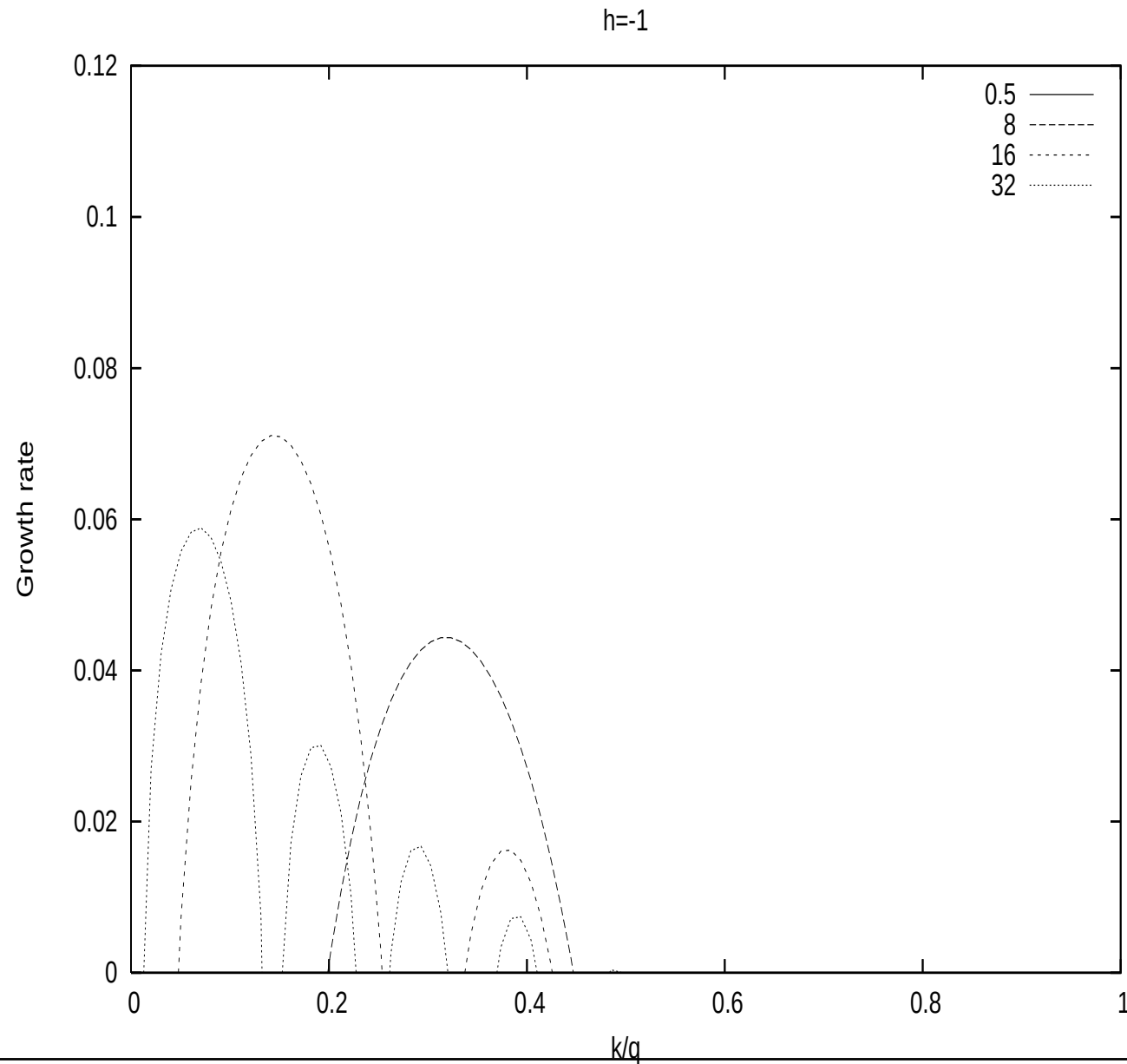
$$T\lambda_{\pm} = \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^{-1} \ln \left[j_0 \left(\frac{\tau}{T} \frac{k}{q} \right) \mp \left((h/2) \frac{\tau}{T} \frac{k}{q} \right) j_1 \left(\frac{\tau}{T} \frac{k}{q} \right) \right]$$

- ▶ **For $\tau/T \ll 1 \rightarrow \lambda_- = \alpha k - \eta_t k^2$**

Growth rate for renovating dynamo



Growth rate for renovating dynamo

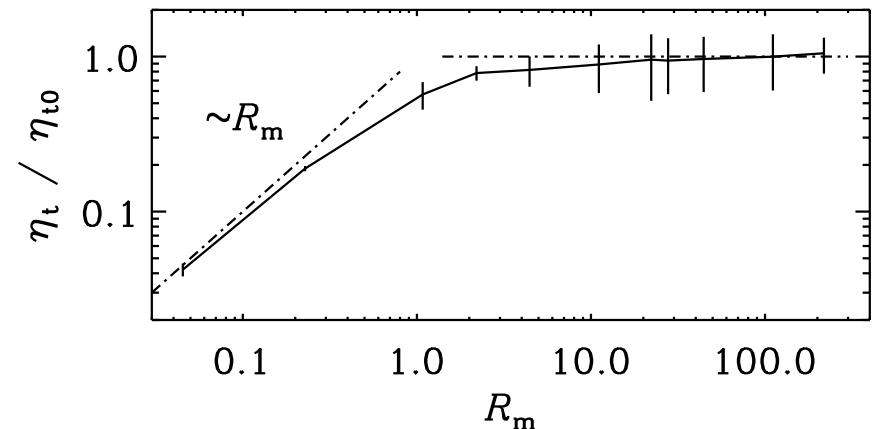
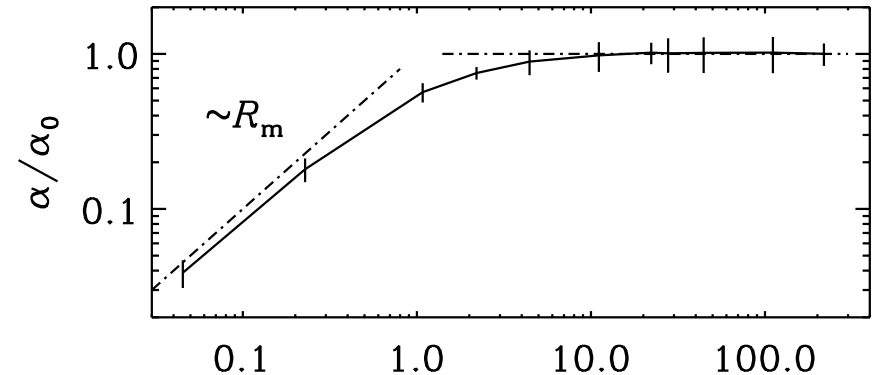
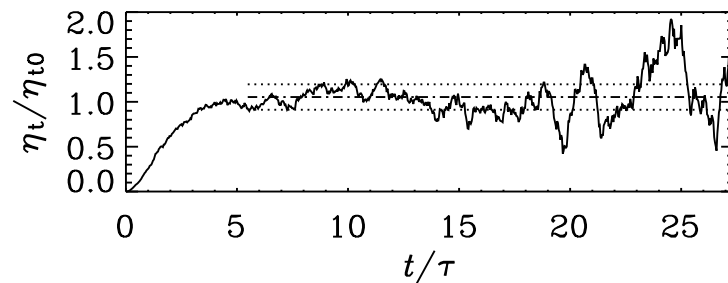
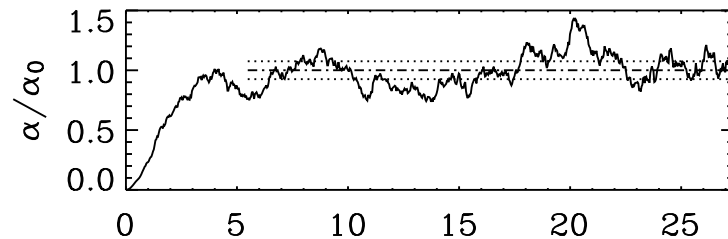


Kinematic α -effect from simulations

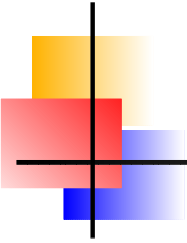
Sur, Brandenburg, Subramanian, 2008

Normalized α , η_t for $R_e = 2.2$

Time series for $R_e = 2.2$, $R_m = 220$



- ▶ Measure directly $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}$ in isotropic turbulence simulations.
- ▶ α , η_t as expected. Independent of R_m ,
Even in presence of Fluctuation dynamo $\Rightarrow$ Kinematic regime OK?

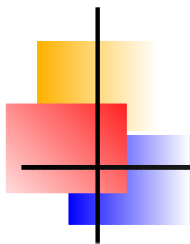


Sensitivity to fluctuations

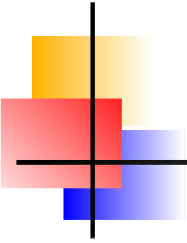
- ▶ **Formal Greens function solution of b**

$$\begin{aligned} b_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = & \int_{t_i}^t dt' \int d^3 \mathbf{x}' G_{ij}^u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t, t') \times [\nabla \times (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}', t') \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{x}', t'))]_j \\ & + \int d^3 \mathbf{x}' G_{ij}^u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t, t_i) b_j(\mathbf{x}', t_i) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

- ▶ **If $\overline{\mathbf{B}} = 0$ only the second term survives and this equation then has to describe a growing small scale dynamo.**
- ▶ **So Exponential growing fluctuations in G_{ij}^u**
- ▶ **But same Green function also term $\propto \overline{\mathbf{B}}$**
- ▶ **So $\overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}$ will have exponentially growing fluctuations.**
- ▶ **Still both mean field and fluctuations can grow**

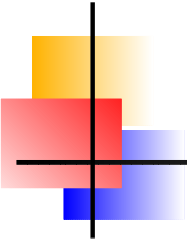


LECTURE 3



Magnetic Helicity and dynamos

- ▶ Helicity and the Galactic dynamo
- ▶ What is magnetic helicity?
- ▶ Helicity evolution/conservation
- ▶ Picture and Revised picture for α -effect
- ▶ Catastrophic α -quenching?
- ▶ Helical dynamo in a periodic box.
- ▶ Helicity constraint in a closure model.
- ▶ Helicity density and flux for random fields
- ▶ The nonlinear alpha effect?



