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Nonlinear instability and plasma dynamics

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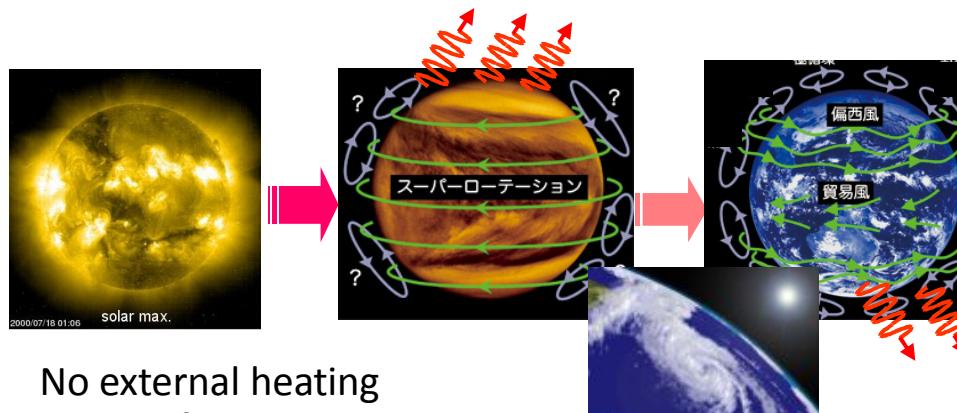
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- August 19 : Structure/dynamics of fluctuations in fusion plasmas
- **August 19 : Nonlinear instability and plasma dynamics**
- August 21 : Interaction between different scales

Planetary environment and fusion plasmas

World dominated by

- Micro-turbulences
- Macro-flows
(sometime with low mode)
- Large scale structure



No external heating
Fully self-sustained

What is the role of ZF
and LSS on transport ?

$$\eta_{ZF} \equiv \frac{E^{(ZF)}}{E^{(tot)} + E^{(ZF)} + E^{(LSS)}}$$

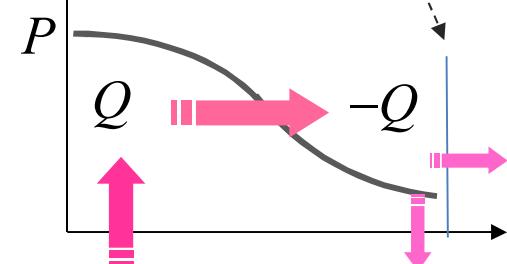
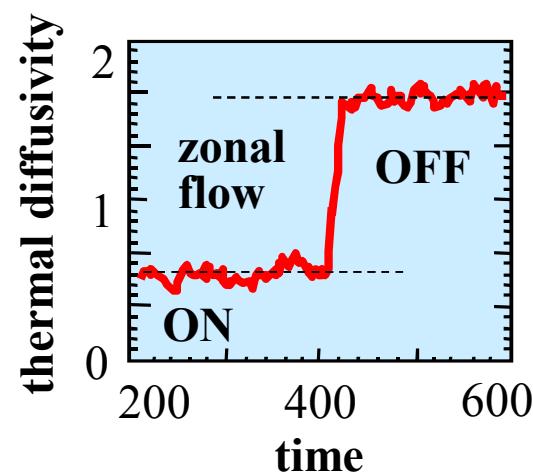
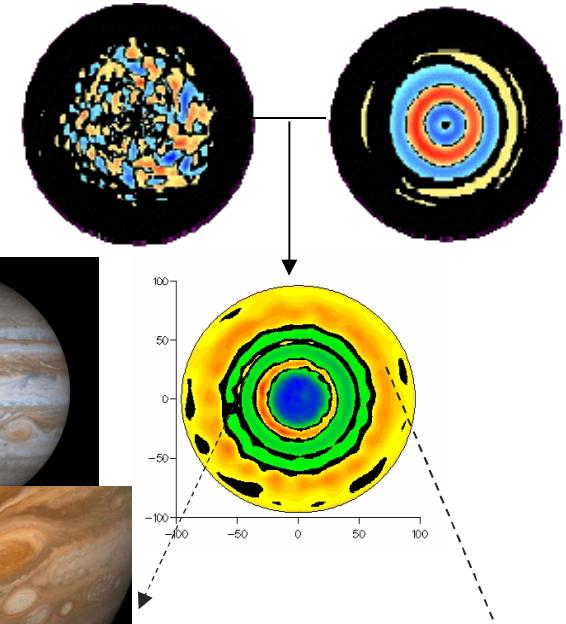
$$\eta_{ZF} \equiv \frac{E^{(ZF)} \tau_{ZF}}{E^{(turb)} \tau_t + E^{(ZF)} \tau_{ZF} + E^{(LSS)} \tau_{LSS}}$$

$$E^{(turb)}$$

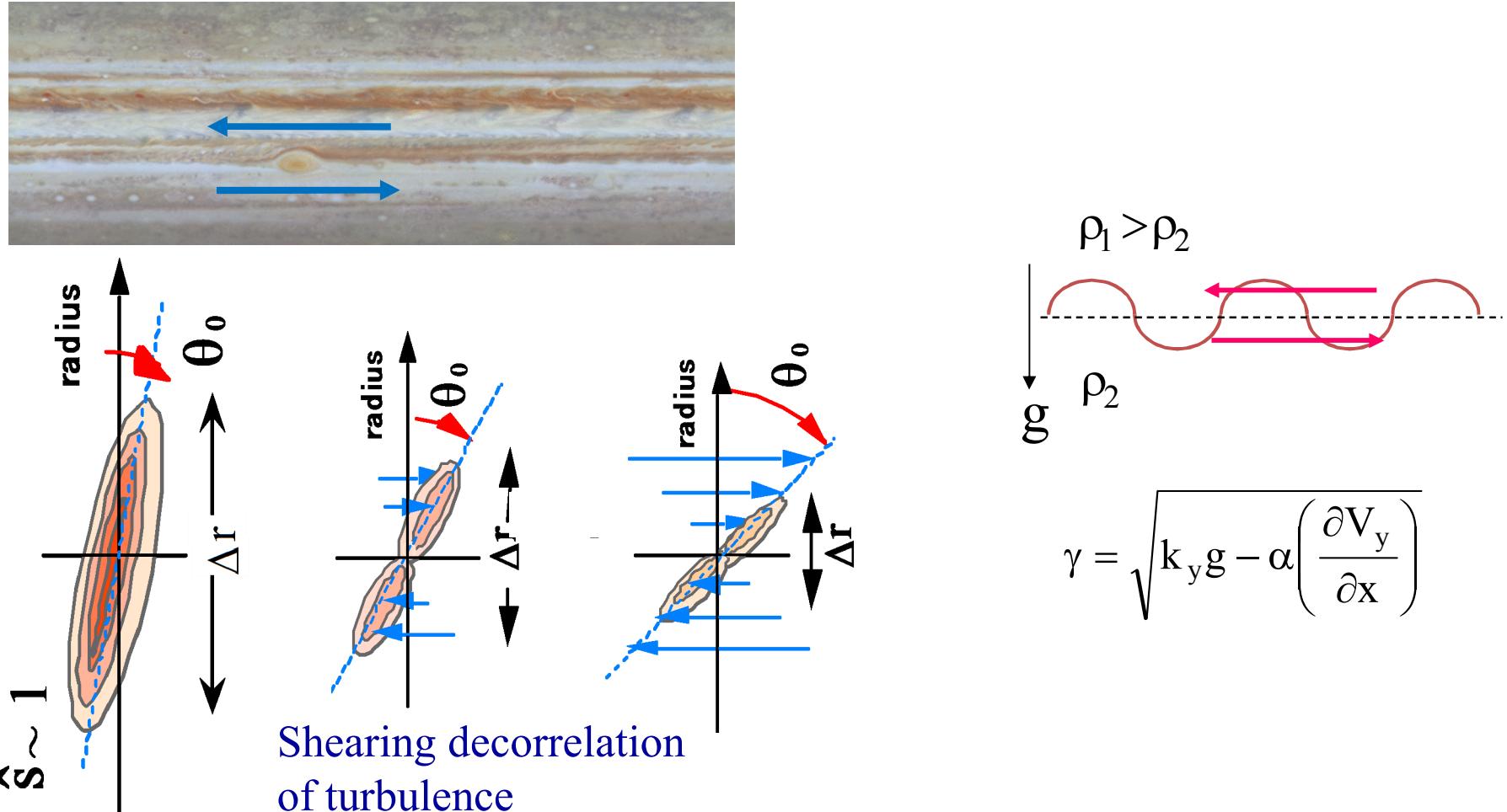
$$E^{(ZF)}$$

$$E^{(LSS)}$$

Micro-scale vortices are
embedded in macro-scale flows



Interaction between flows & fluctuations



$$\left(1 + k_{\perp}^2\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi_{k_x} = -ik_y \phi_{k_x} + v'_{sf} \left(1 + k_{\perp}^2\right) k_y \frac{d\phi_{k_x}}{dk_x} + [\phi, \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi]_{k_x}$$

