

# Spatio-temporal dynamics of turbulence coupling with zonal flows

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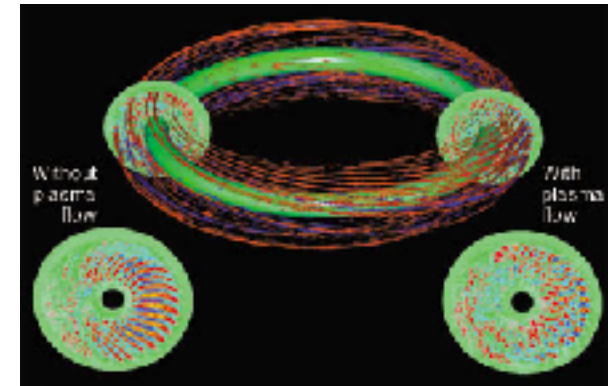
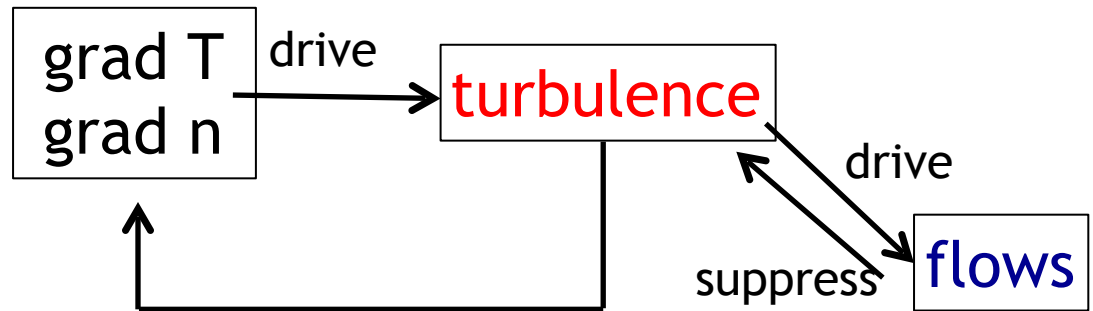
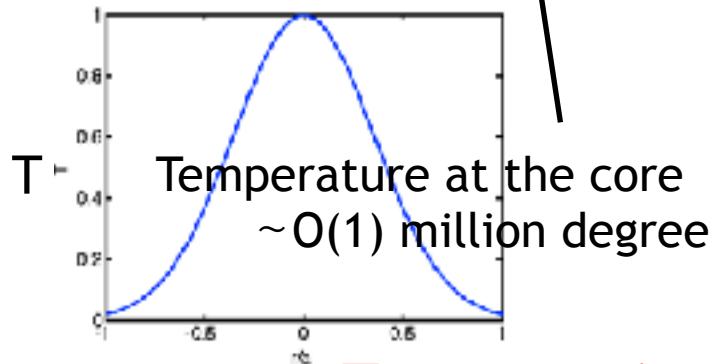
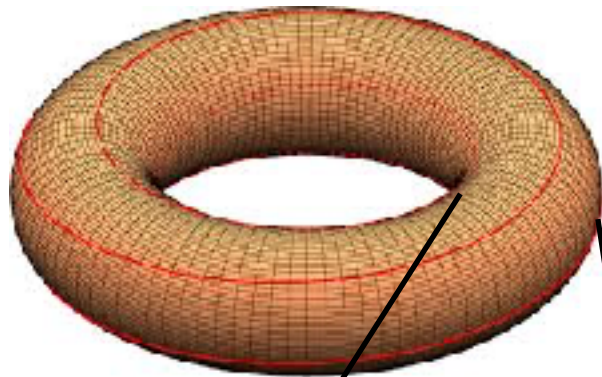
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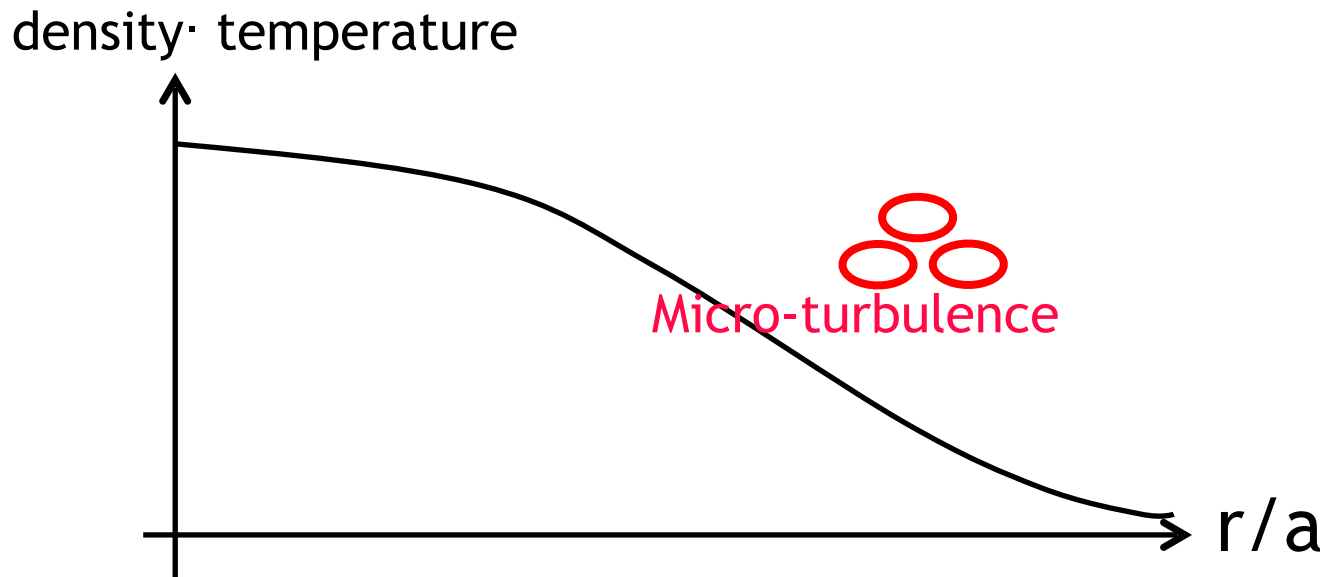
# Plasma profile and turbulence



**Transport is dominated by turbulence**  
In order to control the plasma profiles,  
we have to understand  
**how the turbulence profile is determined.**