Turbulent Mean-Field Dynamo: Galactic

- ▶ $\mathbf{U} = \overline{\mathbf{U}} + \mathbf{u}$, $\mathbf{B} = \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \mathbf{b}$: Mean + Stochastic fields
- ▶ Mean field satisfies DYNAMO equation

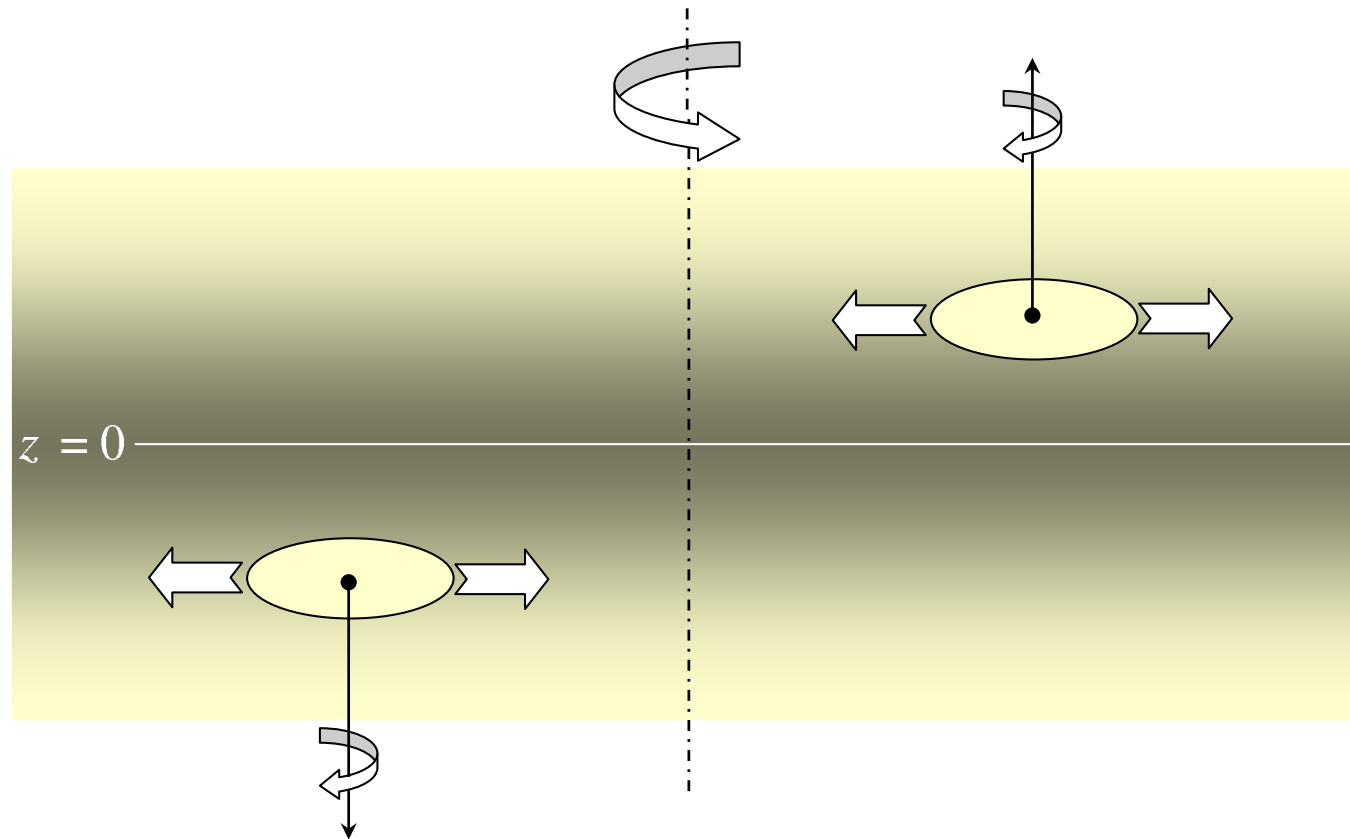
$$\frac{\partial \overline{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\overline{\mathbf{U}} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathcal{E}} - \eta(\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}));$$

- ▶ Finding $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}$ is a closure problem: $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \alpha \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta_{turb}(\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}})$

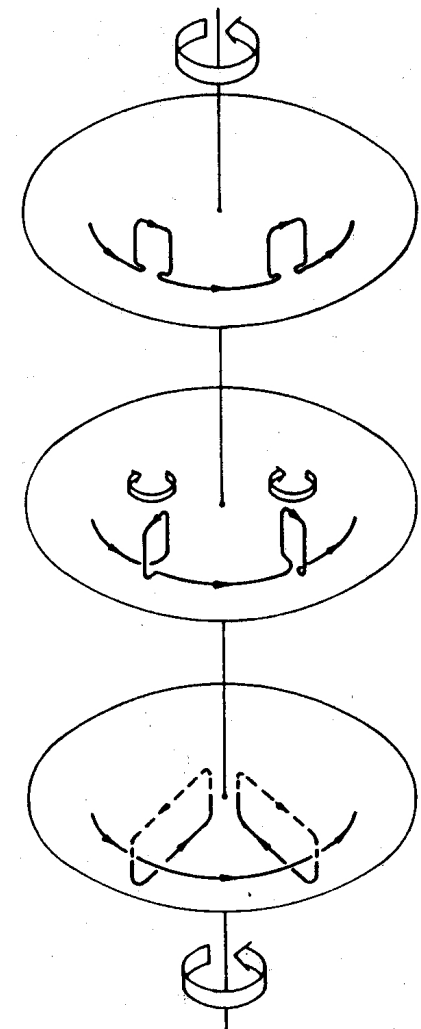
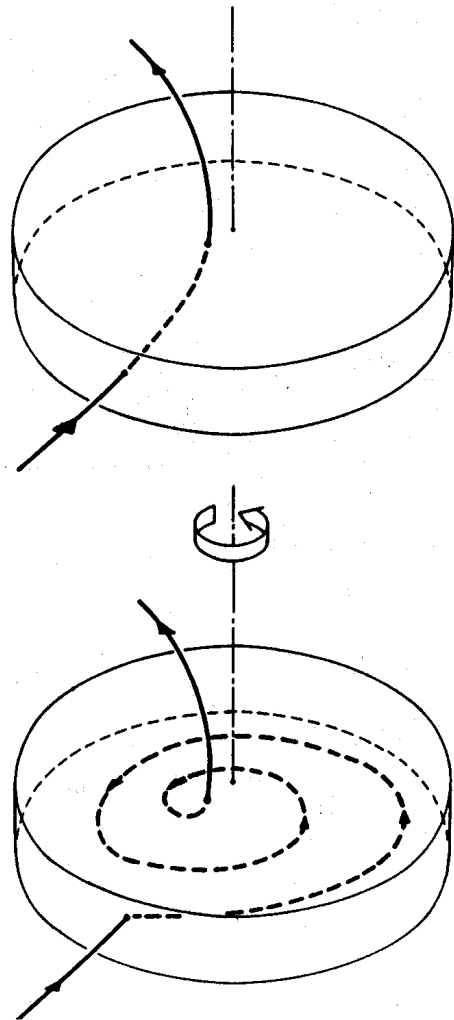
$$\underbrace{\alpha = -(\tau/3)\langle \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} \rangle}_{\text{alpha-effect}} \quad \underbrace{\eta_{turb} = (\tau/3)\langle \mathbf{u}^2 \rangle}_{\text{Turbulent diffusion}}$$

- ▶ Galactic Shear generates B_ϕ from B_r
- ▶ **Supernovae drive HELICAL turbulence** (Due to Rotation + Stratification)
- ▶ **Helical motions generate B_r from B_ϕ**
- ▶ Exponential growth of $\overline{\mathbf{B}}$, $t_{growth} \sim 10^8 - 10^9$ yr

Supernovae Drive Helical turbulence



Galactic Shear and α effect: RSS



Mean vs fluctuations?

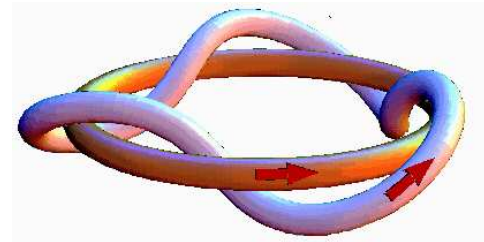
Helicity (links) conservation? Ejection of flux?

Magnetic Helicity

- ▶ **Magnetic Helicity** $H = \int_V \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV$, $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$

$\mathbf{A}$ is vector potential, V is **closed** volume

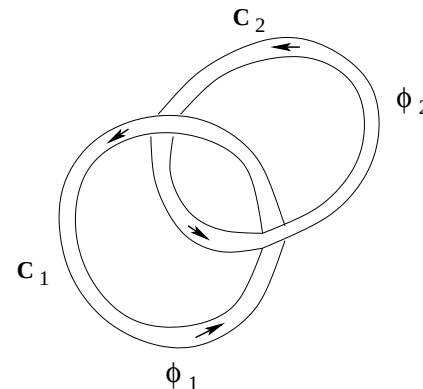
- ▶ **Measures links and twists in $\mathbf{B}$**



- ▶ H invariant under gauge transformation for closed fields

$$H' = \int_V \mathbf{A}' \cdot \mathbf{B}' dV = H + \int_V \nabla \Lambda \cdot \mathbf{B} dV = H + \oint_{\partial V} \Lambda \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS = H,$$

- ▶ $H = \Phi_1 \oint_{C_1} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} + \Phi_2 \oint_{C_2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{l}, = 2\Phi_1 \Phi_2$



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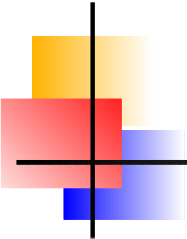
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Magnetic helicity evolution

- Using Faraday's law and $(\partial \mathbf{A} / \partial t) = -c(\mathbf{E} + \nabla \phi)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) &= (-\mathbf{E} - \nabla \phi) \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \cdot (-\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \\ &= -2\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{E} - \phi \mathbf{B}). \end{aligned}$$

- Use Ohm's Law: $\mathbf{E} = -(\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B})/c + (4\pi/c^2)\eta \mathbf{J}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dH}{dt} &= -2 \int_V \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV + \oint_{\partial V} (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{E} - \phi \mathbf{B}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS \\ &= -2\eta \int_V \left(\frac{4\pi}{c}\right) \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV \end{aligned}$$

Magnetic energy evolution

- ▶ Start from Faraday's Law and dot with B

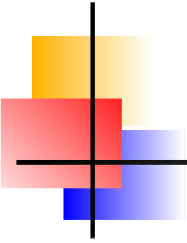
$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} = B \cdot \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -c B \cdot (\nabla \times E) = -c \nabla \cdot (E \times B) - c E \cdot (\nabla \times B)$$