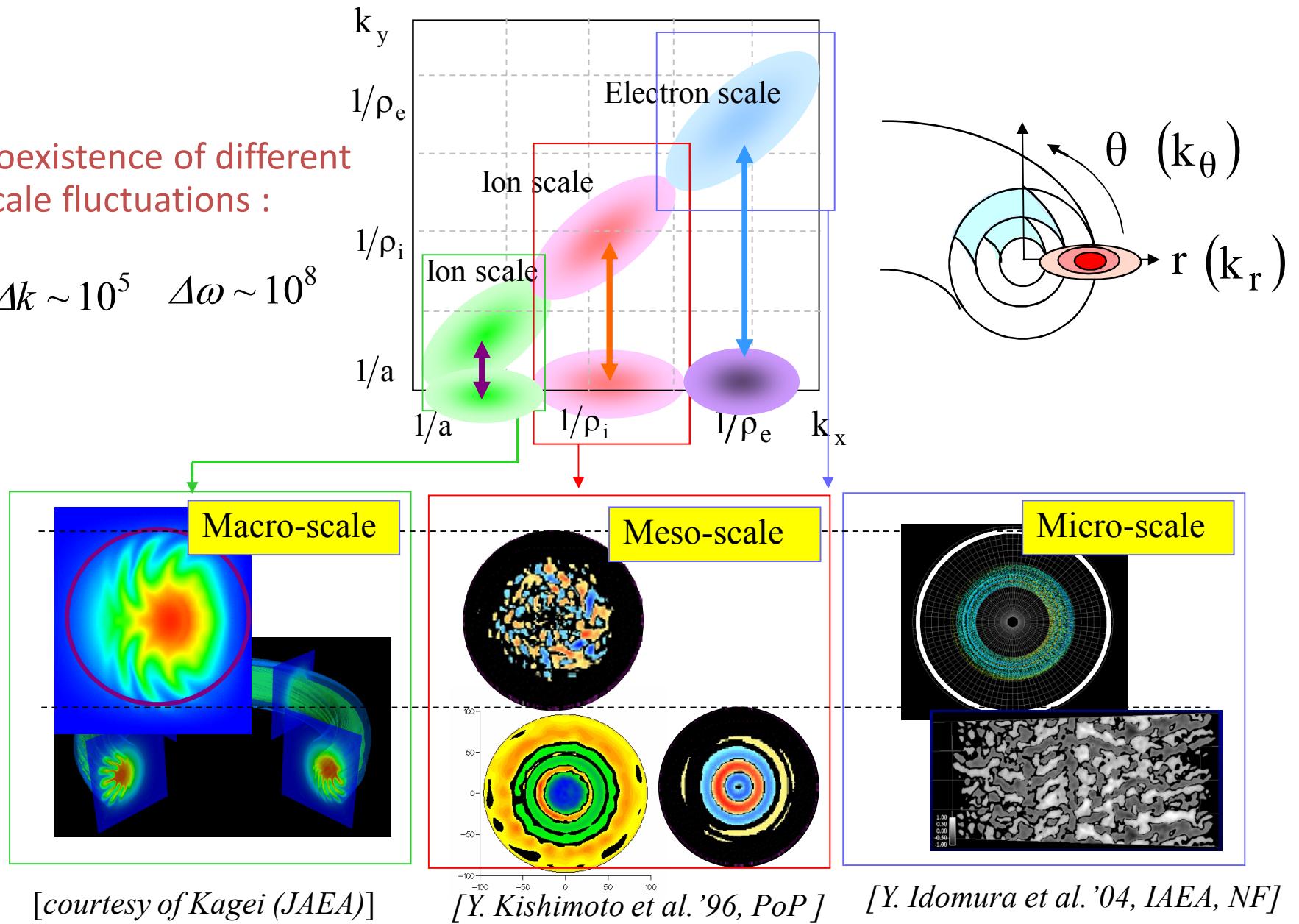
$$\langle \delta k^2 \rangle = t^2 k^2 V_E'^2$$

Shearing decorrelation is a local interaction in k space

Fluctuation with different time and spatial scales

- Coexistence of different scale fluctuations :

$$\Delta k \sim 10^5 \quad \Delta \omega \sim 10^8$$



Quasi-linear transport due to drift wave (1)

$$n(x,t) = n_0(x) + \tilde{n}(x,t)$$

$$\mathbf{u}(x,t) = \mathbf{u}_0(x) + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(x,t)$$

$$\frac{\partial n_0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \tilde{n}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [n_0 \tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \tilde{n} \mathbf{v}] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial n_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n_0 \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}}) + \sum_{\mathbf{k}' + \mathbf{k}''} \nabla \cdot (n_{\mathbf{k}'} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}''}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial n_0}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left[\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \underbrace{\text{Re}(n_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}}^*) \exp(2\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} t)}_{\text{Flux}} \right] = 0$$

$$\text{Flux : } \Gamma = -D \nabla n$$

Quasi-linear transport due to drift wave (2)

$$\mathbf{k} = k_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}} + \mathbf{k}_b + k_r \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_k = -\nabla \phi_k = -ik \phi_k$$

Coupling between ion motion and density gradient (drift wave)

$$\mathbf{v}_k = -i \frac{c\phi_k(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{b})}{B} = -i \left(\frac{cT_i}{eB} \right) \left(\frac{e\phi_k}{T_i} \right) (k_b \hat{\mathbf{r}} + k_r \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}})$$

$$\frac{n_k^{(ExB)}}{n_0} = -i \frac{\nabla n_0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_k}{n_0 \omega_k} = - \frac{\omega_{*i}}{\omega_k} \left(\frac{e\phi_k}{T_i} \right) = - \frac{\omega_{*i} \omega_{kr}}{|\omega_k|^2} \left(\frac{e\phi_k}{T_i} \right) \left(1 - i \frac{\gamma_k}{\omega_{kr}} \right)$$

$$\omega_{*i} = k_b v_{di}$$

: dia-magnetic drift frequency

$$\mathbf{v}_d = - \frac{T_e \mathbf{B}_0 \times \nabla n_0}{en_0 B_0^2}$$

$$v_{dj} = - \left(\frac{cT_j}{e_j B} \right) \frac{1}{L_{pj}} = - \frac{\rho_j v_j}{L_{pj}} = - \frac{\rho_j v_j}{L_{nj}} (1 + \eta_j)$$

Quasi-linear transport due to drift wave (3)

$$\Gamma = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} n_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}r}^* = - n_0 \left(\frac{c T_i}{e B} \right) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left[k_b \frac{\omega_{*i} \gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{|\omega_{\mathbf{k}}|^2} \left| \frac{e \phi_{\mathbf{k}}}{T_i} \right|^2 \exp(2\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} t) \right]$$

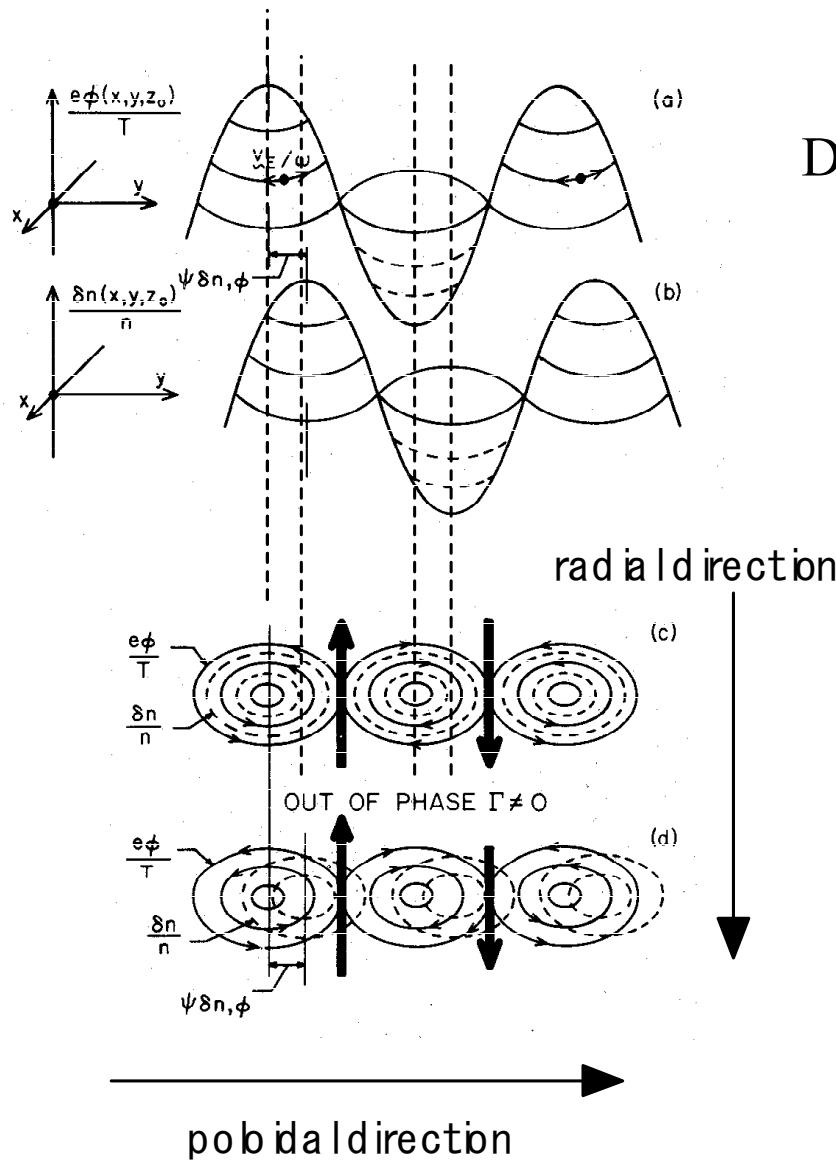
$$D = - \left(\frac{c T_i}{e B} \right) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left[(k_b L_n) \frac{\gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{\omega_{*i}} \left| \frac{n_{\mathbf{k}}}{n_0} \right|^2 \exp(2\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} t) \right] \quad \text{cf. } D = \Gamma \left(\frac{L_n}{n_0} \right)$$

cf. $\left(\frac{c T_i}{e B} \right) = \rho_i v_i = \rho_i^2 \omega_{ci}$

Step size: gyro-radius
correlation time : gyration period

$$D_B = \frac{1}{16} \frac{c T}{e B} \quad \tau_B \propto a^2 \left(\frac{B}{T} \right) \quad \text{cf. } D_B \propto \frac{a^2}{\tau_B}$$