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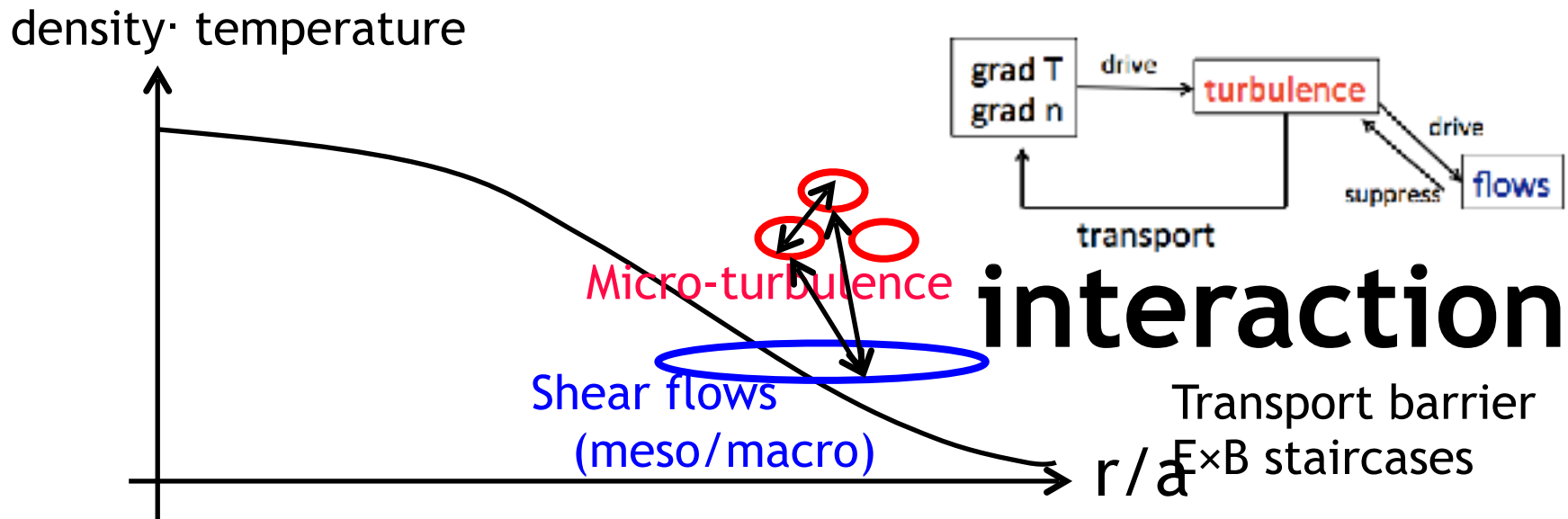
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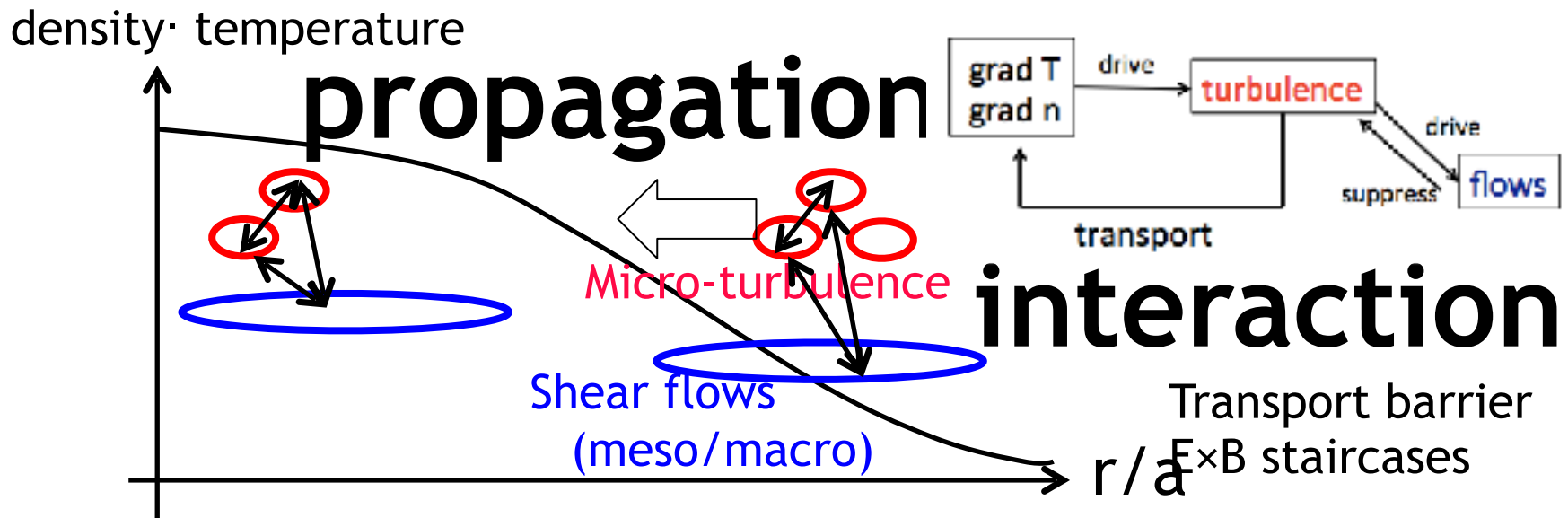
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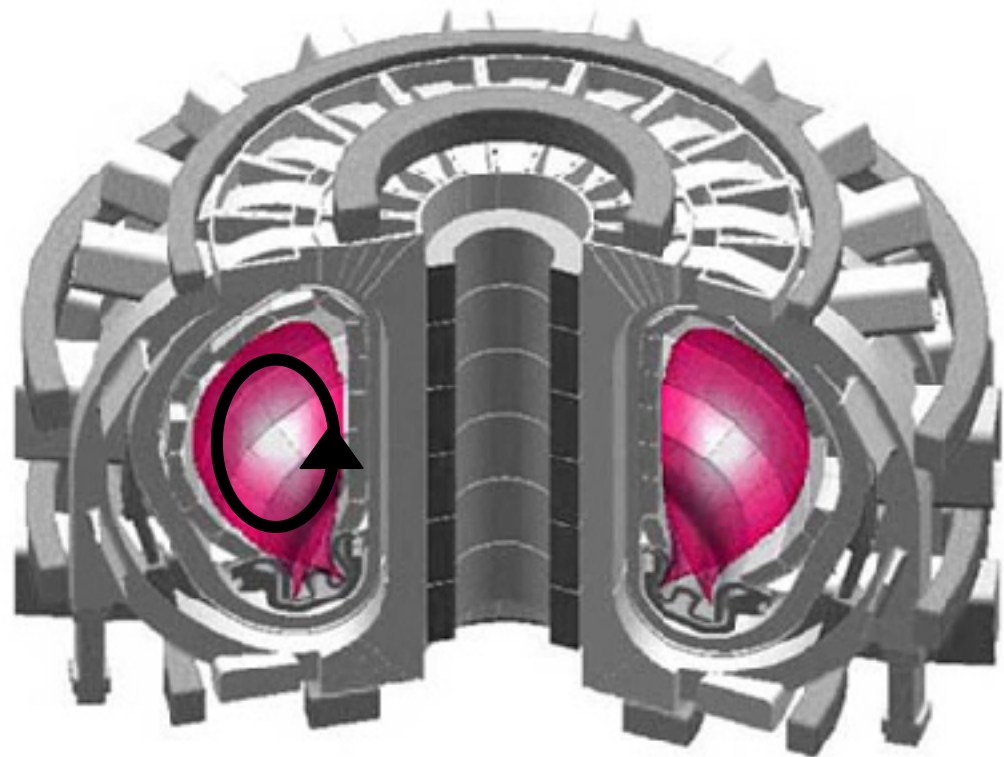
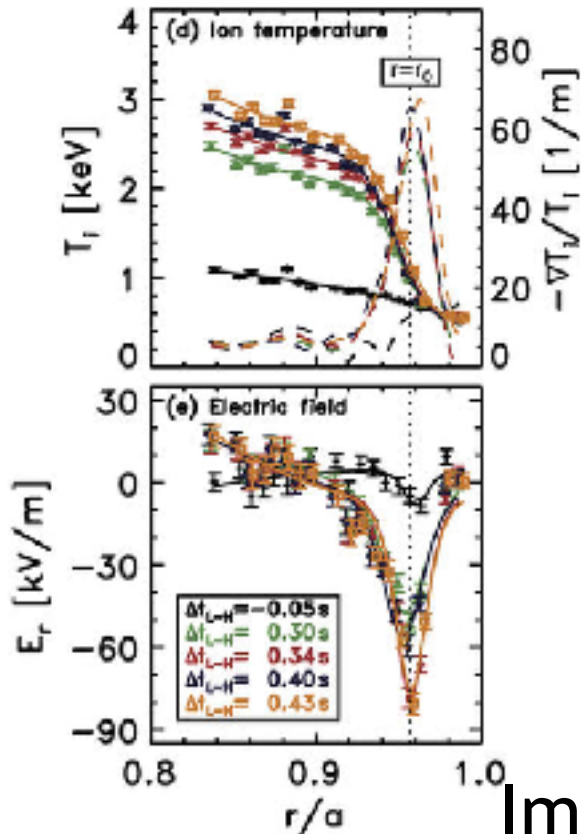
turbulence **propagation** & **interaction with sheared flows**