- ▶ Use Ohm's Law: $E = -(U \times B)/c + (4\pi/c^2)\eta J$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} = -c \nabla \cdot (E \times B) - (4\pi/c^2)\eta J \cdot (\nabla \times B) + (U \times B) \cdot (\nabla \times B)$$

- ▶ Shuffle the triple product, divide by 4π

$$\frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \left[\frac{c}{4\pi} E \times B \right]}_{\text{Poynting flux}} = \underbrace{\frac{4\pi}{c^2} \eta J^2}_{\text{Dissipation}} - \underbrace{U \cdot \frac{(J \times B)}{c}}_{\text{LF Work}}$$



Helicity Conservation

- ▶ **Helicity evolution**

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = -2\eta \int_V dV \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B}.$$

- ▶ **For energy**

$$\frac{dE_B}{dt} = -\eta \int_V dV \frac{4\pi}{c^2} \mathbf{J}^2 - \int_V dV \mathbf{U} \cdot \frac{(\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B})}{c}$$

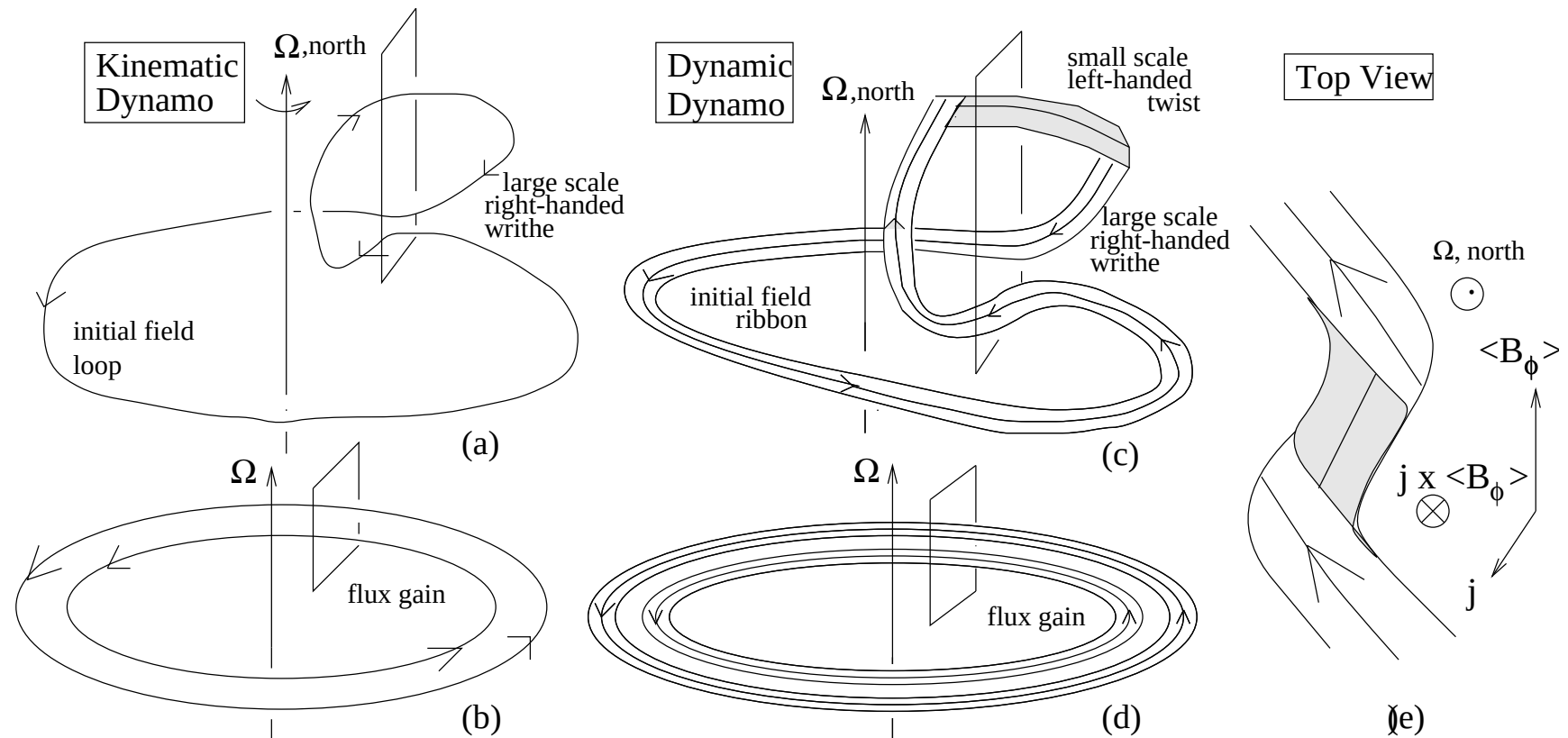
- ▶ **As $\eta \rightarrow 0$, $dE_B/dt \rightarrow$ constant with $|\mathbf{J}| \propto \eta^{-1/2}$, $B \propto \eta^0$.**

- ▶ **BUT $dH/dt \rightarrow 0$!**

- ▶ **Helicity is nearly conserved even when energy dissipated**

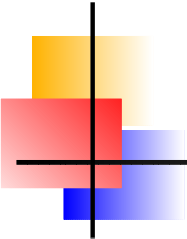
How does the mean field helicity arise?