Quasi-linear transport due to drift wave (4)



$$D = - \left(\frac{c T_i}{e B} \right) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left[(k_b L_n) \frac{\gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{\omega_{*i}} |n_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \exp(2\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} t) \right]$$

$\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} = 0 \rightarrow$ Zero transport

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\text{ExB})}}{n_0} &= -i \frac{\nabla n_0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}}}{n_0 \omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \\ &= - \frac{\omega_{*i} \omega_{\mathbf{k}r}}{|\omega_{\mathbf{k}}|^2} \left(\frac{e \phi_{\mathbf{k}}}{T_i} \right) \left(1 - i \frac{\gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}r}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Phase angle between density and potential

$$\frac{n_{\mathbf{k}e}}{n_0} \cong \frac{e \phi_{\mathbf{k}}}{T_e} (1 - i \delta_{\mathbf{k}}) \quad \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{\omega_{\mathbf{k}r}} \right)$$

Correlation time

$$\mathbf{v}_E = -\frac{\nabla_{\perp} \phi \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} \longrightarrow \frac{d\xi_r}{dt} = \frac{c\tilde{E}_{\theta k}}{B} \quad \xi_r = \left(\frac{c\tilde{E}_{\theta k}}{B} \right) \tau_{ck} = -i \left(\frac{ck_{\theta} \phi_k}{B} \right) \tau_{ck}$$

Assuming Markov process

Correlation time

$$D \sim \frac{\xi_r^2}{\delta\tau_c} \sim \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left| \frac{ck_{\theta} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}}{B} \right|^2 \delta\tau_{ck}$$

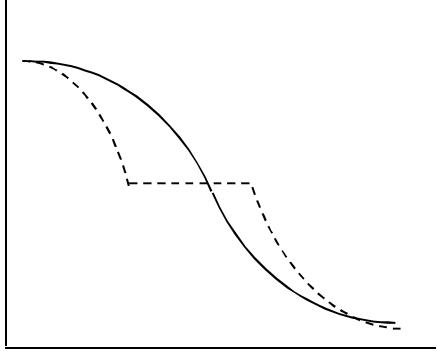
generation \rightarrow linear growth rate γ_{Lk}

annihilation \rightarrow scattering of fluctuation due to various origins γ_{Nk}

$$\phi = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega_{kr} t + (\gamma_{Lk} - \gamma_{Nk}) t \quad \text{steady state}$$

$$\gamma = \gamma_{Lk} - \gamma_{Nk} \cong 0 \quad \tau_{ck} \sim \frac{1}{\gamma_{Nk}} \sim \frac{1}{\gamma_{Lk}}$$

- Mixing length estimate

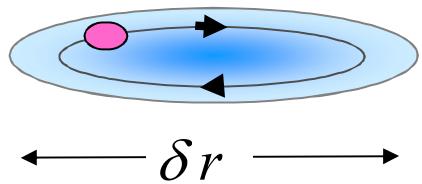


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} [\tilde{n}(r,t) + n_0] \sim 0 \quad \left| \frac{\tilde{n}}{n_0} \right| \sim \frac{1}{L_n k_r}$$

$$D = \left(\frac{cT}{eB} \right) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left[(k_b L_n) \frac{\gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{\omega_*} \left| \frac{n_{\mathbf{k}}}{n_0} \right|^2 \exp(2\gamma_k t) \right] \sim \frac{\gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{k_r^2}$$

- Wave breaking estimate

$$\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$$



$$\mathbf{v}_E = -\frac{\nabla_{\perp} \phi \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} \quad \frac{d\xi_r}{dt} = \frac{c \tilde{E}_{\theta k}}{B}$$

$$\xi_r = \left(\frac{c \tilde{E}_{\theta k}}{B} \right) \tau_{ck} = -i \left(\frac{c k_{\theta} \phi_k}{B} \right) \tau_{ck} \quad \text{Correlation time}$$

Assuming Markov process

$$D \sim \frac{\xi_r^2}{\delta \tau_c} \sim \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left| \frac{c k_{\theta} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}}{B} \right|^2 \delta \tau_{c\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\xi_r \sim \frac{c k_b |\phi_k|}{\gamma_k B} \sim \frac{1}{k_r}$$

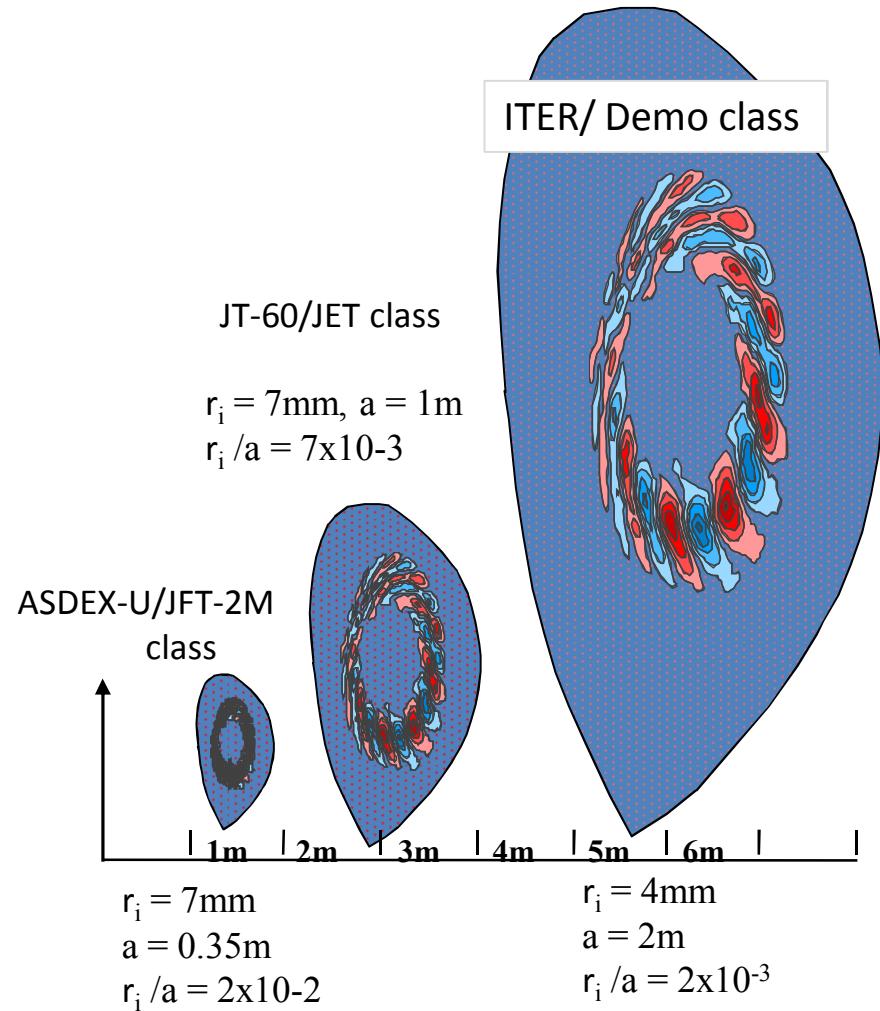
$$\left| \frac{e \phi_k}{T} \right| \sim \frac{1}{k_b \rho_s} \frac{\gamma_k}{k_r v_s} \sim \frac{1}{k_r L_n} \sim \left| \frac{n_k}{n_0} \right|$$

$$\gamma_k \sim \omega_{kr} \sim \omega_{*i} \quad \Delta r \sim \rho_i^{1-\alpha} L_T^\alpha \sim \frac{1}{k_r}$$

$$D \sim \frac{\gamma_k}{k_r^2} \sim \frac{\omega_{*i}}{k_r^2} \sim (k_\theta \rho_i) \left(\frac{v_i}{L_T} \right) (\rho_i^{1-\alpha} L_T^\alpha)^2 \sim (\rho_i v_i) \left(\frac{\rho_i}{L_T} \right)^{1-2\alpha} \sim \left(\frac{c T_i}{e B} \right) \left(\frac{\rho_i}{L_T} \right)^{1-2\alpha}$$

$$W = \left| \frac{e\phi}{T} \right|^2 \sim \left(\frac{1}{k_r L_n} \right)^2 \sim \left(\frac{\rho_s}{L_n} \right)^{2(1-\alpha)}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 0 \quad (\Delta r \sim \rho_i) \quad : \text{gyro-Bohm} \\ \\ D \sim \frac{\gamma_k}{k_r^2} \sim \left(\frac{c T_i}{e B} \right) \left(\frac{\rho_i}{L_T} \right) \quad W \sim \left(\frac{\rho_s}{L_n} \right)^2 \\ \\ \alpha = 0 \quad (\Delta r \sim \sqrt{\rho_i L_T}) \quad : \text{Bohm} \\ \\ D \sim \frac{\gamma_k}{k_r^2} \sim \left(\frac{c T_i}{e B} \right) \quad W \sim \frac{\rho_s}{L_n} \end{array} \right.$$



An interesting observation in global gyrokinetic simulations of toroidal ITG turbulence is that for small device size plasma, the fluctuations are microscopic and local, that transport is diffusive, while the resulting turbulent transport is not gyro-Bohm, shown in Fig.1.[1] The local transport coefficient exhibits a gradual transition from a Bohm-like scaling for small device sizes to a gyro-Bohm scaling for future larger devices in the presence of self-consistent zonal flows.

[1] Z. Lin et al., PRL **88**, 195004 (2002).