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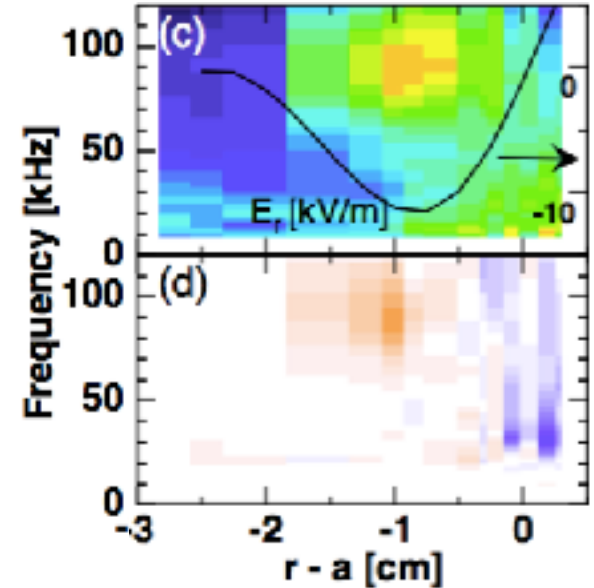
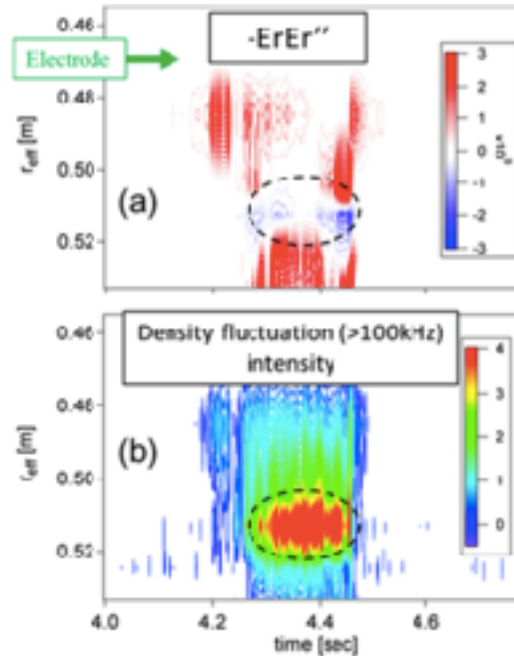
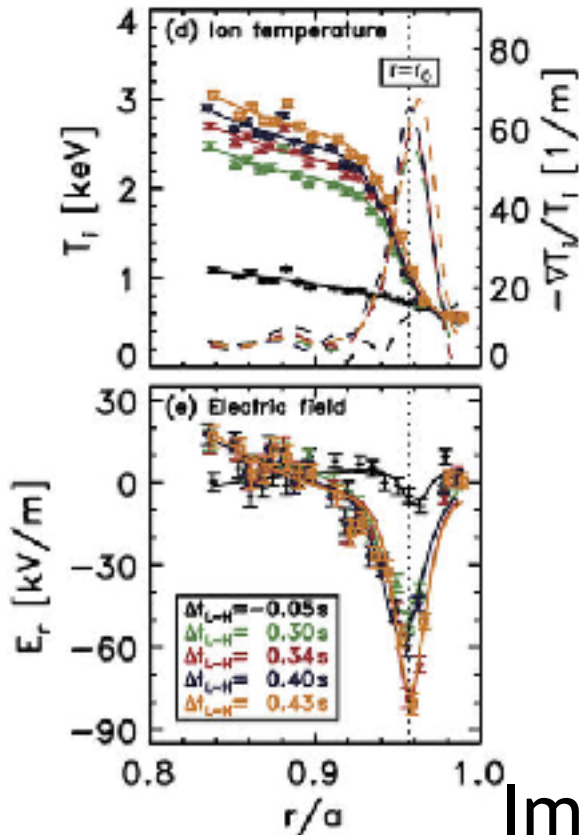
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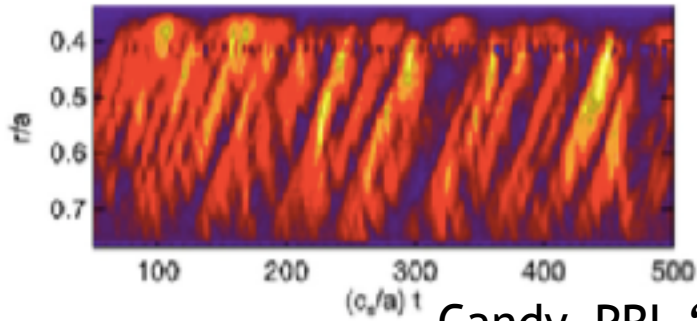
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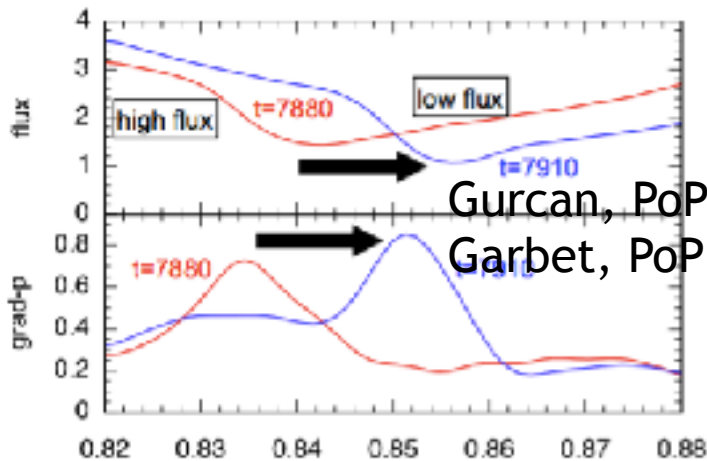
Diamond, PoP '02



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Turbulence propagation due to self-coupling

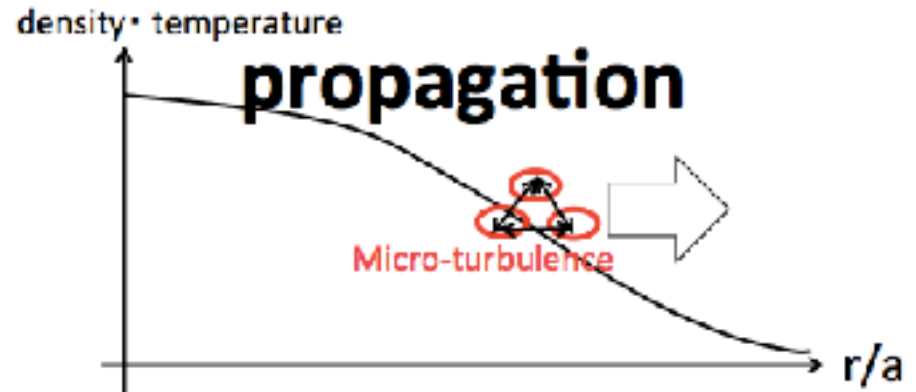
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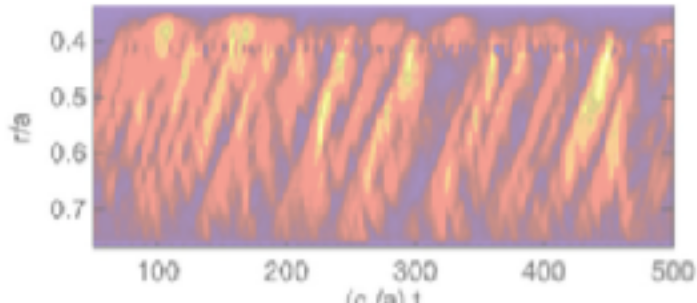




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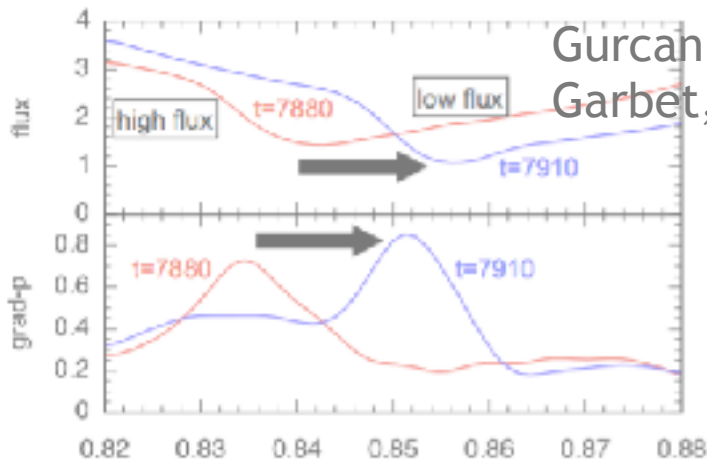
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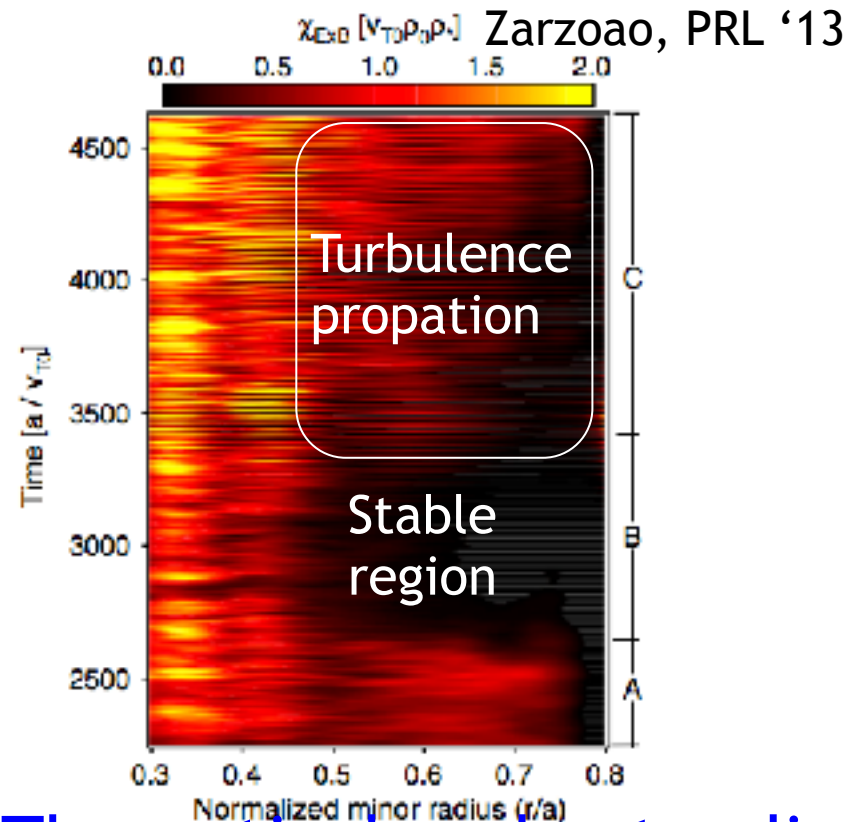