A revised picture for α -effect



Blackman, Brandenburg 2003

WRITHE AND TWIST Helicities



A revised picture for α -effect

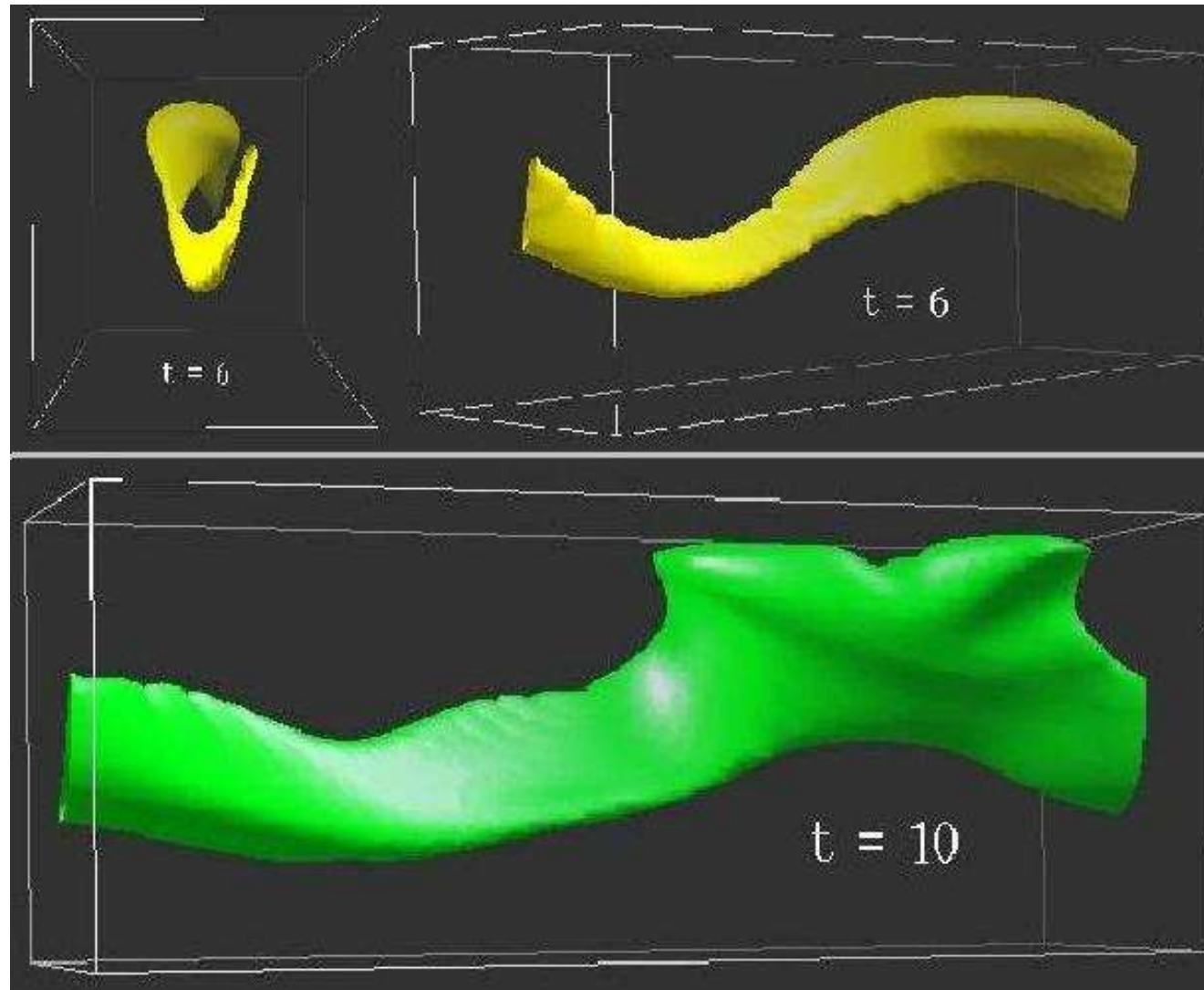


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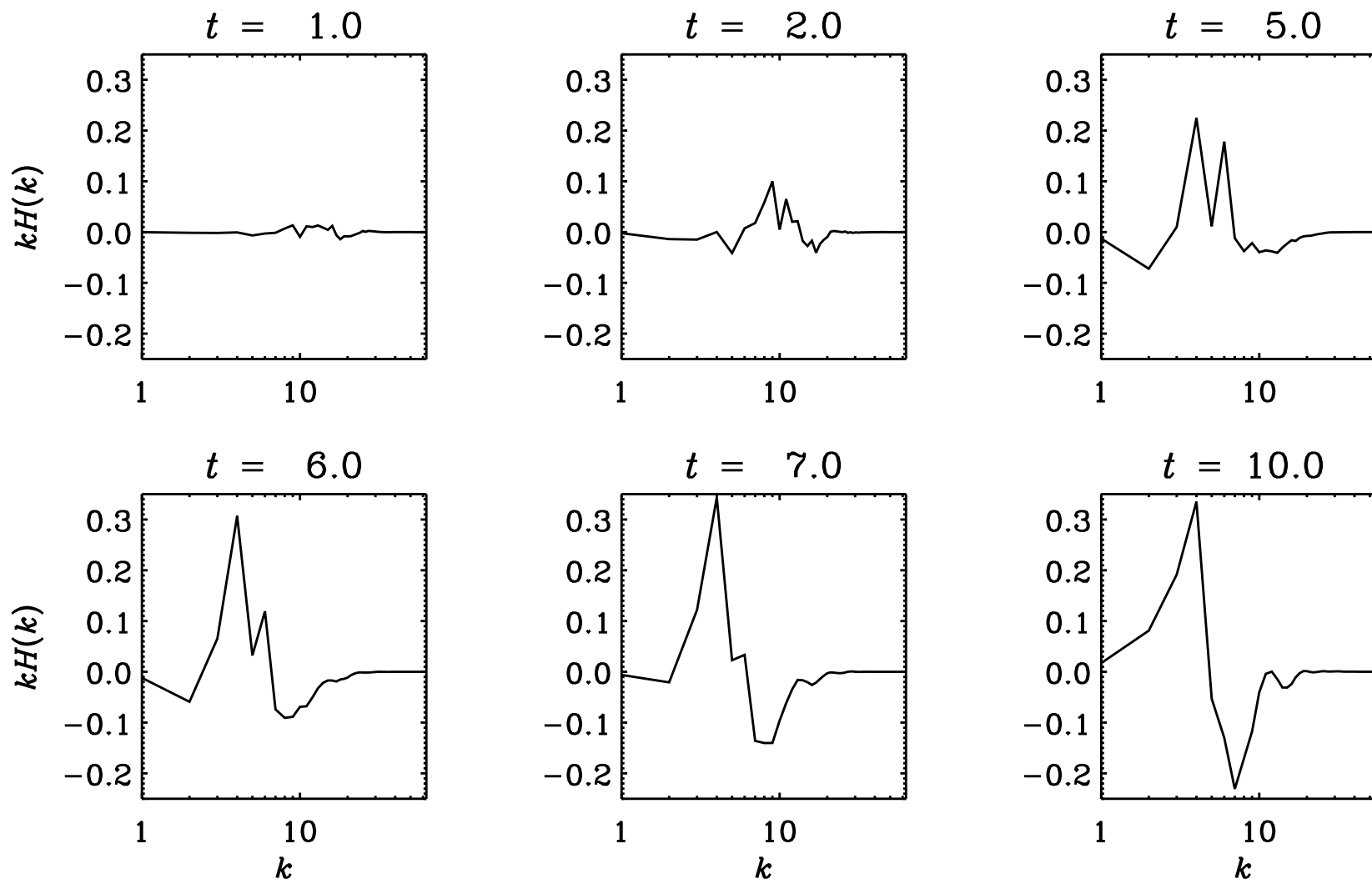
Twist/Writhe in Buoyant flux tube

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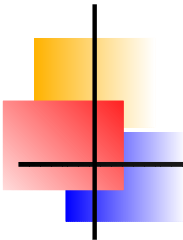


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Helicity Power spectrum



Helicity and catastrophic α quenching?

- ▶ $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{u}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}$ **transfers helicity** between $\overline{\mathbf{B}}$ and $\mathbf{b}$ fields
- ▶ Now ohms law for mean field is: $\overline{\mathbf{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{J}}/\sigma - (\overline{\mathbf{U}} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}})/c - \overline{\mathcal{E}}/c$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \overline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} \rangle = -2 \langle \overline{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} \rangle = 2 \langle \overline{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} \rangle - 2\eta \frac{4\pi}{c} \langle \overline{\mathbf{J}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$$

- ▶ Subtracting from total helicity equation

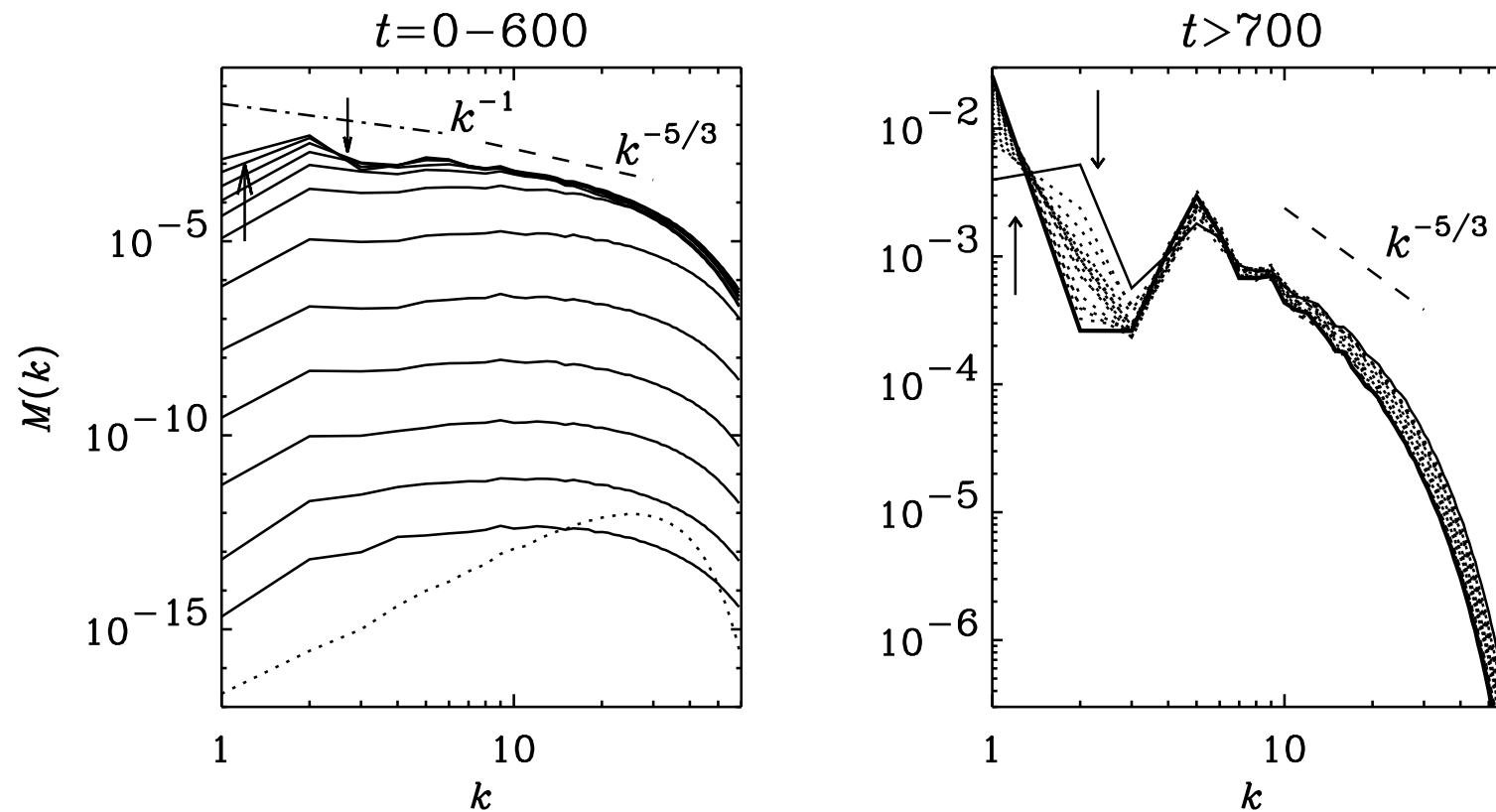
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- ▶ **Stationary limit:** $\langle \overline{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} \rangle = -2\eta \frac{4\pi}{c} \langle \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{b} \rangle \rightarrow 0$ as $\eta \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ Catastrophic R_M dependent quenching of $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$??

Large scale dynamos need helicity fluxes

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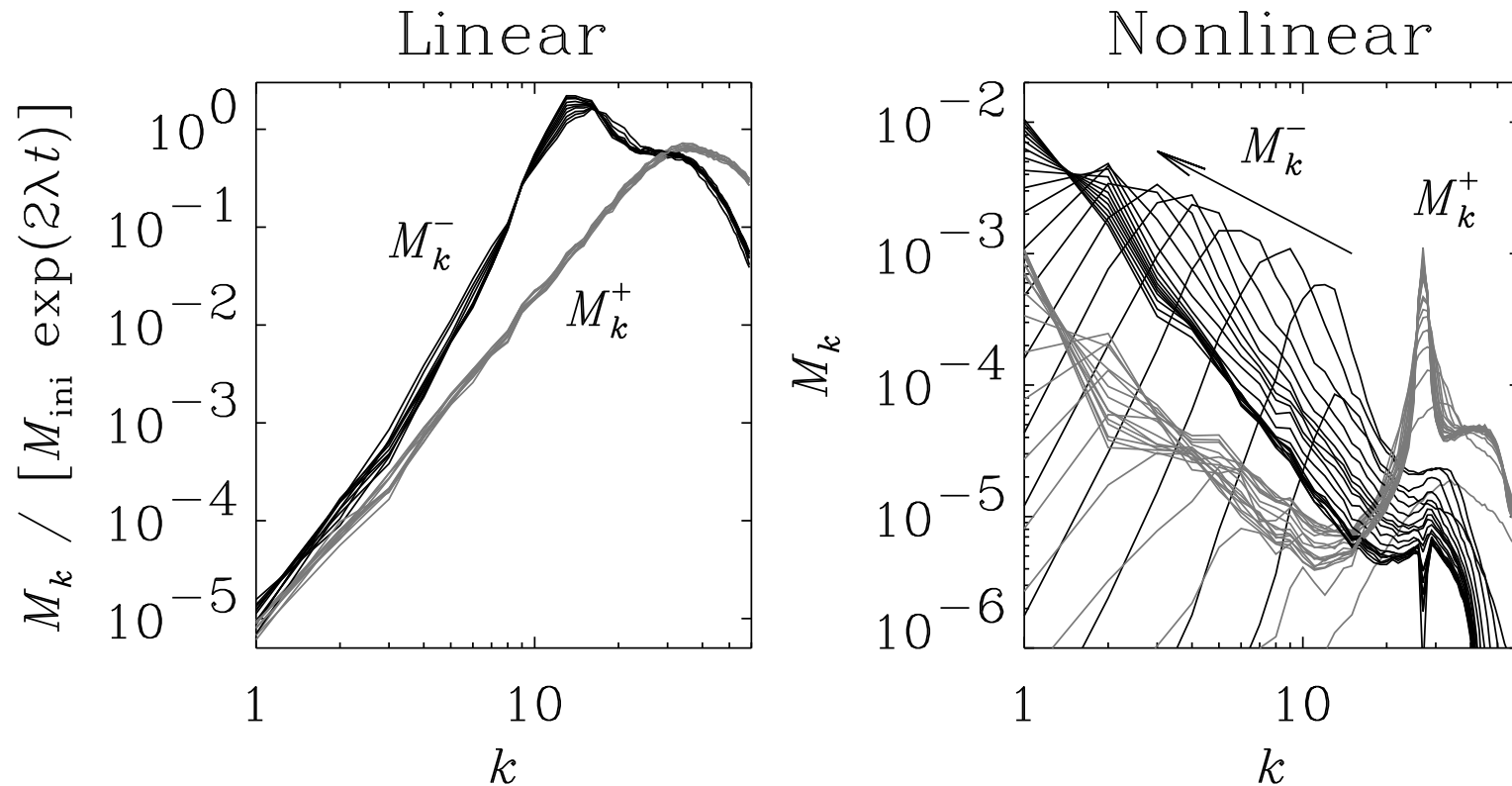
Brandenburg, 2001, $k_f = 5$