Fig. 4. Effective heat diffusivity of three global gyrokinetic codes as a function of ρ^* .
(copied from Fig.5 in Ref. 3)

[3] Sarazin, *et. al*, Nucl. Fusion **51** (2011)

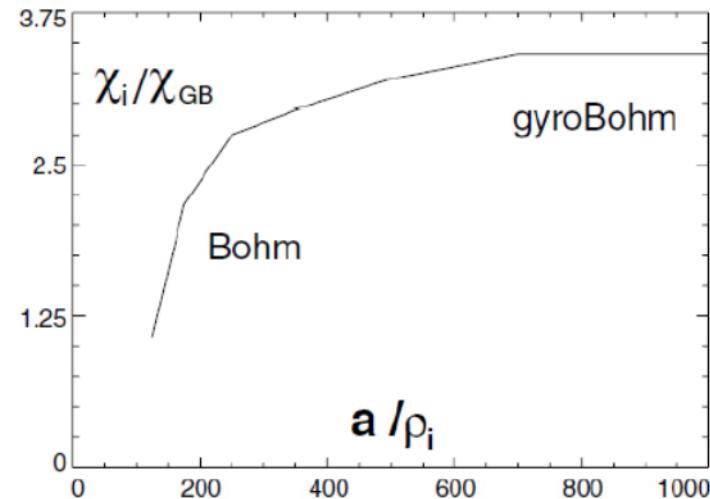
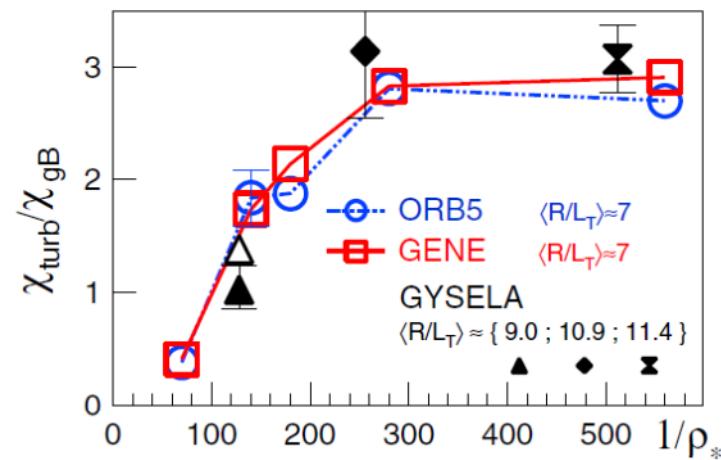
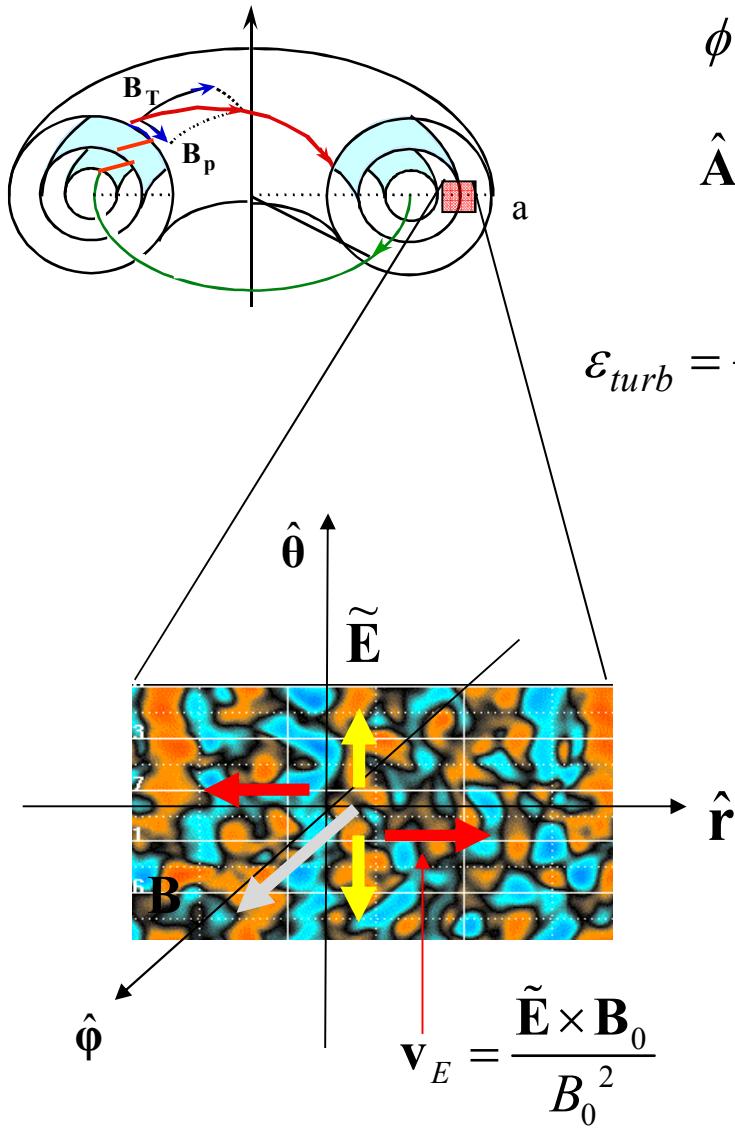


Fig.1. Ion heat conductivity vs tokamak minor radius. [Copied from Fig.3 in Ref. [1].



Fluctuating field in confinement device



$$\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_k \phi(\mathbf{k}, \omega_k) \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega_k t)]$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_k \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega_k) \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega_k t)]$$

$$\varepsilon_{turb} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (E^2 + B^2) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Weak turbulence : } \frac{\varepsilon_{turb}}{nT} \ll 1 \\ \text{Strong turbulence : } \frac{\varepsilon_{turb}}{nT} \sim 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Gamma_x = \langle \tilde{n} \tilde{v}_x^* \rangle = \sum_k \tilde{n}_k \tilde{v}_k^*$$

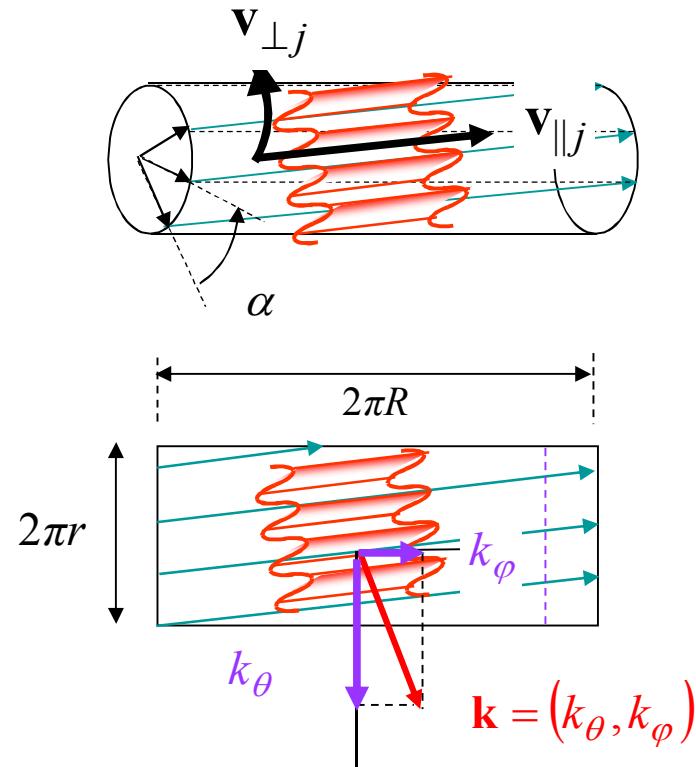
$$Q_x = \frac{3}{2} \langle \tilde{p} \tilde{v}_x^* \rangle = \frac{3}{2} \sum_k \tilde{p}_k \tilde{v}_k^*$$

Phase difference causes flux :

$$\tilde{n} = |\tilde{n}| \exp(i\delta_n), \quad \tilde{v} = |\tilde{v}| \exp(i\delta_\varphi)$$

$$\Gamma_x \sim \tilde{n} \tilde{v}^* \sim |\tilde{n}| |\tilde{v}| \sin(\delta_n - \delta_\varphi)$$

Particle motion :



$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \sum_k \phi(\mathbf{k}, \omega_k) \exp[i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega_k t)] \\ &= \sum_{m,n} \phi_{m,n}(r, t) \exp[i(m\theta - n\varphi)]\end{aligned}$$

$$k_\theta = \frac{2\pi m}{L_\theta} = \frac{m}{r} \quad k_\varphi = \frac{2\pi m}{L_\varphi} = \frac{n}{R}$$

Electron motion (parallel to the magnetic field)

$$n_e m \frac{dv_\parallel}{dt} = -en_e \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \mathbf{E} - \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \nabla p_e$$

→ Adiabatic response (simplest case)

$$\tilde{n}_{m,n} = n_0(x) \frac{e(\phi_{m,n} - \langle \phi \rangle)}{T_e}$$

Ion motion (perpendicular to the magnetic field)

$$n_i m_i \frac{d\mathbf{v}_i}{dt} = en_i (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_i \times \mathbf{B}_0) - \nabla p_i$$