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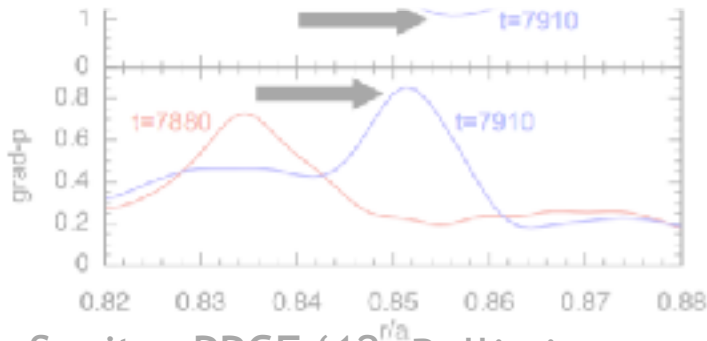
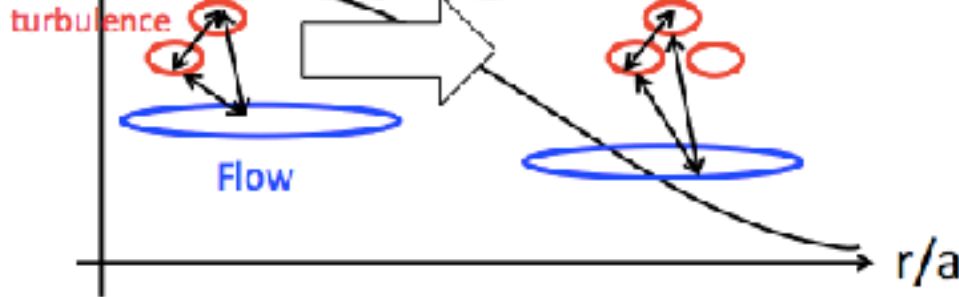
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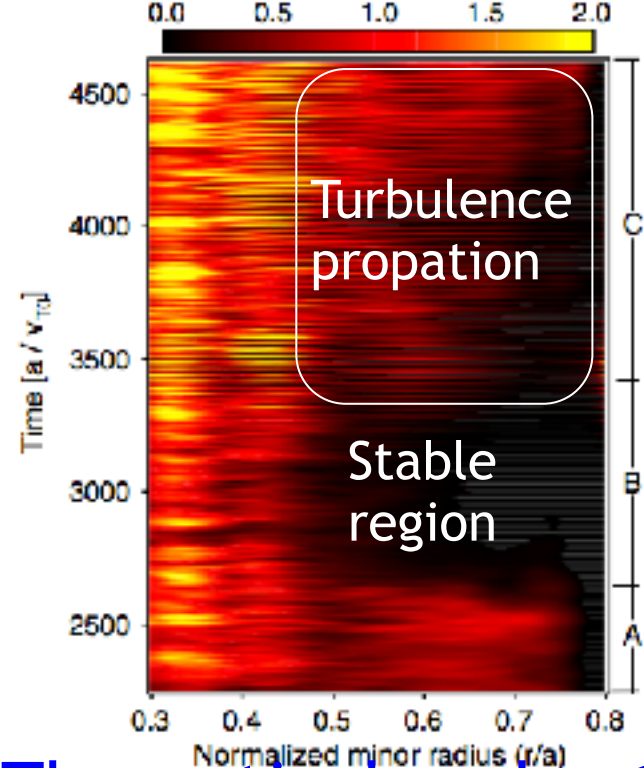
density-temperature

**propagation**



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# Previous model is NOT enough to explain the observations

Evolution of turb energy

Propagation

$$\partial_t I = \gamma_L I - \Delta\omega_0 \left( 1 + \alpha V''^2 + \beta VV''' \right) I + D\partial_x (I\partial_x I)$$

Biglari,  
PoF'89

Itoh,  
PPCF '15

Gurcan,  
PoP '05

$$I = \int I_k dk$$

Suppression

(interaction with flow)

Although the 2<sup>nd</sup> order effects of the flow are considered,

1<sup>st</sup> order effect (turbulence trapping) is NOT included

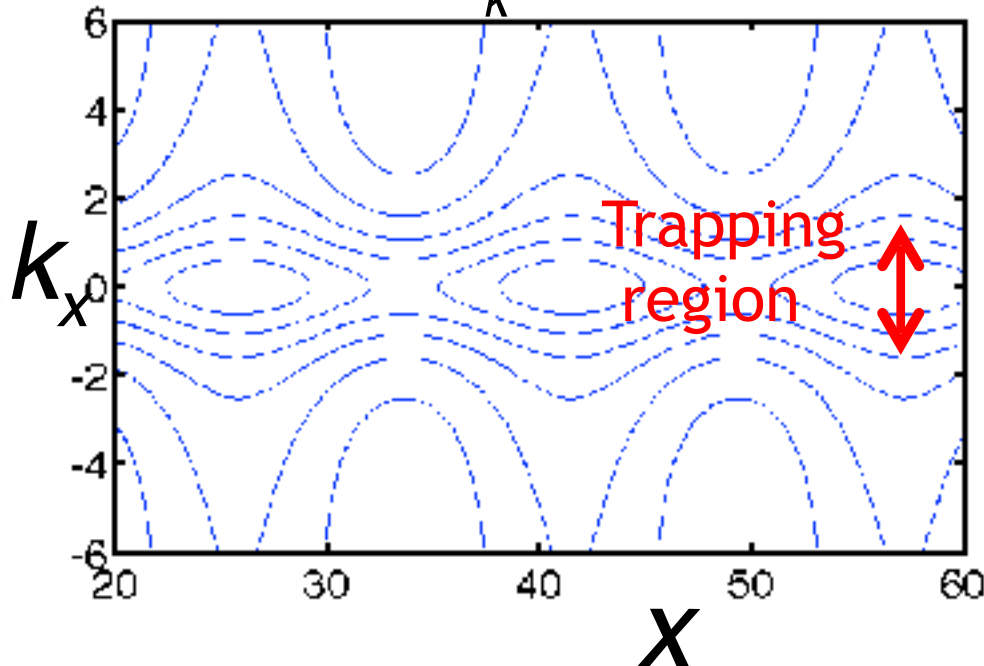
# Key mechanism: Turbulence trapping

$$\partial_t N_k + \{\omega_k, N_k\} = 0 \quad N_k: \text{wave action}$$

$$\gamma_L, \Delta\omega \ll 1$$

$\omega_k$  constant of the motion  $\Rightarrow$  Turbulence moves along the contour of  $\omega_k$

Contour of  $\omega_k$  (w/o MF)



$$\omega_k = \frac{k_y}{1 + k_x^2 + k_y^2} + k_y V_y(x, t)$$

$$\text{Island width } k_{r,sep} = \sqrt{\frac{V_G (1 + k_\theta^2)^2}{1 - V_G (1 + k_\theta^2)}}$$

$$\omega_b = \sqrt{\frac{2k_\theta^2 q_r^2 V_G}{(1 + k_\theta^2)^2}} \quad \text{Kaw, PPCF '02}$$

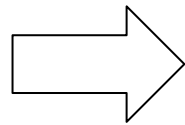
**Phase space dynamics  $\rightarrow$  turb trapping**

# Purpose of this study

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(typical example of the sheared flow



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- new mechanism of turb propagation

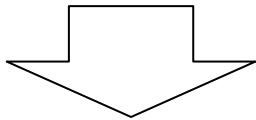
Before going to the contents of the research,  
I will show you a branch of zonal flow we focus on.