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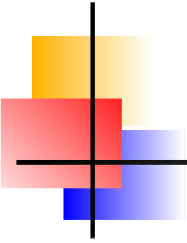
Brandenburg, $k_f = 27$



Helicity transferred between small-large scales

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Helicity constraint in a closure model

KS, 99; Brandenburg, KS, 2000

Ambipolar drift nonlinearity, $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_0 + a(\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B})$

$$\frac{\partial M_L}{\partial t} = \frac{2}{r^4} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^4 \eta_N(r) \frac{\partial M_L}{\partial r} \right) + G M_L + 4\alpha_N(r) C,$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = -2\eta_N C + \alpha_N M_L,$$

$$\alpha_N = \alpha(r) + 4aC(0, t), \quad \eta_N = \eta_T(r) + 2aM(0, t).$$

$$\alpha_\infty \equiv \alpha_N(r \rightarrow \infty) = -\frac{1}{3}\tau \langle \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{u} \rangle + \frac{1}{3}\tau_{AD} \langle \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B} \rangle / \rho_0,$$

$$\eta_\infty \equiv \eta_N(r \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{1}{3}\tau \langle \mathbf{u}^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{3}\tau_{AD} \langle \mathbf{B}^2 \rangle / \mu_0 \rho_0,$$

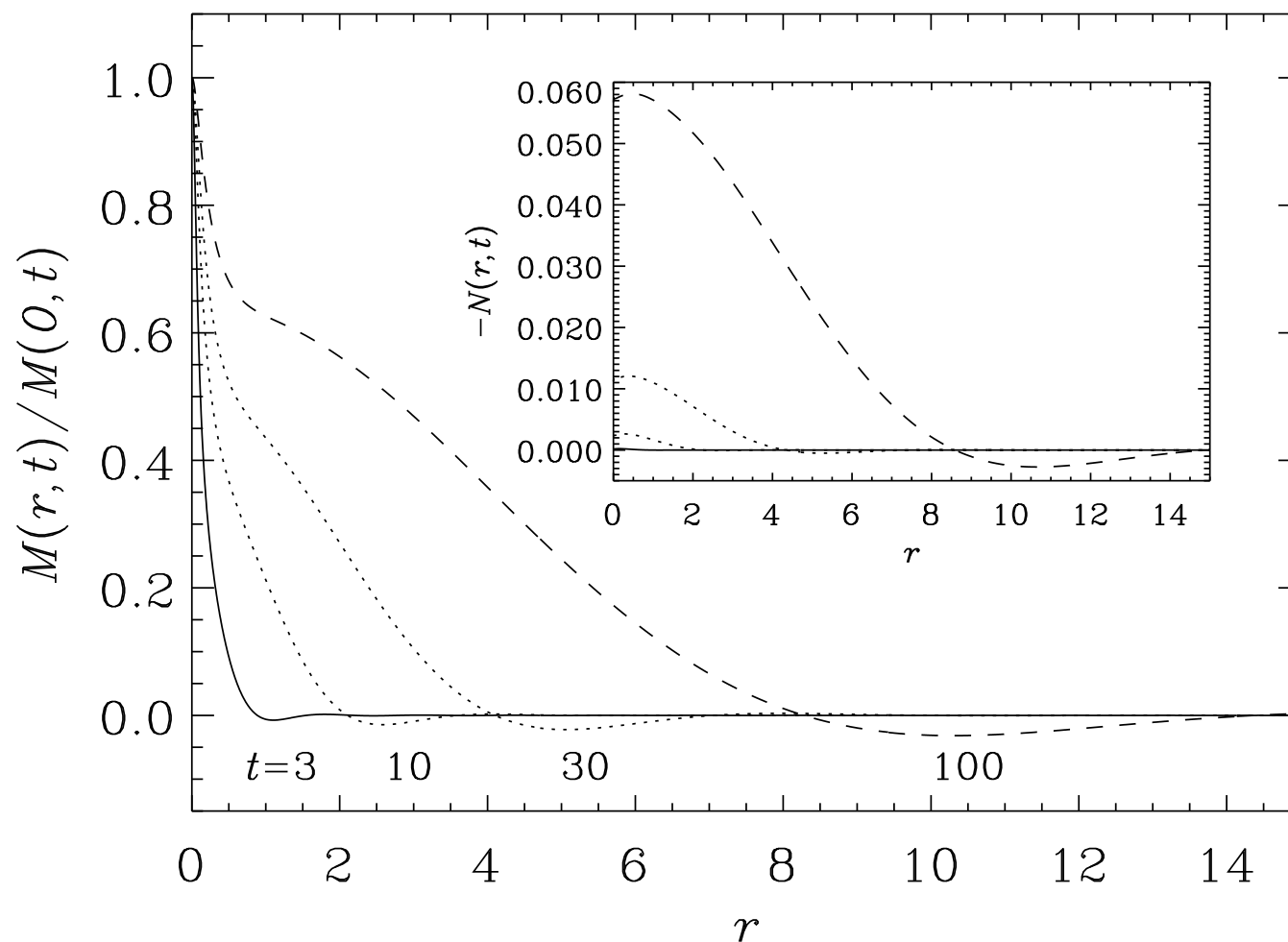
The system conserved magnetic helicity

$$\dot{H}(0, t) = -2\eta C(0, t), \quad d\langle \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \rangle / dt = -2\eta \langle \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B} \rangle,$$

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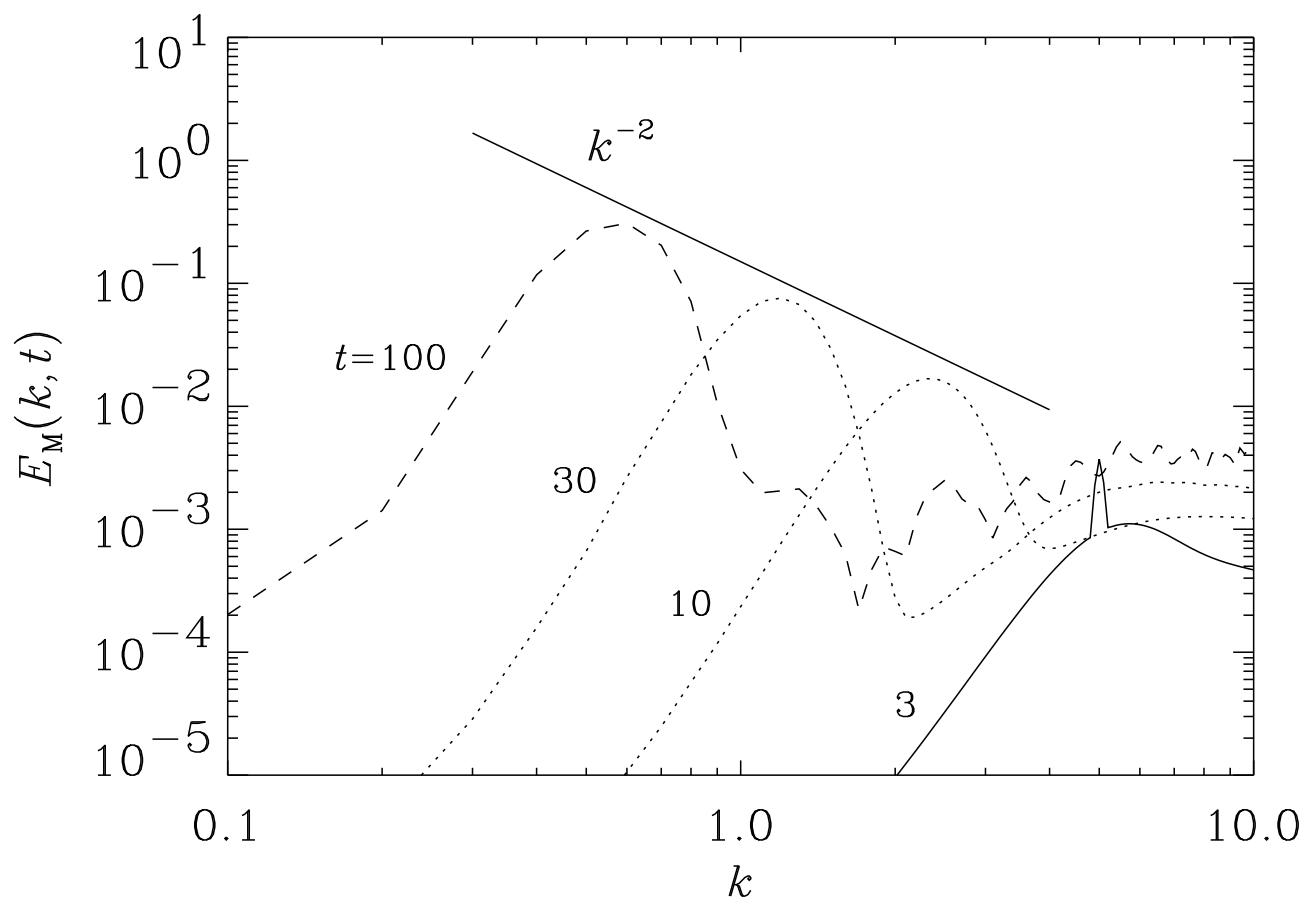
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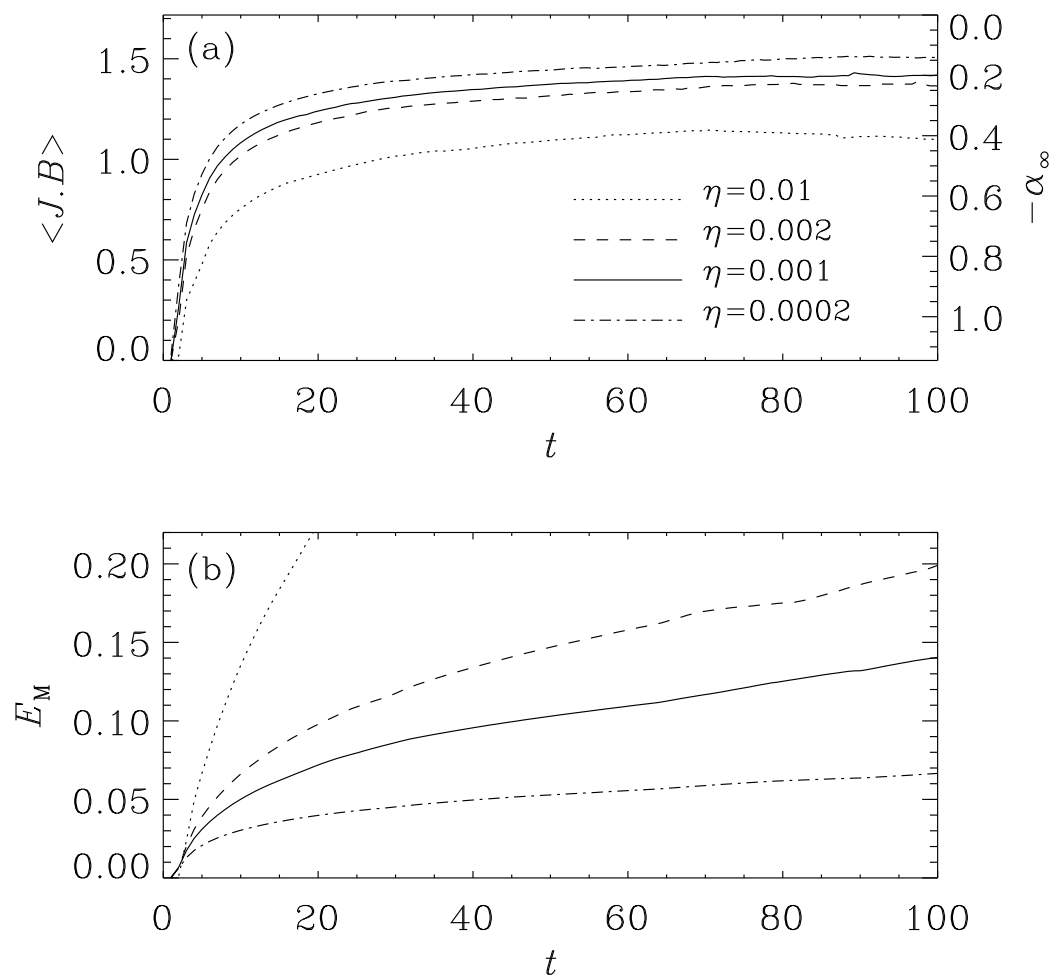
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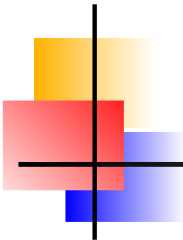
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Helicity and catastrophic α quenching?