1th order drift

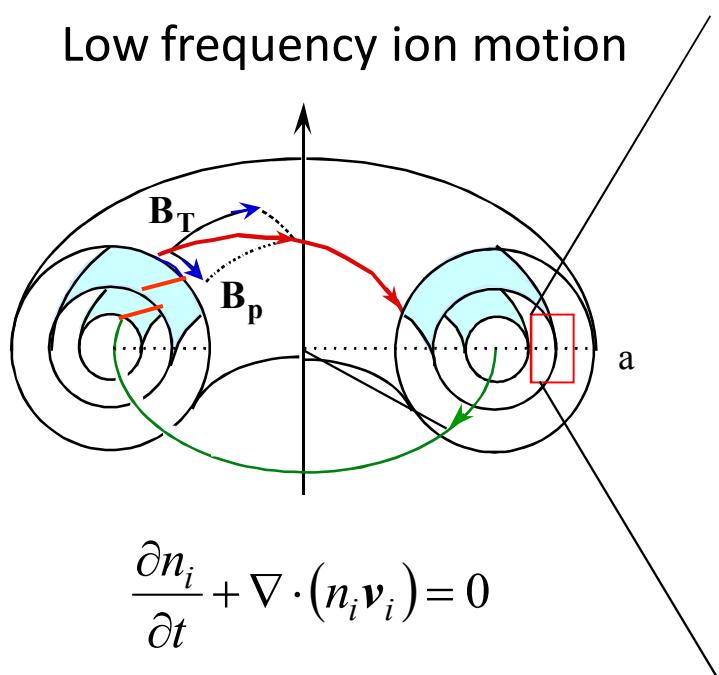
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_E &= -\frac{\nabla_\perp \phi \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} \quad \mathbf{v}_d = -\frac{T_e \mathbf{B}_0 \times \nabla n_0}{en_0 B_0^2} \\ \vec{v}_D &= -\frac{\vec{\mathbf{B}}_0 \times \nabla B_0}{B_0^2} \frac{v_\parallel^2 + v_\perp^2 / 2}{\omega_c}\end{aligned}$$

2th order, polarization drift

$$\mathbf{v}_p = \frac{1}{\omega_c B_0} \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla_\perp \phi - (\mathbf{v}_E \cdot \nabla_\perp) \nabla_\perp \phi \right]$$

Drift wave caused by ∇p drift

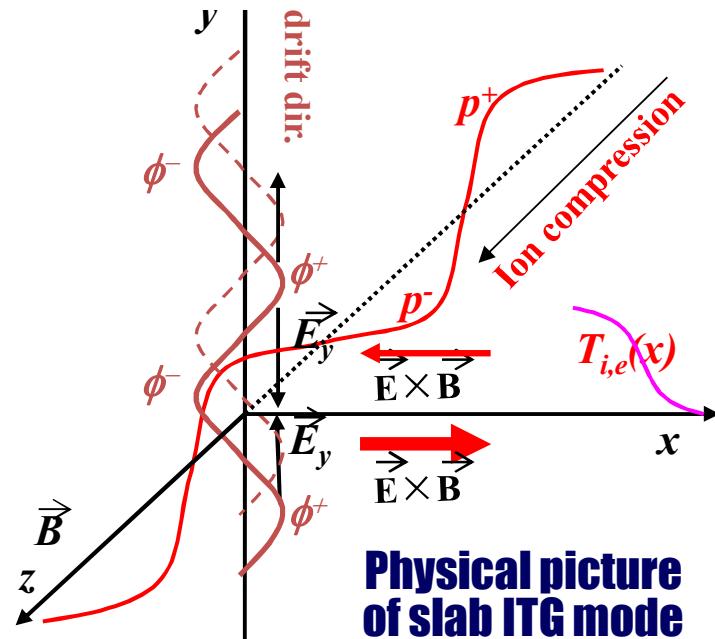
Low frequency ion motion



$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n_i \mathbf{v}_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{n}_i}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left[n_0 \frac{c \nabla \phi \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}}{B} \right] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_d = -\frac{\mathbf{B}_0 \times \nabla n}{en_0 B_0^2} = \frac{cT_i}{eB} \left(\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right) \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$



**Physical picture
of slab ITG mode**

Slab ITG: coupling between $\nabla \mathbf{T}_i$ and ion sound wave

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + v_{di} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \omega_* = k_y v_d = k_y \frac{cT_e}{eB} \left(\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right) = -k_y \frac{cT_e}{eB} \frac{1}{L_n} = -\left(k_y \rho_s \right) \frac{v_s}{L_n}$$

$$\omega = v_d k_\theta = \omega_{*e}$$

$$\rightarrow \phi = \phi(y - v_d t)$$

Key point: Density perturbation
is in phase with potential, just drift wave

Drift wave becomes can be unstable, leading instability

Drift wave : a plasma oscillation propagating along diamagnetic drift direction

If some mechanism may pressure perturbation is out of phase with the potential perturbation, the drift wave becomes “unstable”

Electron drift wave

$$m_e n_0 \frac{\partial v_{\parallel}}{\partial t} = -en_0 \nabla_{\parallel} \varphi - \nabla_{\parallel} p - \frac{\hat{b} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \vec{\pi})}{en_e} - m_e n_0 \gamma_{ei} v_{\parallel} \approx 0$$

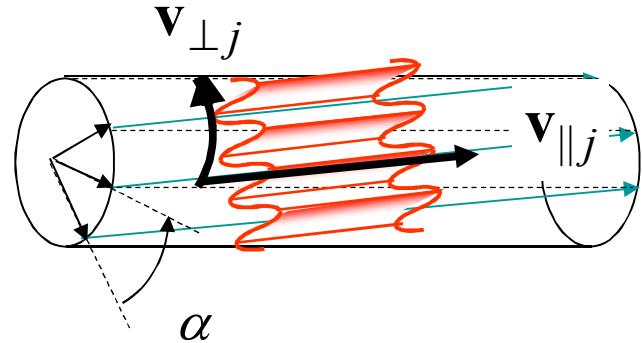
$$\text{i}\delta \text{ model: } \tilde{n}_e = \frac{e\varphi}{T_e} (1 - i\delta) \quad \tilde{n}_i = \tilde{n}_e$$

$$\omega = k_y v_d = k_y \frac{T_e}{eB} \frac{\partial n_0}{n_0 \partial x} \approx \omega_* (1 + i\delta)$$

Collisional electron drift wave:

$$\omega \approx \omega_{*e} + i\gamma_{ei} \left(\frac{k_y}{k_{\parallel}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\omega_*^2}{\omega_{ce} \omega} \right)$$

Hasegawa-Mima equation



$$\mathbf{v}_E = -\frac{\nabla_{\perp} \phi \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{cj}} \ll 1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_p = \frac{1}{\omega_{ce} B_0} \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla_{\perp} \phi - (\mathbf{v}_E \cdot \nabla_{\perp}) \nabla_{\perp} \phi \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot [n_i (\mathbf{v}_E + \mathbf{v}_p)] = 0 \quad \tilde{n}_e = n_0(x) \frac{e(\tilde{\phi} - \langle \phi \rangle)}{T_e} \quad \tilde{n}_i = \tilde{n}_e$$

$$(1 - \nabla^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi + v_d \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \phi - \underbrace{(\nabla \phi \times \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) (\nabla^2 \phi)}_{} = 0$$

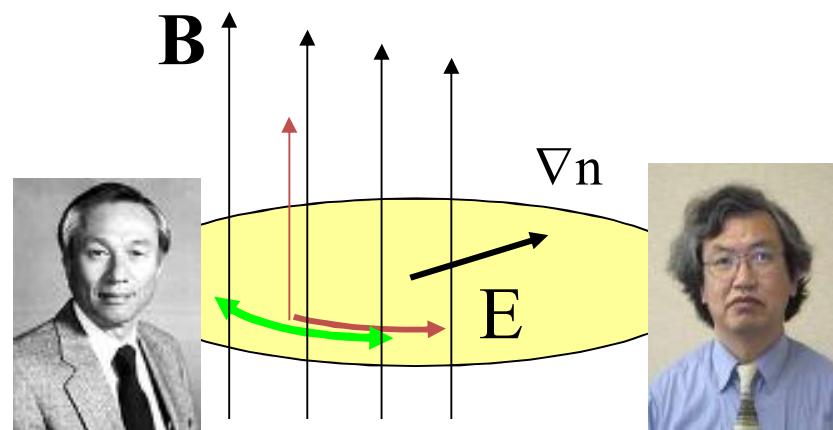
$$[\phi, \nabla^2 \phi] = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \nabla^2 \phi}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \nabla^2 \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$(1 - \delta - \nabla^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varphi + v_d \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \varphi - [\varphi, \nabla^2 \varphi] = 0 \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{for zonal flows : } \delta=1 \\ &\text{for others : } \delta=0 \end{aligned}$$

Turbulence in quasi-two dimensional bounded system

Drift wave : Hasegawa-Mima eq.