# Zonal flows in tokamak

There are two kinds of zonal flows in tokamak.

$$\mathbf{V}_E = \frac{E_r}{B_0 (1 + \varepsilon \cos\theta)} \mathbf{e}_\theta$$

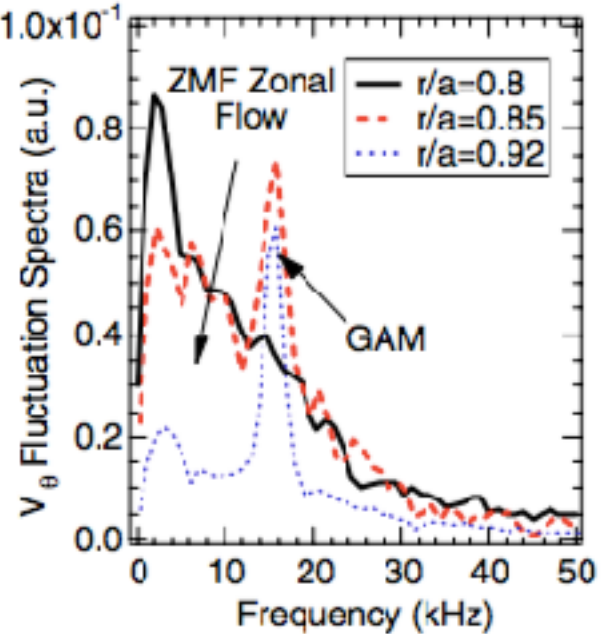
Inhomogeneity in poloidal direction



$$\nabla_\perp \cdot \mathbf{V}_E \neq 0$$

$$\partial_t n + \boxed{n \nabla_\perp \cdot \mathbf{V}_E} + n \nabla_\parallel V_\parallel = 0$$

Finite in tokamak



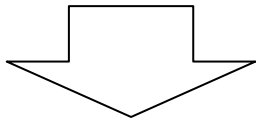
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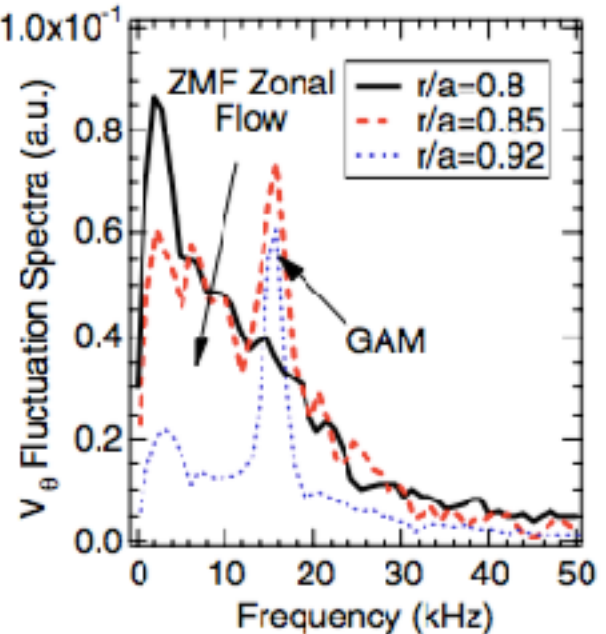
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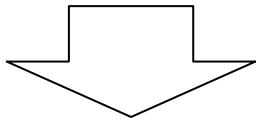
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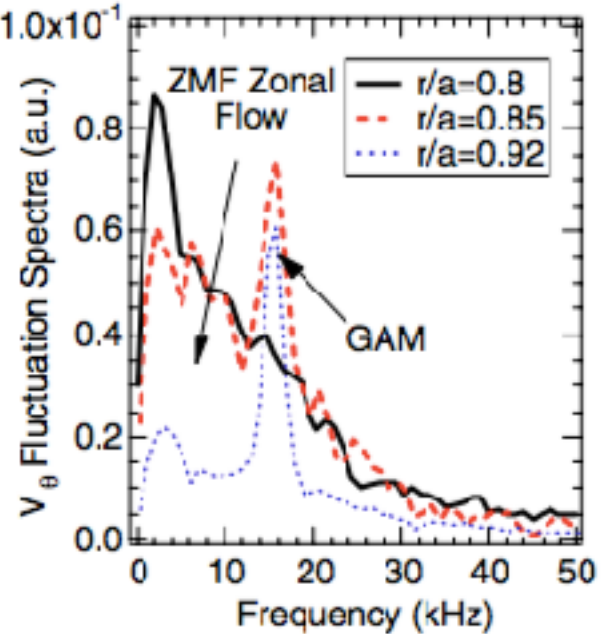
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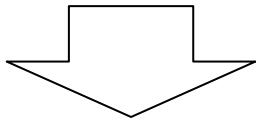


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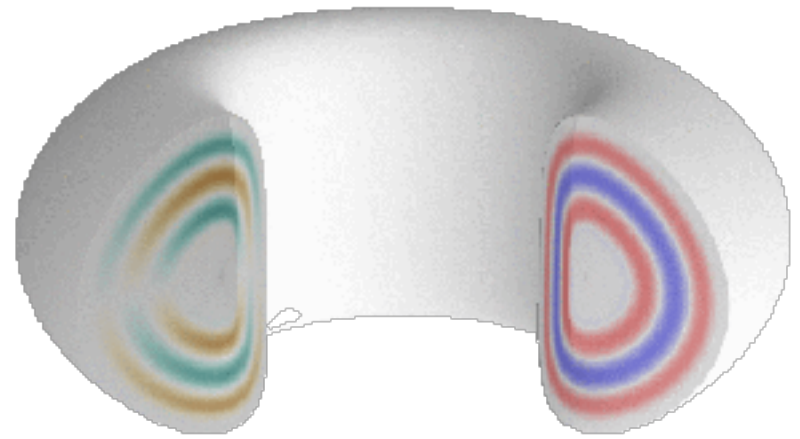
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Density

Potential

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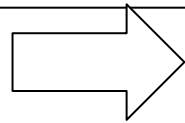
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# Model in this study

Evolution of the wavenumber spectrum of turb

$$N_k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}) = I_k / \omega_k$$

$$\partial_t N_k + \frac{\partial \omega_k}{\partial \mathbf{k}} \cdot \nabla N_k - \nabla \omega_k \cdot \frac{\partial N_k}{\partial \mathbf{k}} = \gamma_L N_k - \Delta \omega N_k^2$$

↑  
propagation

↑  
Shear flow  
effect →

$$\omega_k = \frac{k_y}{1 + k_x^2 + k_y^2} + k_y V_y(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Drift wave

Evolution of the sheared flow (GAM)

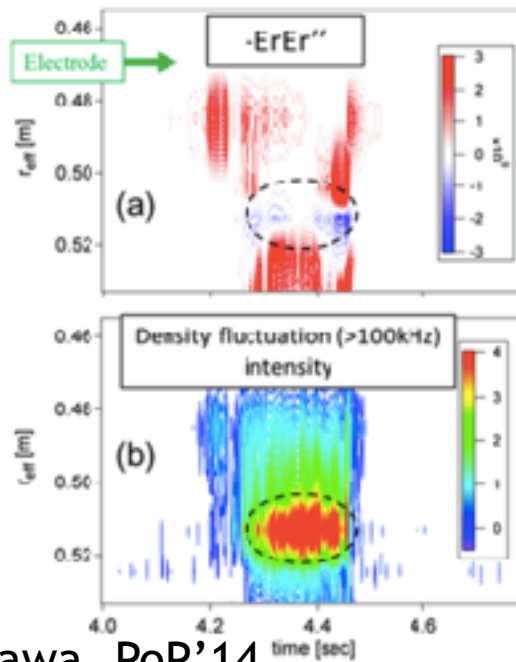
$$\partial_t V_y + \varepsilon \langle \tilde{n} \sin \theta \rangle = -\partial_x \Pi_{xy} + \mu \partial_x^2 V_y$$