- ▶ The small-scale helicity equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \rangle = -2 \langle \overline{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} \rangle - 2\eta \frac{4\pi}{c} \langle \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{b} \rangle$$

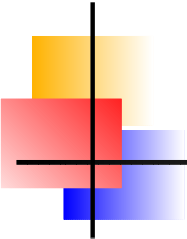
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- ▶ Catastrophic R_M dependent quenching of $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$??
- ▶ Change the helicity density conservation equation? :

$$\partial h / \partial t + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = -2 \overline{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} - 2\eta (4\pi/c) \overline{\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{b}}$$

- ▶ In Stationary limit: $2 \overline{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} \rightarrow -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}$?

Large scale dynamos need helicity fluxes?

What is helicity density or its flux?



A gauge-invariant helicity density

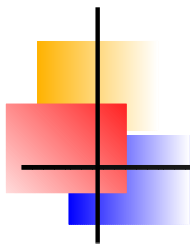
- ▶ **Gauss's linking formula for magnetic helicity**

$$h_G = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \int b(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \left[b(\mathbf{y}) \times \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^3} \right] d^3x d^3y == \int \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} d^3x$$

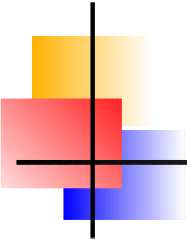
- ▶ **Here:** $\mathbf{a} = (1/4\pi) \int b(\mathbf{y}) \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) / (|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^3) d^3y$
- ▶ $\mathbf{a}$ **vector potential in "Coulomb gauge":** $\nabla \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}$, and $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$.
- ▶ **Let** $\overline{b_i(\mathbf{x}, t) b_j(\mathbf{y}, t)} = M_{ij}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$, **with** $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$, $\mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})/2$
- ▶ **Correlation scale** $l \ll L \ll R_s$ **the system scale** (Formally let $L \rightarrow \infty$)
- ▶ **The ensemble average helicity is:** $\bar{h}_G = \int d^3R h(\mathbf{R})$

$$h(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{L^3} d^3r \epsilon_{ijk} M_{ij}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) \frac{r_k}{r^3},$$

$h(\mathbf{R})$: Gauge invariant helicity density of the random small scale field $\mathbf{b}$.

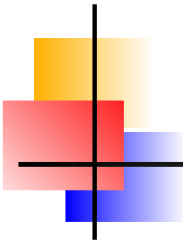


LECTURE 4



The dynamical quenching model

- ▶ Magnetic helicity density and its flux
- ▶ Calculating the turbulent $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$
- ▶ The minimal τ -approximation (MTA) closure
- ▶ Testing MTA in a box
- ▶ The dynamical quenching models for MFD
- ▶ Conclusions/questions



A gauge-invariant helicity density

- ▶ **Gauss's linking formula for magnetic helicity (Moffatt, 1969)**

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density of correlated $\mathbf{b}$ field links

(Subramanian & Brandenburg, ApJ Lett., 2006)

Local Helicity conservation

- ▶ For weakly inhomogeneous system, useful to employ double Fourier transforms: Define $\mathbf{k} = (\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2)/2$, $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2$

$$\overline{f(\mathbf{x}_1)g(\mathbf{x}_2)} = \int \Phi(\hat{f}, \hat{g}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{R}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d^3k$$

$$\Phi(\hat{f}, \hat{g}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{R}) = \int \overline{\hat{f}(\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K})\hat{g}(-\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K})} e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{R}} d^3K.$$

- ▶ For example the EMF is $\overline{\mathcal{E}_i}(\mathbf{R}) = \epsilon_{ijk} \int \chi_{jk}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{R}) d^3k$
 $\chi_{jk}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{R}) = \Phi(\hat{u}_j, \hat{b}_k, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{R})$

$$h(\mathbf{R}) = \int \int \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{\hat{b}_i(\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K})\hat{b}_j(-\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K})} \times (ik_k/k^2) e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{R}} d^3k d^3K$$

- ▶ Use the evolution equation: $\partial \hat{b}_i(\mathbf{k})/\partial t = -\epsilon_{ipq} ik_p \hat{e}_q$
 $e = -\mathbf{u} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \overline{\mathbf{U}} \times \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b} + \overline{\mathbf{u}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}} + \eta \mathbf{j}.$

Local Helicity conservation

- ▶ The evolution of h is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial h(\mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = & \int \int \left\{ -2 \int \overline{\hat{e}_q(\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K}) \hat{b}_q(-\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K})} \right. \\ & + 2(K_j k_q / k^2) \overline{\hat{e}_q(\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K}) \hat{b}_j(-\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K})} \\ & \left. - (K_s k_s / k^2) \overline{\hat{e}_q(\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K}) \hat{b}_q(-\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K})} \right\} \\ & \times e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{R}} d^3 K d^3 k. \end{aligned}$$

$$A_1 = -2\overline{e \cdot b} = 2\overline{b \cdot (u \times \overline{B})} - 2\eta \overline{j \cdot b} = -2\overline{\mathcal{E} \cdot \overline{B}} - 2\eta \overline{j \cdot b}$$

- ▶ From the $e = -u \times \overline{B} + \dots$ term, get fluxes proportional to $\overline{B}$
- ▶ From the $e = -\overline{U} \times b + \dots$ term, get advective flux
- ▶ The $e = -u \times b$ gives triple correlations in the flux, needing closure.

A local helicity conservation equation

- ▶ **Local helicity conservation equation :**

$$\partial h / \partial t + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = -2\overline{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} - 2\eta(4\pi/c)\overline{\mathbf{j}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{b}}$$

- ▶ **Helicity flux:** $F_i = F_i^{\text{VC}} + F_i^{\text{A}} + F_i^{\text{bulk}} + F_i^{\text{triple}}$.

- ▶ **Simplest flux due to advection:** $\mathbf{F}^{\text{bulk}} = h\overline{\mathbf{U}}$

- ▶ **Other fluxes driven by (u, b) correlations and anisotropy:**

$$F_i^{\text{VC}} = 2\epsilon_{qlm}\overline{B}_l(\mathbf{R}) \int i k_q \chi_{mi} k^{-2} d^3 k: (\text{Vishniac and Cho, 2001})$$

$$F_i^{\text{A}} = -\epsilon_{qlm}\overline{B}_l(\mathbf{R}) \int i k_i \chi_{mq} k^{-2} d^3 k: (\text{Kleeorin et al 2000}) .$$

- ▶ **Here** $\chi_{jk}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{R}) = \overline{\hat{u}_j(\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K})\hat{b}_k(-\mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K}) e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{R}}}$ $d^3 K$
(cf. Roberts & Soward 1975)

- ▶ **Now in stationary limit;** $\overline{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} - \eta\overline{\mathbf{j}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{b}}$

- ▶ **Large χ_{ij} not guaranteed if $\mathbf{F}^{\text{bulk}} = 0$.**

The turbulent $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$

- ▶ Need to find $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}$ under influence of Lorentz forces

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\overline{\mathbf{U}} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{u} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta \nabla \times \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{G}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = & -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \left(p + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \overline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \mathbf{b} \right) + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \\ & + \frac{1}{\rho} [(\overline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \overline{\mathbf{B}}] + \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{T}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

- ▶ Here $\mathbf{G}$ and $\mathbf{T}$ are the "pain in neck" nonlinear terms in $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{b}$.

$$\mathbf{G} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b})' = \nabla \times [\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b} - \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}}]$$

$$\mathbf{T} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u})' - \frac{1}{\mu_0 \rho} \left[(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{b})' - \frac{1}{2} \nabla (b^2)' \right]$$

- ▶ Calculating $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$ requires a closure even in the kinematic limit

The kinematic limit of $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$

- For short correlation times (τ_{cor}), neglect G , also assume statistical isotropy of the random $\mathbf{u}$:

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \overline{\mathbf{u} \times \int^t dt' (\partial \mathbf{b} / \partial \tau)} = \overline{\mathbf{u}(t) \times \int^t dt' [-\mathbf{u}(t') \cdot \nabla \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}(t')]}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}}_i = \int_0^t \left[\epsilon_{ijk} \overline{u_j(t) u_{k,p}(t') \overline{B}_p(t')} + \epsilon_{ijp} \overline{u_j(t) u_{l}(t') \overline{B}_{p,l}(t')} \right] dt',$$

- So: $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \alpha \overline{\mathbf{B}} - \eta_t \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}$, where

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \overline{\mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}(t')} dt' \approx -\frac{1}{3} \tau_{\text{cor}} \overline{\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}},$$

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The “Minimal τ approximation” closure

- Closure for the triple correlations arising in $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$
(Blackman, Field, 2002; Radler, Kleeorin, Rogachevski, 2003; KS/AB 2005)

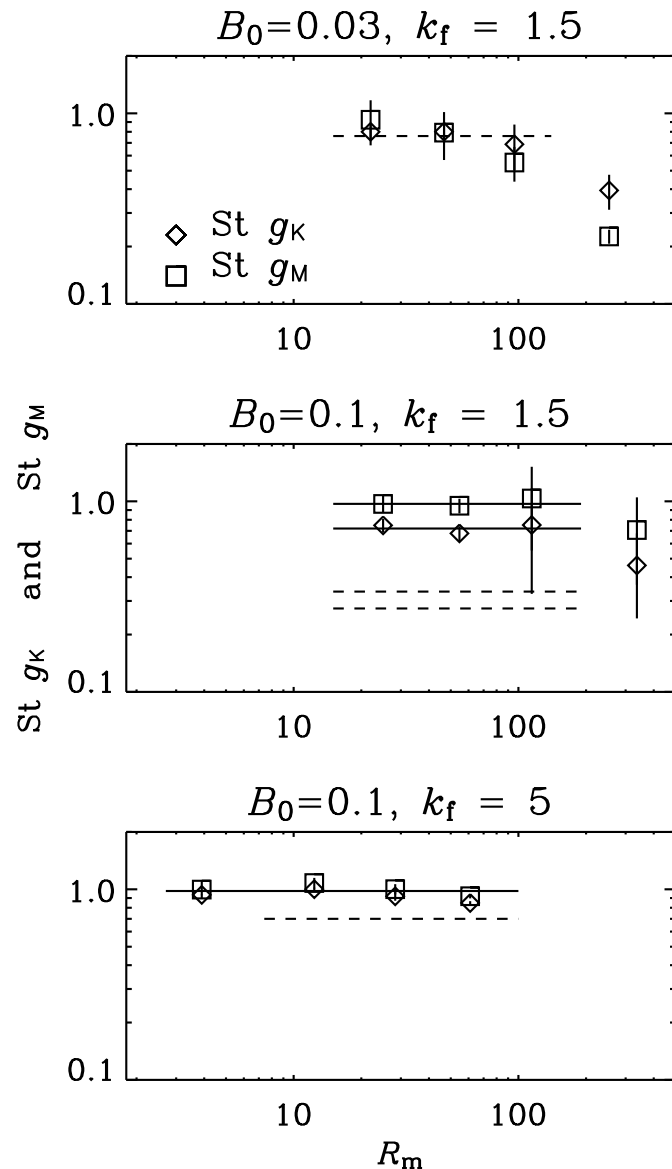
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \overline{\mathcal{E}}}{\partial t} &= \overline{u \times \dot{b}} + \overline{\dot{u} \times b} = \overline{u \times [-u \cdot \nabla \overline{B} + \overline{B} \cdot \nabla u + \mathbf{G}]} \\ &+ \overline{\left[\frac{b \cdot \nabla \overline{B} - \nabla p + \overline{B} \cdot \nabla b}{\rho} + \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{T} \right] \times b} \\ &= \tilde{\alpha} \overline{B} - \tilde{\eta}_t (\nabla \times \overline{B}) + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{N}\end{aligned}$$

- $\tilde{\alpha} = -\frac{1}{3} (\overline{\omega \cdot u} - (4\pi/c\rho) \overline{j \cdot b}) \quad \tilde{\eta}_t = \frac{1}{3} \overline{u^2}.$
- Closure hypothesis; triple correlations provide damping proportional to $\overline{\mathcal{E}}$ over a relaxation time τ : $\mathbf{N} = -\overline{\mathcal{E}}/\tau$
- In steady state $\overline{\mathcal{E}} = \tau \tilde{\alpha} \overline{B} - \tau \tilde{\eta}_t (\nabla \times \overline{B})$

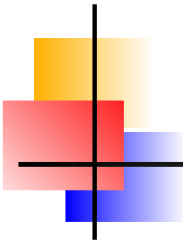
α -effect gets renormalized by a term proportional to $j \cdot b$
(Also in Pouquet et al., 75 EDQNM closure)

Testing MTA in a box

Brandenburg, KS, 2005, 2007



- ▶ $\alpha = \tau(g_K \tilde{\alpha}_K + g_M \tilde{\alpha}_M)$
- ▶ $St = \tau u_{rms} k_f$
- ▶ τ is positive and ~ 1 in natural units!



Dynamical quenching model for MFD

- ▶ Solve dynamo equation with local helicity conservation
- ▶ $\alpha = \alpha_K + \alpha_M$, **with** $\alpha_M = (\tau/3\rho)(4\pi/c)\langle \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{b} \rangle$
(Pouquet et al. 1976, Gruzinov & Diamond 1994)
- ▶ Is there a magnetic α_M ? What is τ ?
- ▶ For small $R_m \ll 1$, $R_e \ll 1$, can use FOSA in Induction and Momentum equation. Then α either (u, u) helical correlation or sum $(f, b) + (b, b)$ helical correlations (Sur et al 2007).
- ▶ In 2-d, for large R_m , $(u^2 - b^2)$ structure appears in the effective τ_{eff} or cross-phase leading to suppression (Diamond, INI Talk, 2004).
- ▶ Good to transport away magnetic helicity by flux: to prevent catastrophic $\overline{\mathcal{E}}_{\parallel}(\alpha)$ suppression?

Dynamical quenching model for MFD

- Solve dynamo equation with local helicity conservation

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\overline{\mathbf{U}} \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \alpha \overline{\mathbf{B}} - (\eta + \eta_t)(\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}})), \quad \alpha = (\alpha_K + \alpha_m)$$

- $\alpha_m = (\tau/3\rho)(4\pi/c)\langle \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{b} \rangle \simeq (\tau/3\rho)k_0^2 h$
- **Helicity conservation with flux becomes**, $R_m = \eta_t/\eta$, $B_{\text{eq}}^2 = \rho \overline{u^2}$

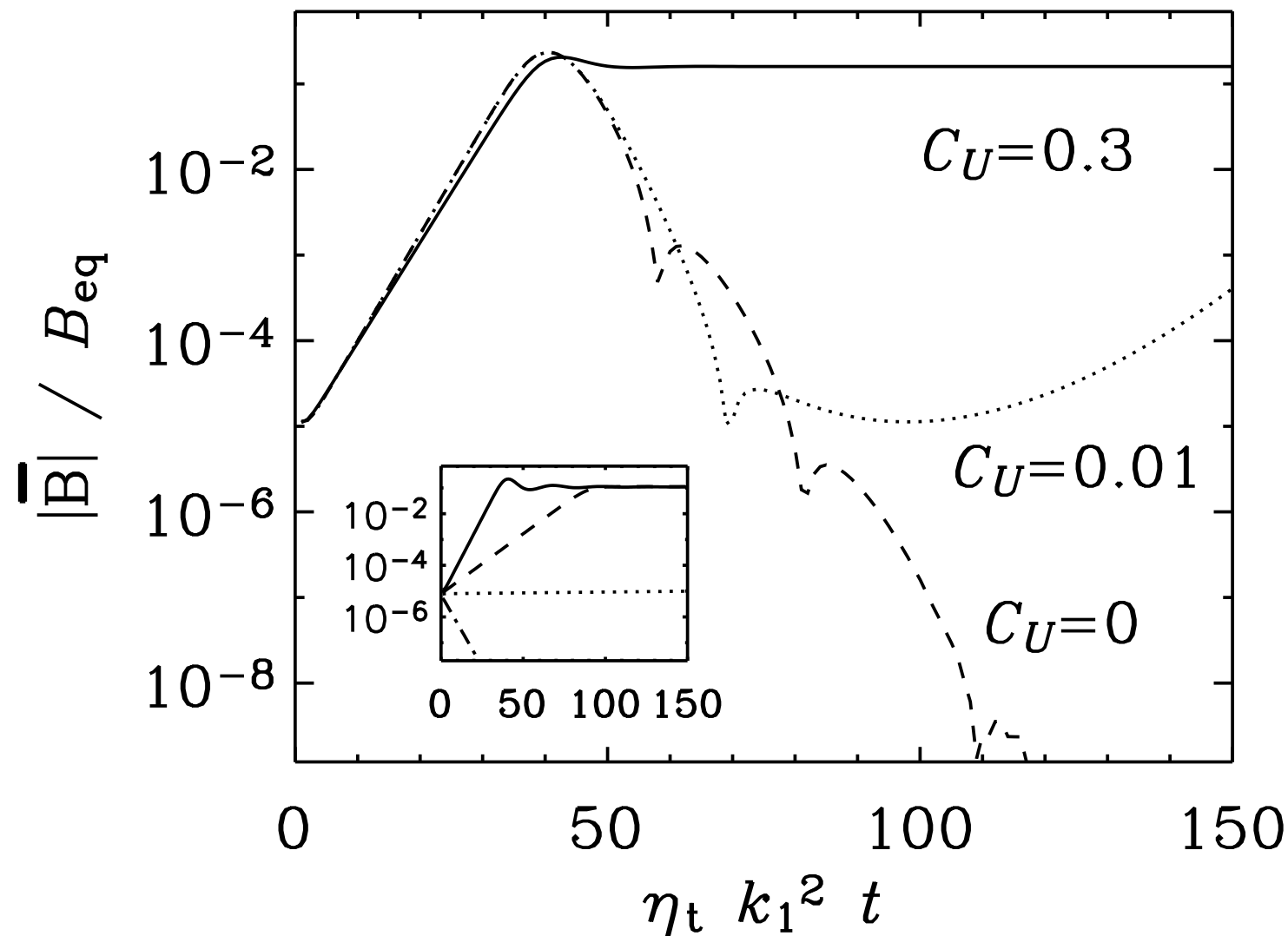
$$\frac{\partial \alpha_m}{\partial t} = -2\eta_t k_0^2 \left(\frac{(\alpha_K + \alpha_m) \overline{\mathbf{B}}^2 - \eta_t (\nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}}) \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}}{B_{\text{eq}}^2} + \frac{\alpha_m}{R_m} \right)$$