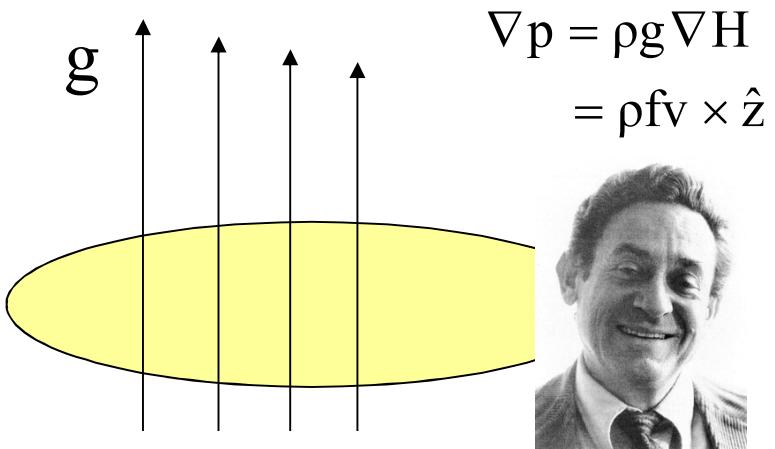
$$(1 - \nabla^2) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + v_d \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - [(b \times \nabla \phi) \cdot \nabla] \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$



$$v_E = \frac{c}{B} \hat{z} \times \nabla \phi \quad v_p = -\frac{c}{\omega_{ci} B} \frac{d}{dt} \nabla_{\perp} \phi$$

Rossby wave : Charney equation

$$(1 - \nabla^2) \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + v_R \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} - [(\hat{z} \times \nabla h) \cdot \nabla] \nabla^2 h = 0$$



$$v_c = \frac{g}{f} \hat{z} \times \nabla H \quad v_p = -\frac{gH_0}{f^2} \frac{d}{dt} \nabla h$$

Conserving

quantities

$$\text{Energy: } W = (\nabla \phi)^2 + \phi^2 \quad \text{Enstrophy: } U = (\nabla^2 \phi)^2 + (\nabla^2 \phi)^2$$

Fluid equation of ITG in tokamak

With adiabatic election, simplified 3-field equations for ITG mode

$$\left(1 - \nabla_{\perp}^2\right) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = -\frac{a}{L_n} \nabla_{\theta} \varphi - (1 + \eta_i) \frac{a}{L_n} \nabla_{\theta} \nabla_{\perp}^2 \varphi$$

$- 2\Gamma \omega_D (\varphi + p_i) - \frac{1}{2} \omega_D \nabla_{\perp}^2 \varphi - \boxed{\nabla_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}}$

Toroidal curvature for
toroidal ITG mode

$$\frac{\partial v_{\parallel}}{\partial t} = \boxed{-\nabla_{\parallel} \varphi - \nabla_{\parallel} p_i}$$

Parallel compression
for slab ITG mode

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial t} = & -(1 + \eta_i) \frac{a}{L_n} \nabla_{\theta} \varphi - \left(\Gamma - \frac{1}{3}\right) \Gamma (1 + \eta_i) \frac{a}{L_n} \nabla_{\theta} \nabla_{\perp}^2 \varphi \\ & + 4\Gamma \omega_D p_i + \left(\Gamma - \frac{1}{2}\right) \omega_D \nabla_{\perp}^2 \varphi \boxed{- \Gamma \nabla_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}} - \sqrt{\frac{8}{\pi}} |k_{\parallel}| (p_i - \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

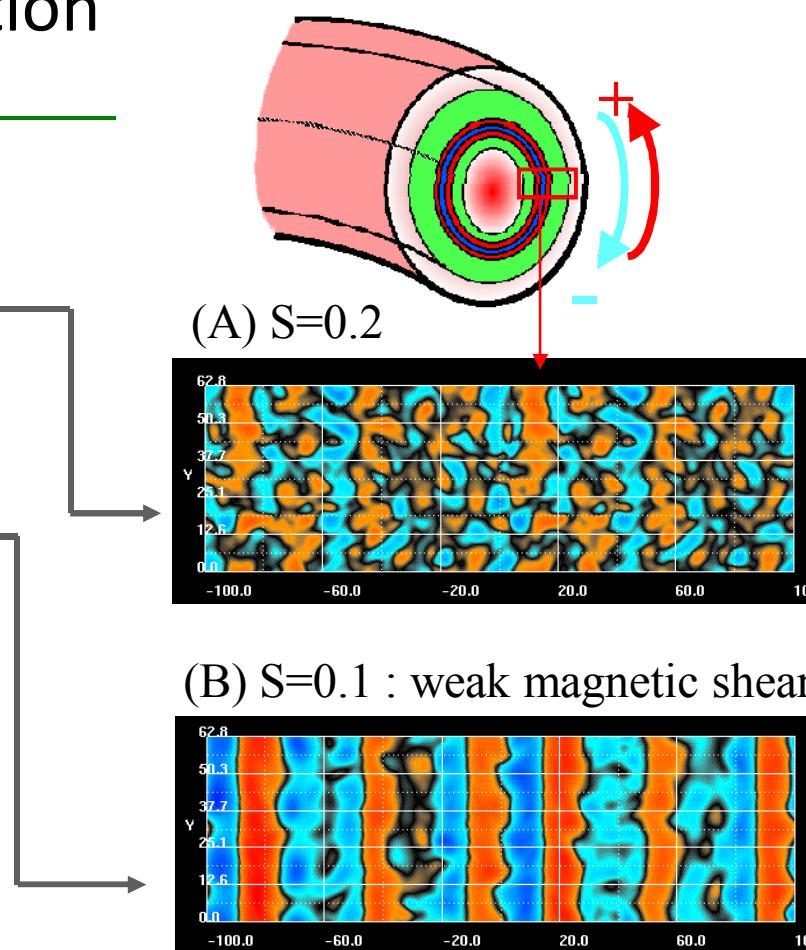
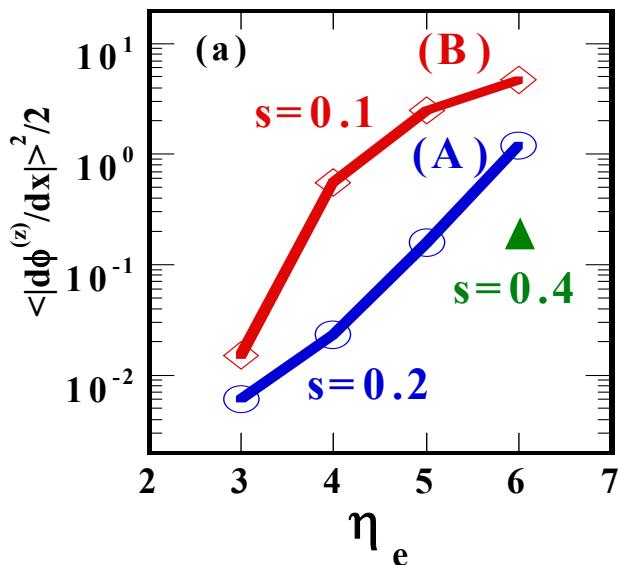
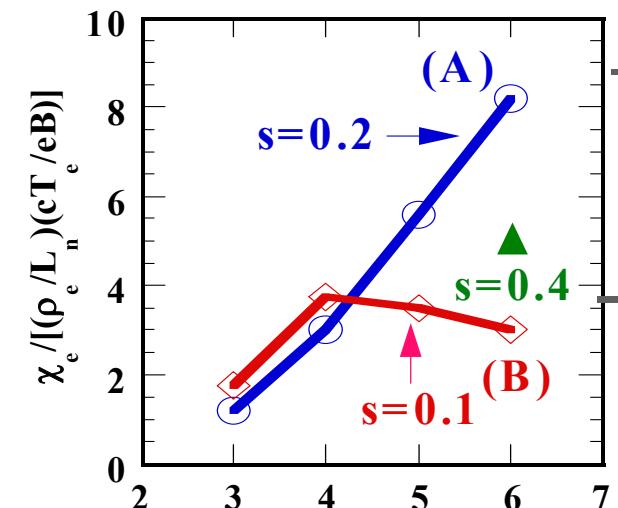
with $\omega_D f = 2\varepsilon (\cos \theta \nabla_{\theta} - \sin \theta \nabla_r) f$

Discussion:

- ✓ Ignoring toroidal curvature and parallel compression term,
reduced to just drift wave;
- ✓ Ignoring toroidal curvature effects, reduced to slab ITG
- ✓ Ignoring parallel compression, reduced to toroidal ITG;

Conditional flow generation in high pressure region

[Kishimoto,Li, et al., IAEA '02]



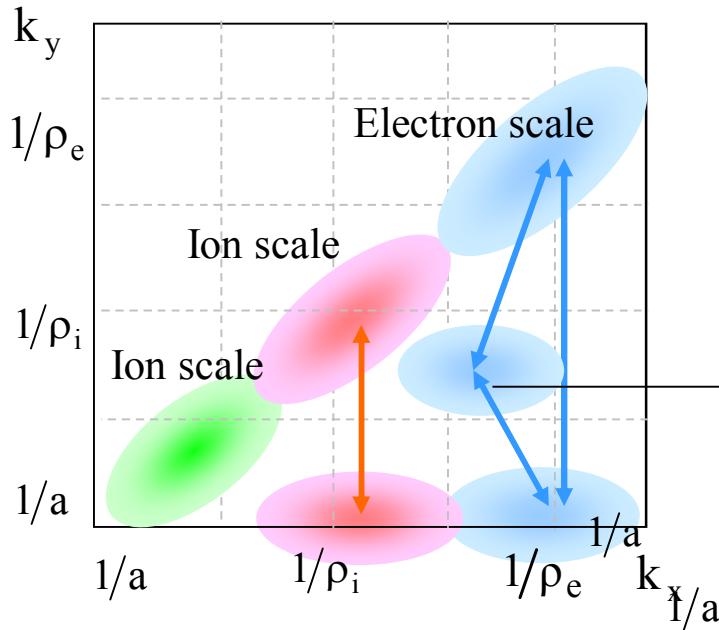
Energy partition low

fluctuation energy
= turbulent part + laminar part

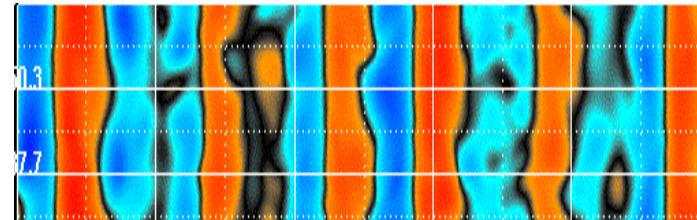
$$\eta_Z \equiv \frac{E^{(ZF)}}{E^{(turb)} + E^{(ZF)}}$$