↑  
Reynolds stress

$$\Pi_{xy} = -\int \frac{k_x k_y}{(1 + k_x^2 + k_y^2)^2} N_k dk^2$$

# Spatially homogeneous turb

## Spatial distribution of the turb suppression



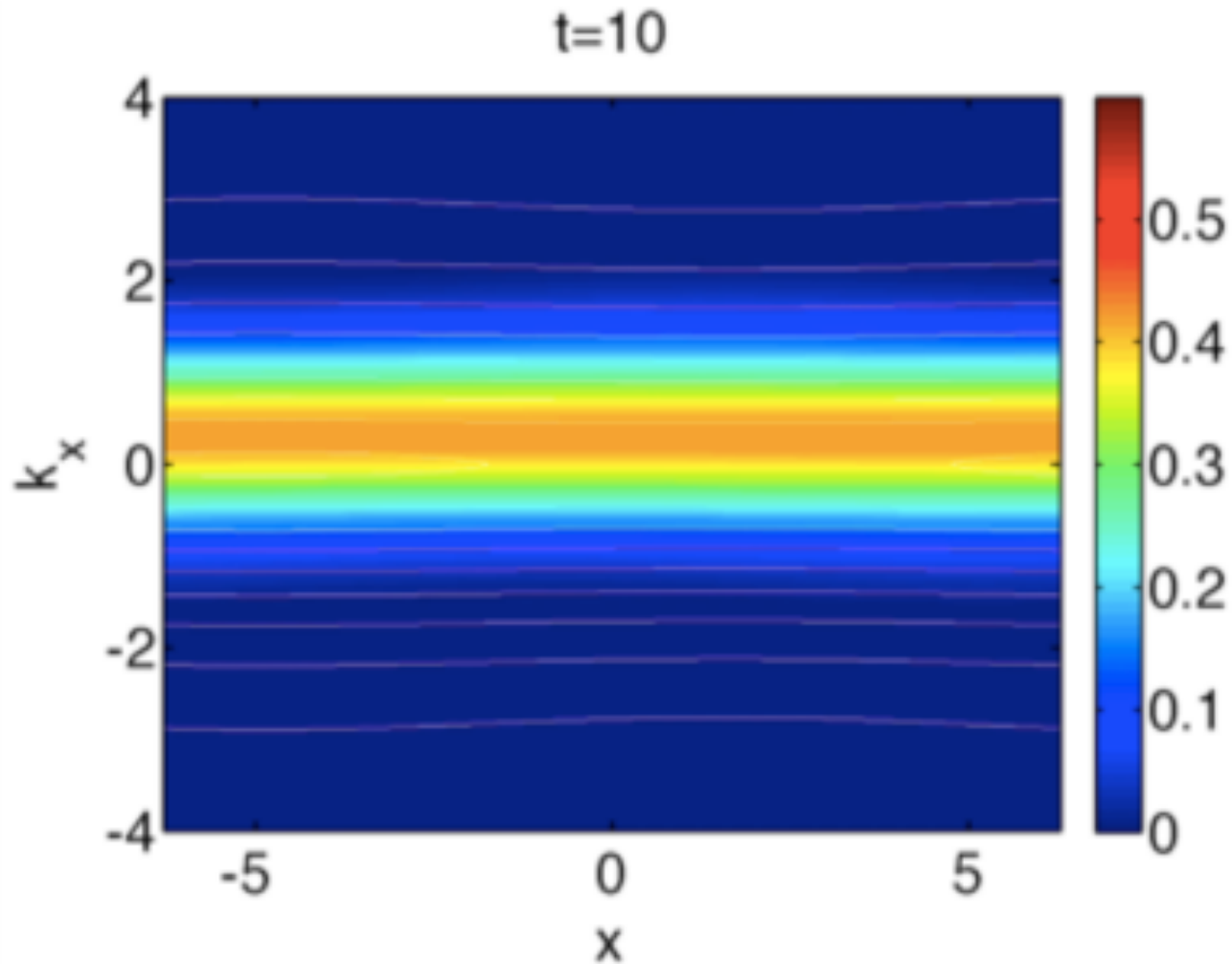
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Editor's Pick

Role of the flow **shear and curvature** on the turbulence profile is focused on.

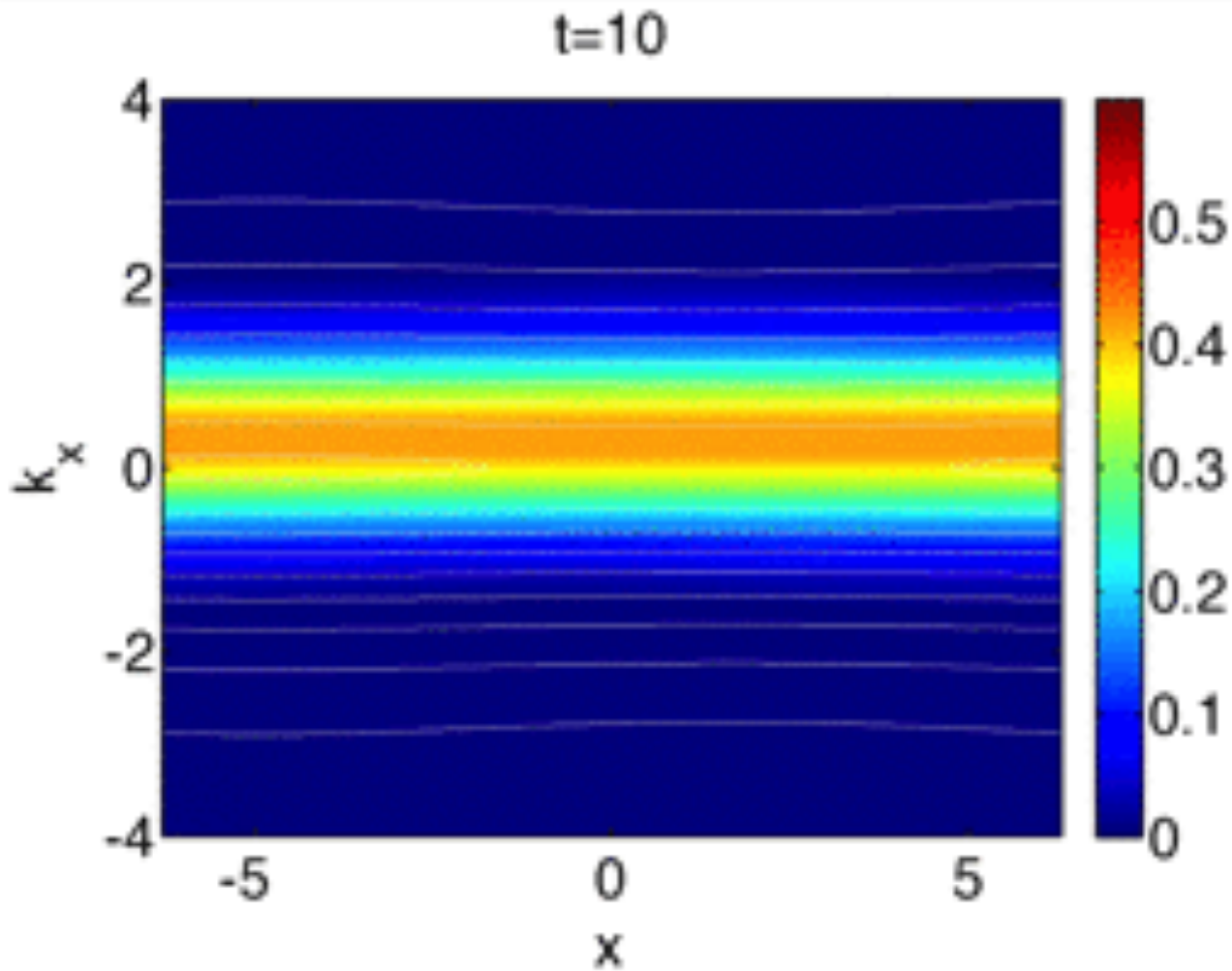
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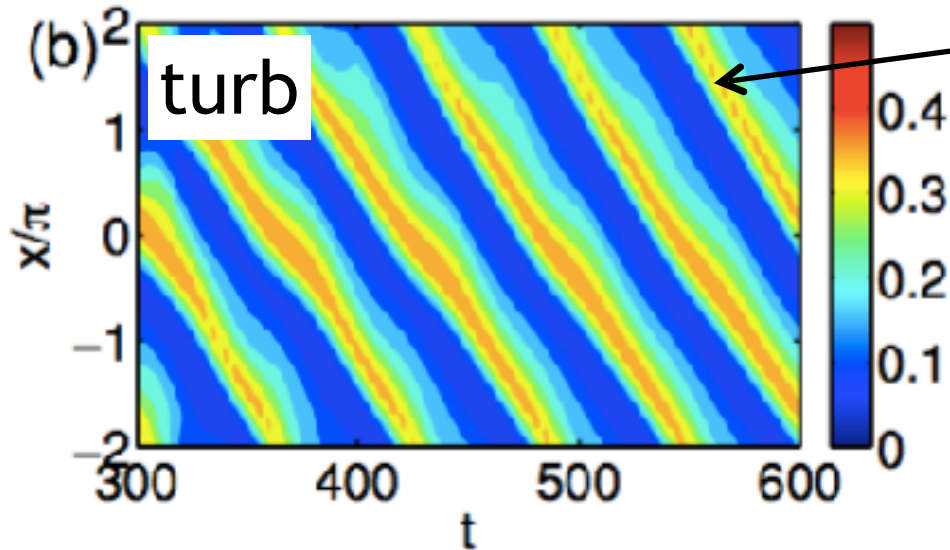
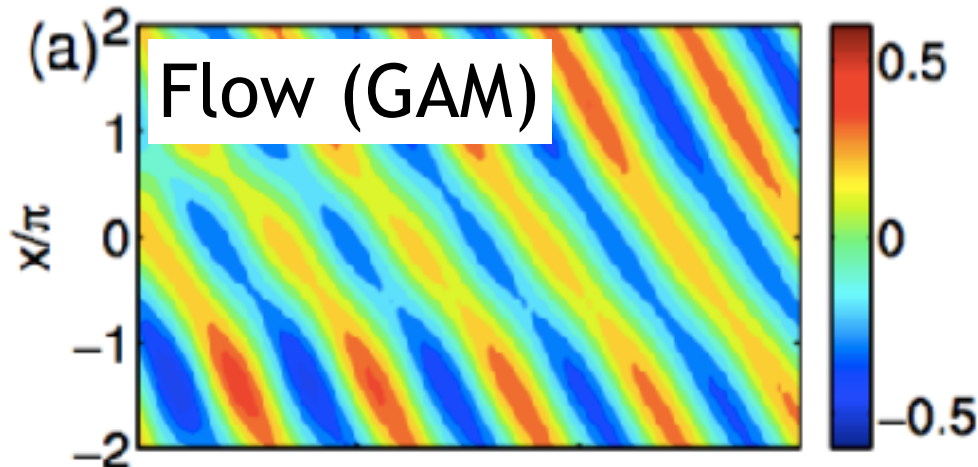