- For $\dot{\alpha}_m = 0$, $\mathbf{F} = 0$, "old algebraic quenching"

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_K + \eta_t R_m \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{B}}}{1 + R_m \overline{\mathbf{B}}^2 / B_{\text{eq}}^2}$$

Effect of advective helicity flux

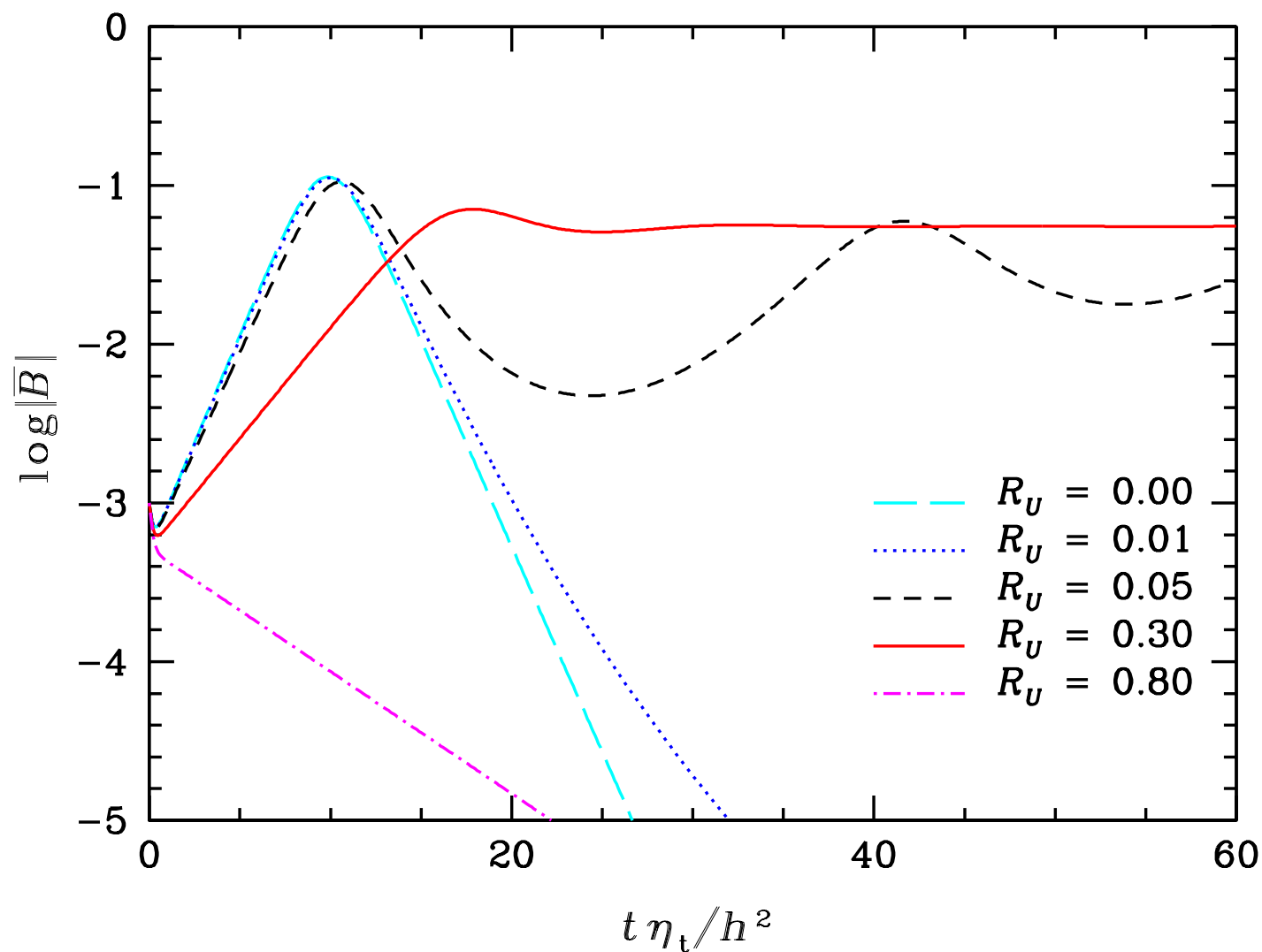
Shukurov, Sokoloff, Subramanian, Brandenburg, AA Lett., 2006

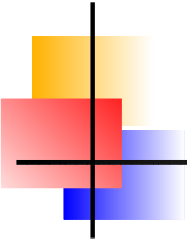


$$C_\Omega = -2, C_\alpha = 1, R_m = 10^5$$

Effect of advective flux: 0-d model

Sur, Shukurov, Subramanian, MNRAS, 2007





Helicity fluxes involving χ

- ▶ These fluxes zero for isotropic turbulence, or if $v_{mi} = m_{mi}$

- ▶ Shear can generate anisotropy + break v - b symmetry

$$(\partial \mathbf{u} / \partial t \sim -\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \bar{\mathbf{U}} + \dots \text{ and } \partial \mathbf{b} / \partial t = +\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \bar{\mathbf{U}} + \dots)$$

- ▶ Estimate of kinetic V-C Flux: (Brandenburg, Subramanian, AN, 2005)

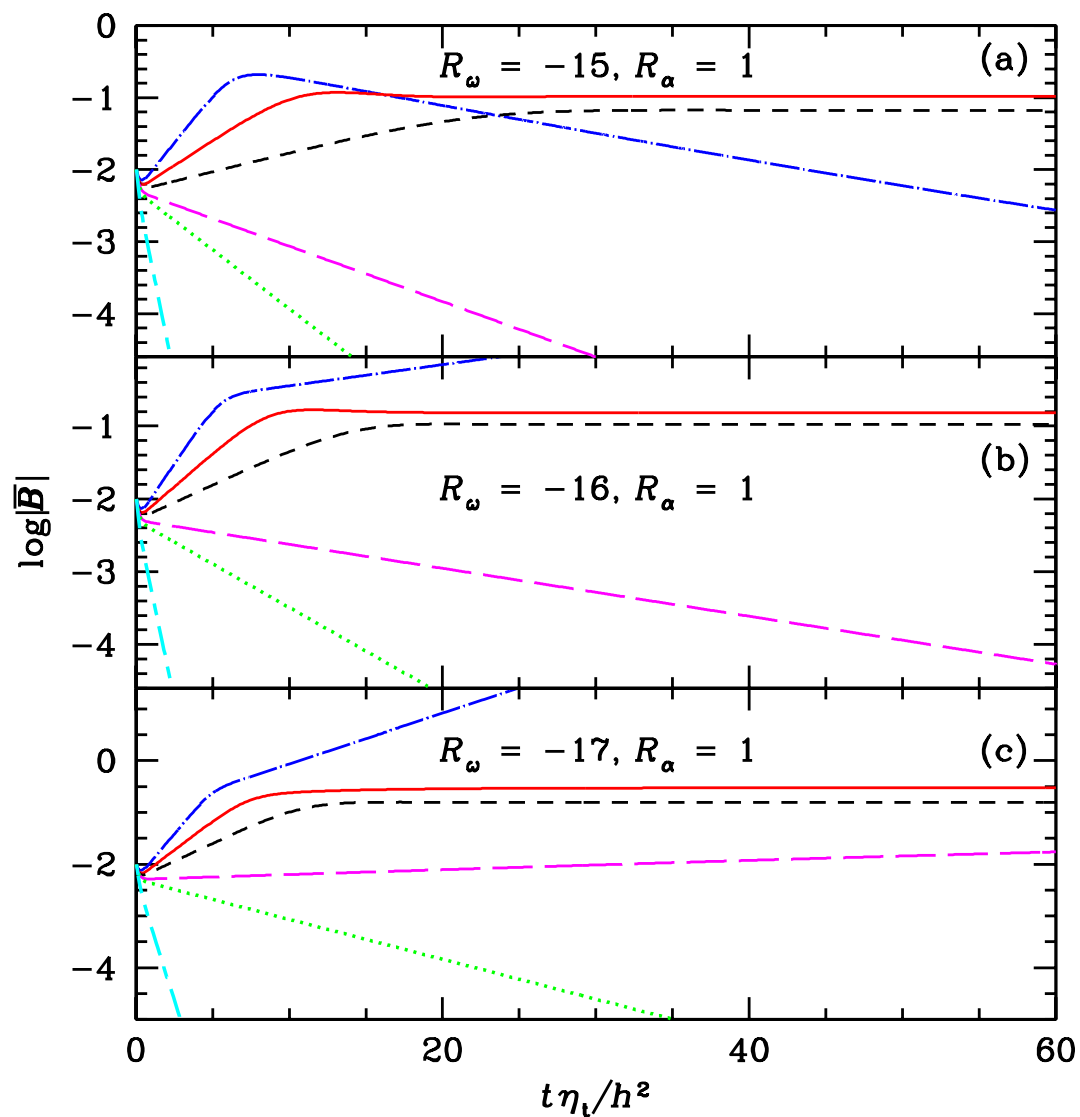
$$F_i^{\text{VC}} \sim (u\tau)(u\tau^*)\epsilon_{ijl}\frac{1}{2}(\bar{U}_{l,k} + \bar{U}_{k,l})\bar{B}_j\bar{B}_k \sim (u\tau)^2[\bar{\mathbf{B}} \times (\mathbf{S} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{B}})]_i$$

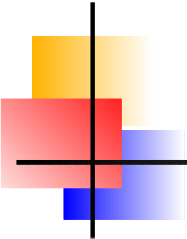
- ▶ Other closures could lead to suppression of "effective τ "
- ▶ V-C flux works to enhance finite amplitude fields

Effect of Vishniac-Cho flux

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$R_U = 0, 0.3, 0.5, 0.8, 1.0$ and 3.0





More thoughts

- ▶ Mean field dynamos at large R_m have to work in presence of strong fluctuations
- ▶ Mean field dynamos work with helicity fluxes
- ▶ Need a gauge invariant description of helicity density
- ▶ How does dynamo generation work for high redshift galaxies?
- ▶ Fluctuation dynamo saturation?
- ▶ For mean field dynamos: How to compute dynamo co-efficients for systems with large R_M and P_m ?
- ▶ When is the IGM significantly polluted with magnetic fields?
- ▶ Primordial fields?

SKA will probe the RM sky and could yield surprises...