Turbulence dominated by large scale structure

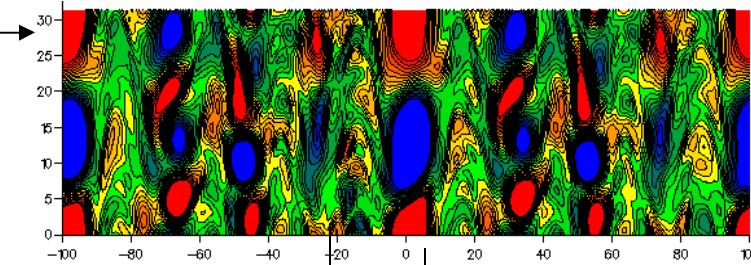
$$\hat{s} = 0.1 \quad \eta_e = 6$$



turbulence + zonal flow



turbulence



micro
scale ETG

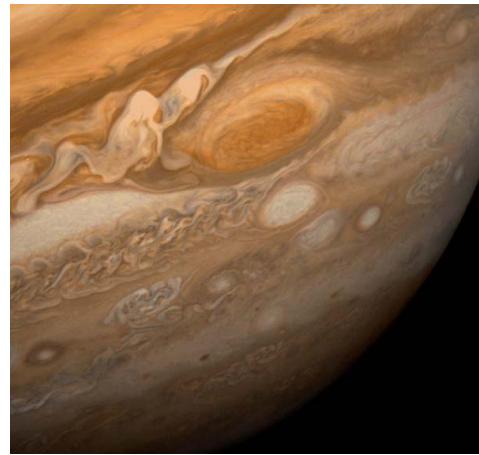
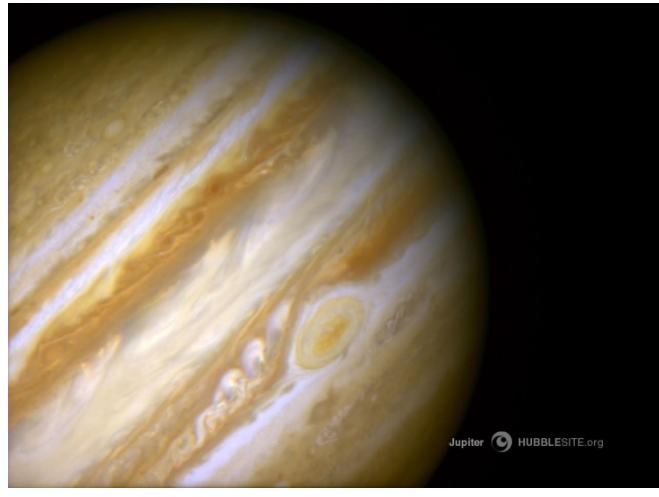
ZF

Macro
Scale KH

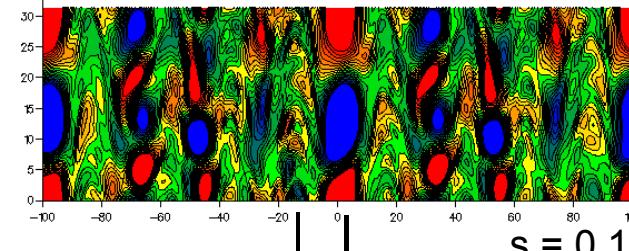
- ▶ Emergence of large scale vortices
- ▶ Mixed turbulence with
 - micro-scale ETG
 - ETG driven ZF
 - ZF driven Large scale structure

Coherency and phase between E_y and n

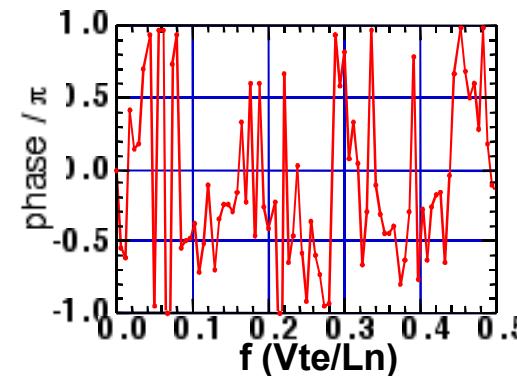
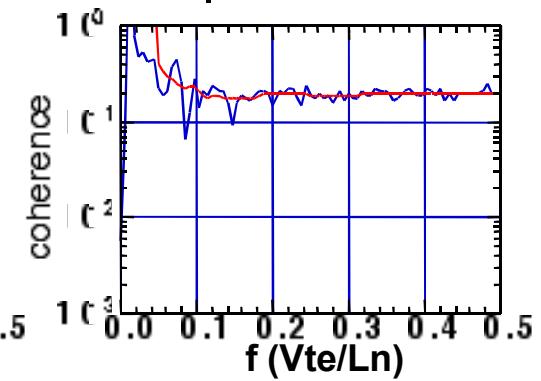
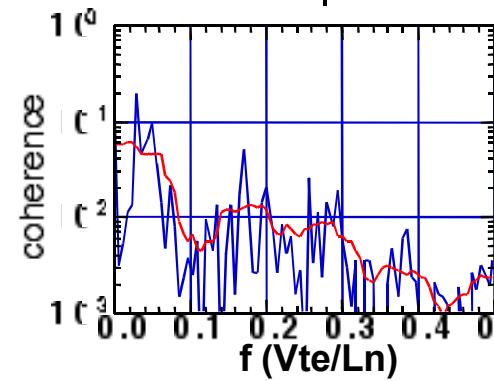
High coherency, but keeping phase relation that produces no transport



Zonal flow dominated plasma



$s = 0.1, \eta_e = 6$



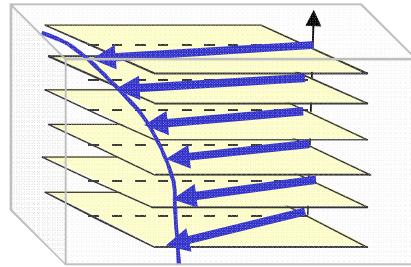
Micro-scale region

Macro-scale region

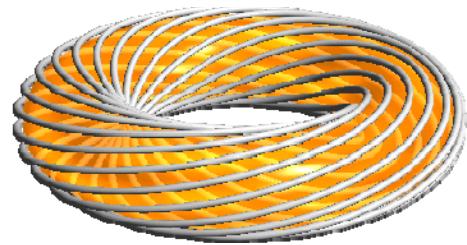
Self-organization in high pressure state

Change of

Magnetic shear (tilting)

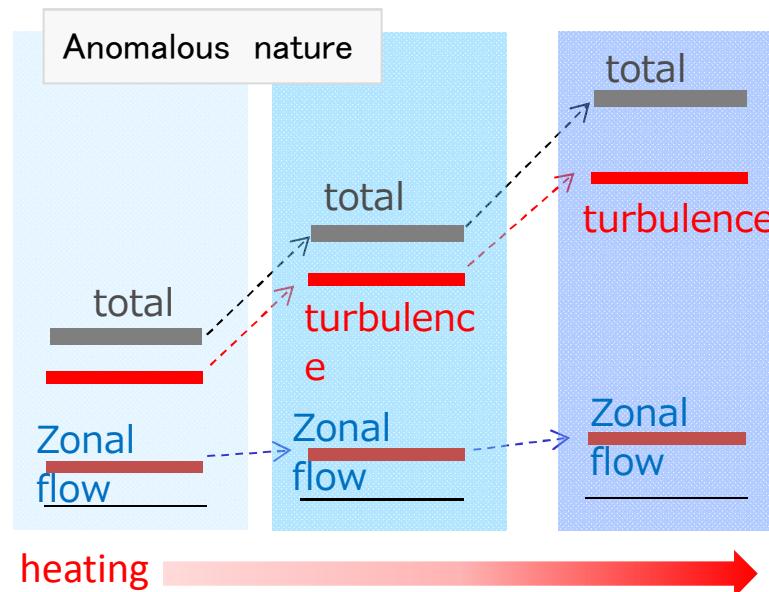
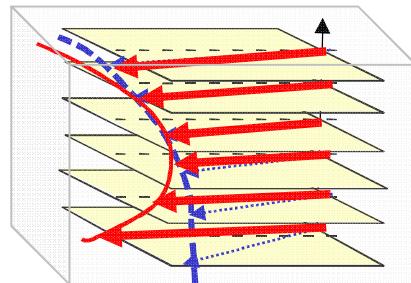