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# Spatiotemporal evolution of flow & turb



$$I(x, t) = \int I_k dk$$

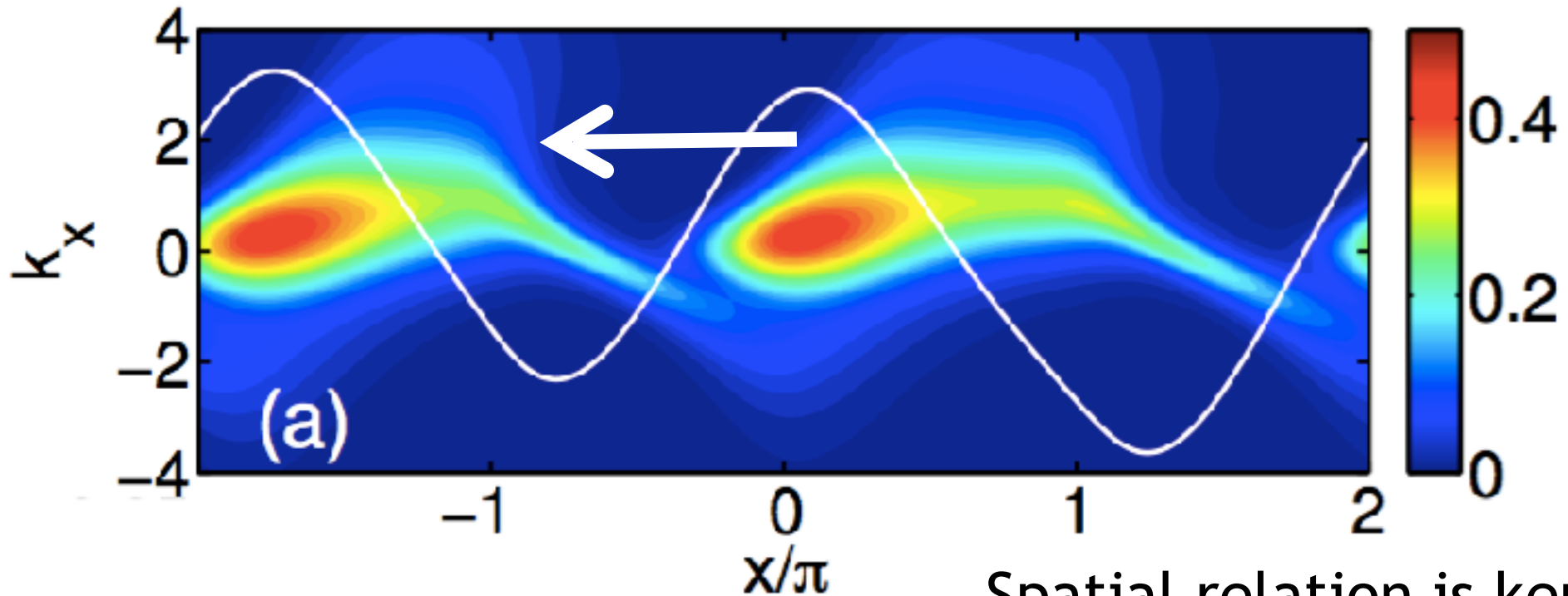
Turb is trapped by the flow



Turb propagates with the phase velocity of the flow



# Spatial relation between flow & turb



Spatial relation is kept  
in the wave-frame.

$V'' > 0$  : turb exclusion

$V'' < 0$  : turb trapping

# Spatial distributions of the energies of flow & turb

turb

$$\partial_t I + \partial_x (\hat{v}_g I) = -2\Pi_{xy} \partial_x V_y + \hat{\gamma}_L I - \Delta \hat{\omega} I^2$$

propagation

suppression

(turb trapping)

flow

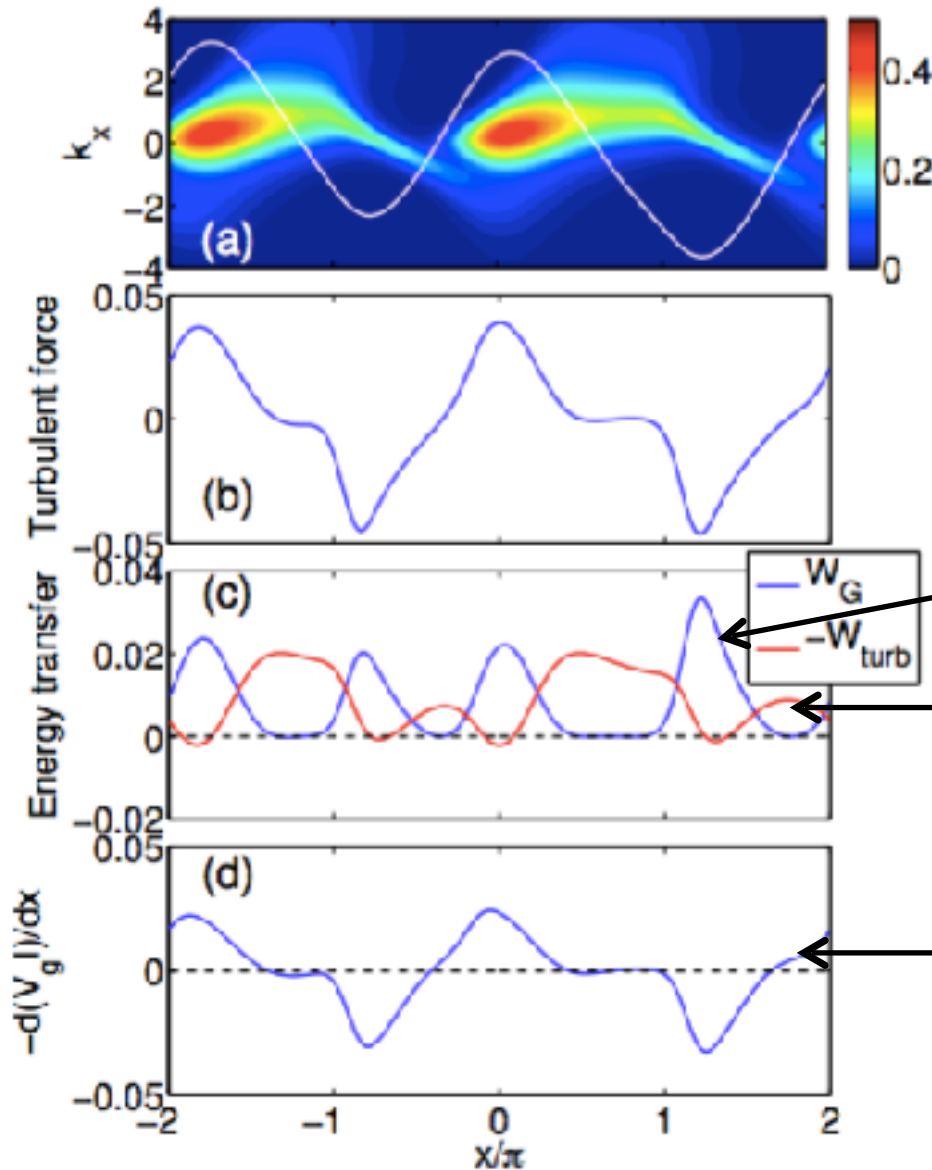
$$\partial_t V_y^2 = -2V_y \partial_x \Pi_{xy} + 2\mu V_y \partial_x^2 V_y$$

Driving force by turb (Reynolds work)

By the spatial integration,

Predator-Prey model (Diamond, PPCF '05) can be deduced.