Magnetic shear increase



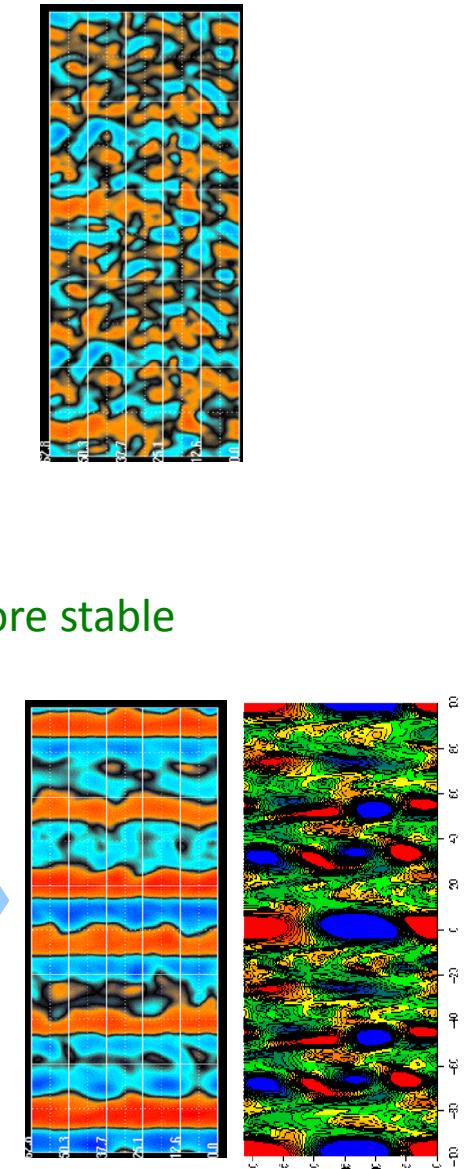
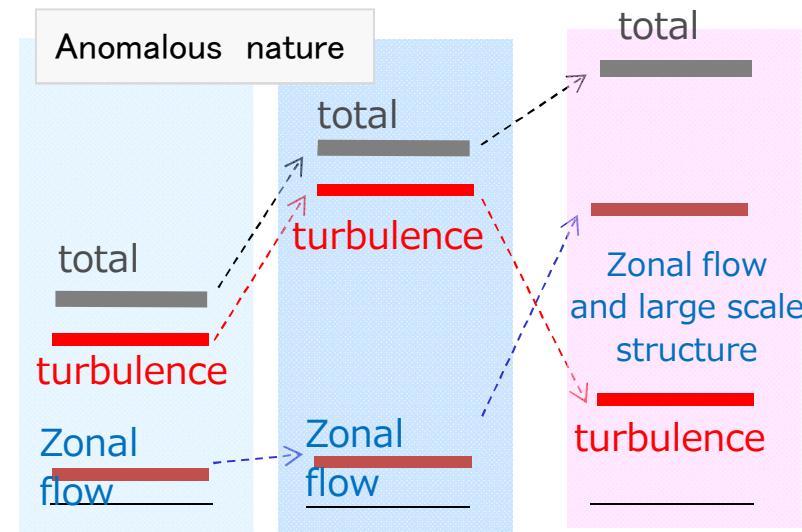
Magnetic shear decrease

Increase instability free energy



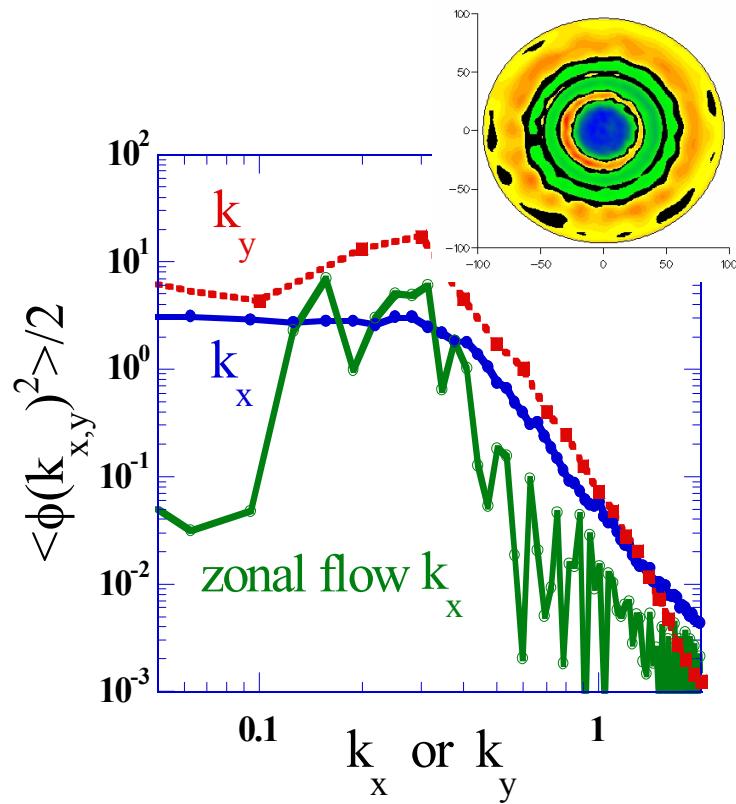
Linearly more unstable

Nonlinearly more stable



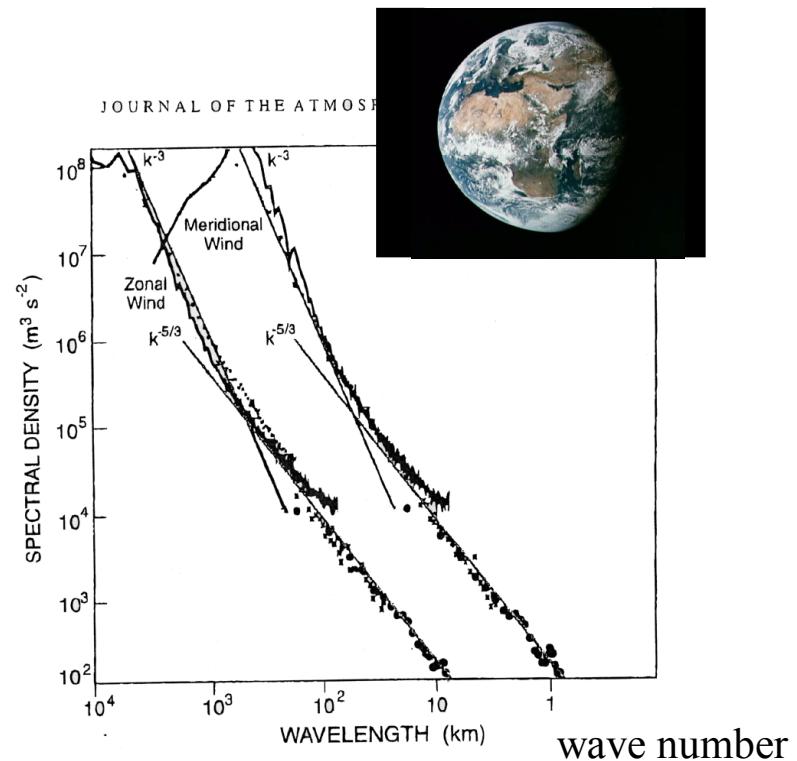
Comparison of atmospheric zonal flows

[Koshyk-Hamilton, JAS, 01]



Hasegawa-Mima Equation

$$\left(\mathbf{1} - \nabla^2\right) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_d \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{y}} - [(\mathbf{b} \times \nabla \Phi) \cdot \nabla] \nabla^2 \Phi = \mathbf{0}$$



Charney Equation

$$\left(\mathbf{1} - \nabla^2\right) \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_R \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} - [(\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \nabla \mathbf{h}) \cdot \nabla] \nabla^2 \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$$

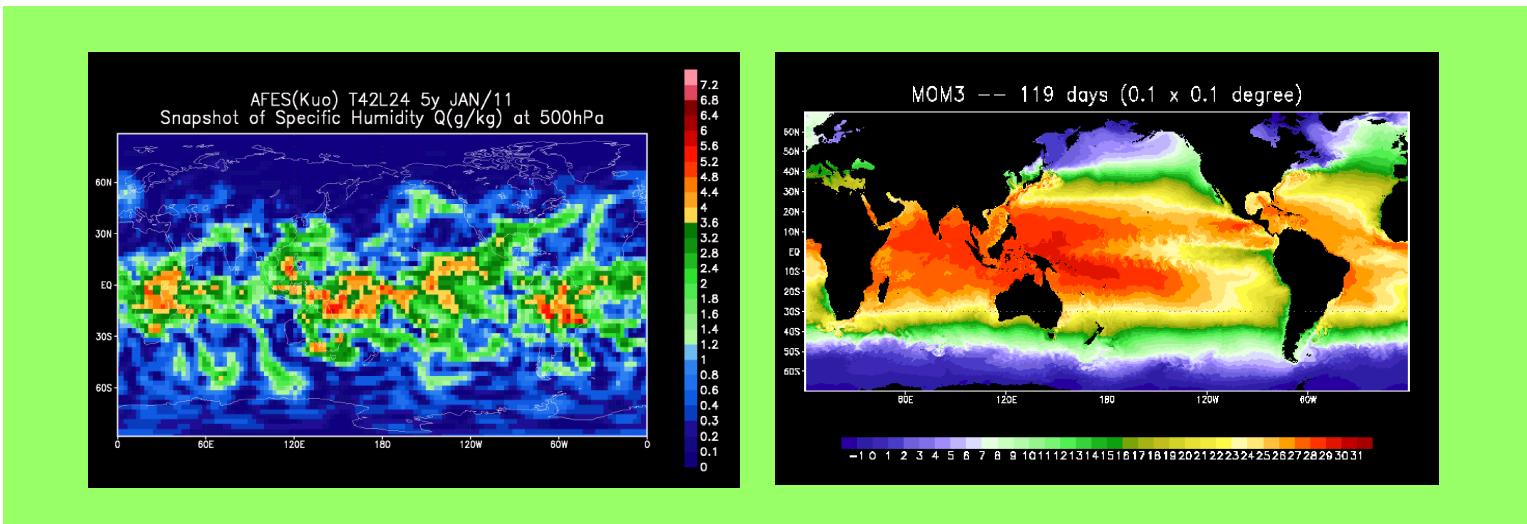
Self-organization in high pressure state

Total fluctuation

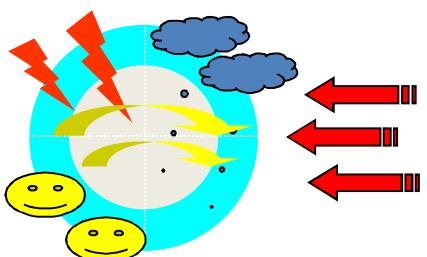
= turbulent fluctuation + zonal fluctuation

(→ induce transport)

$$\eta_{\text{ZF}} \equiv \frac{E^{(\text{ZF})}}{E^{(\text{tot})}} = \frac{E^{(\text{ZF})}}{E^{(\text{turb})} + E^{(\text{ZF})}}$$



Earth environment



Earth environment ???