# Spatial profile of each effect



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Driving force of flow

:  $VV''$

Turb suppression effect

:  $V'^2$

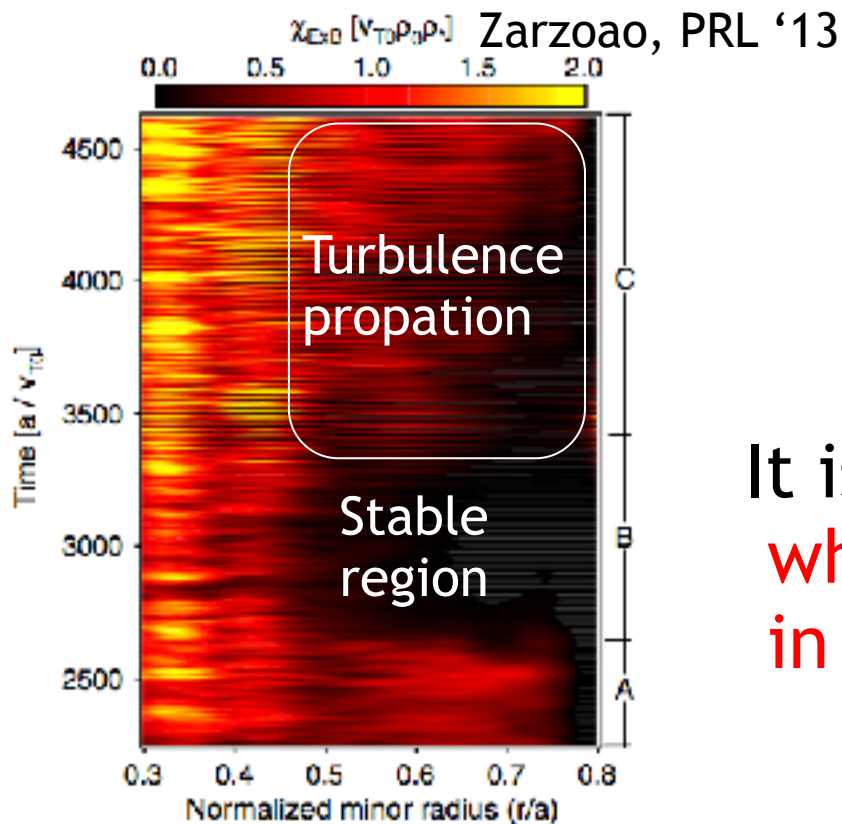
Energy conservation

Turb propagation

:  $V''$  (trapping effect)

# Spatially inhomogeneous turb

## Nonlocal turb propagation by sheared flow



M. Sasaki, Sci. Rep. (2017)

It is studied

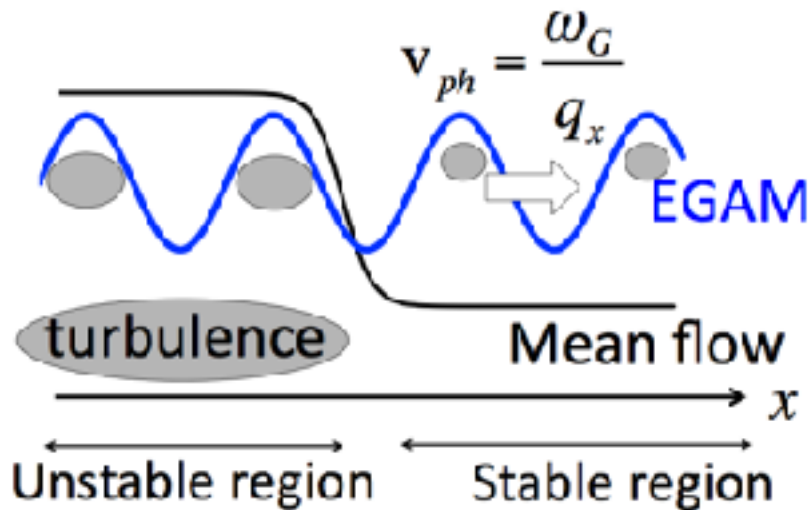
why turbulence can propagate  
in the stable region.

# Situation we consider

## Interaction of energetic particle driven GAM(EGAM) with turb



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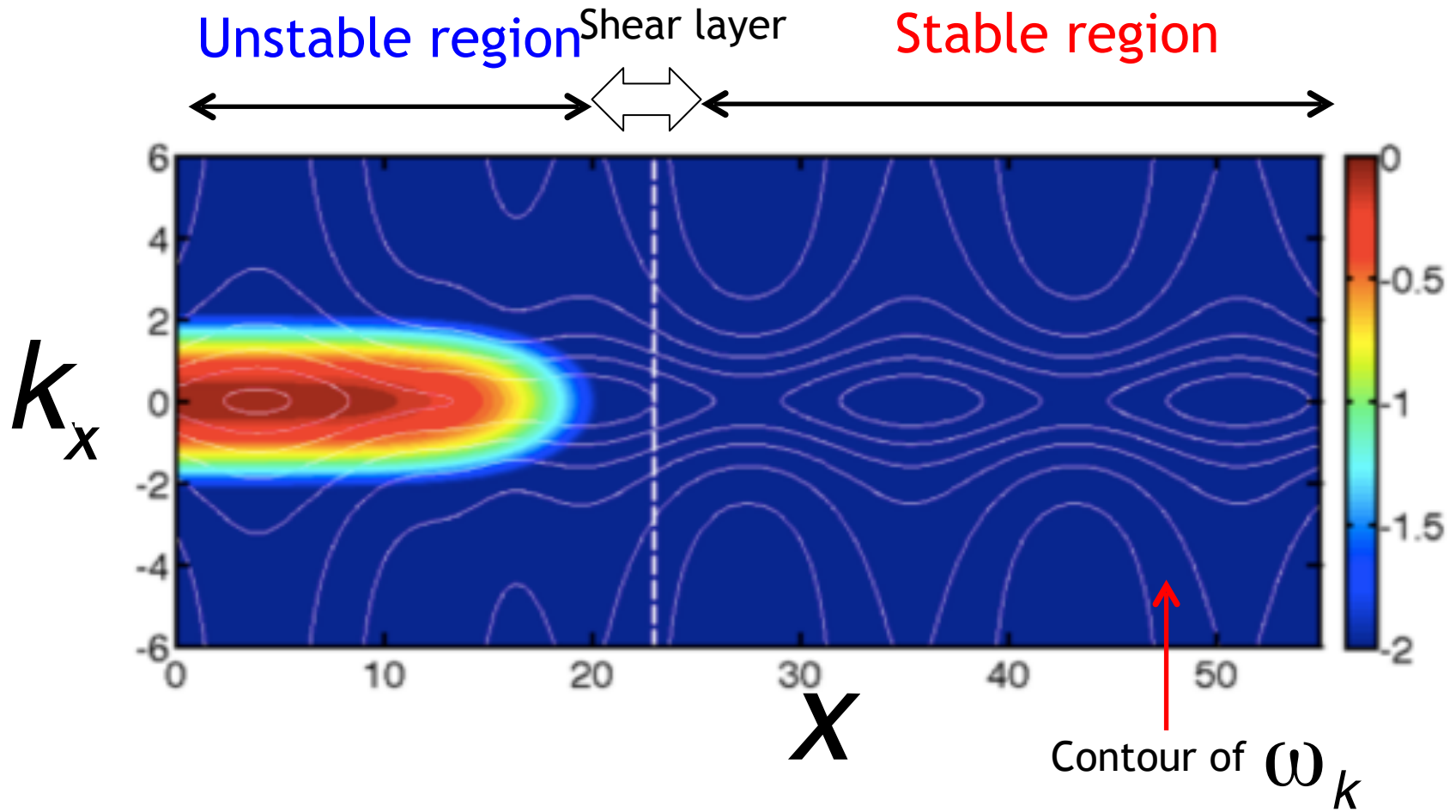


EGAM can propagate  
in the turb stable region

→ amplitude of EGAM is given  
constant in space.  
Only turb is solved.

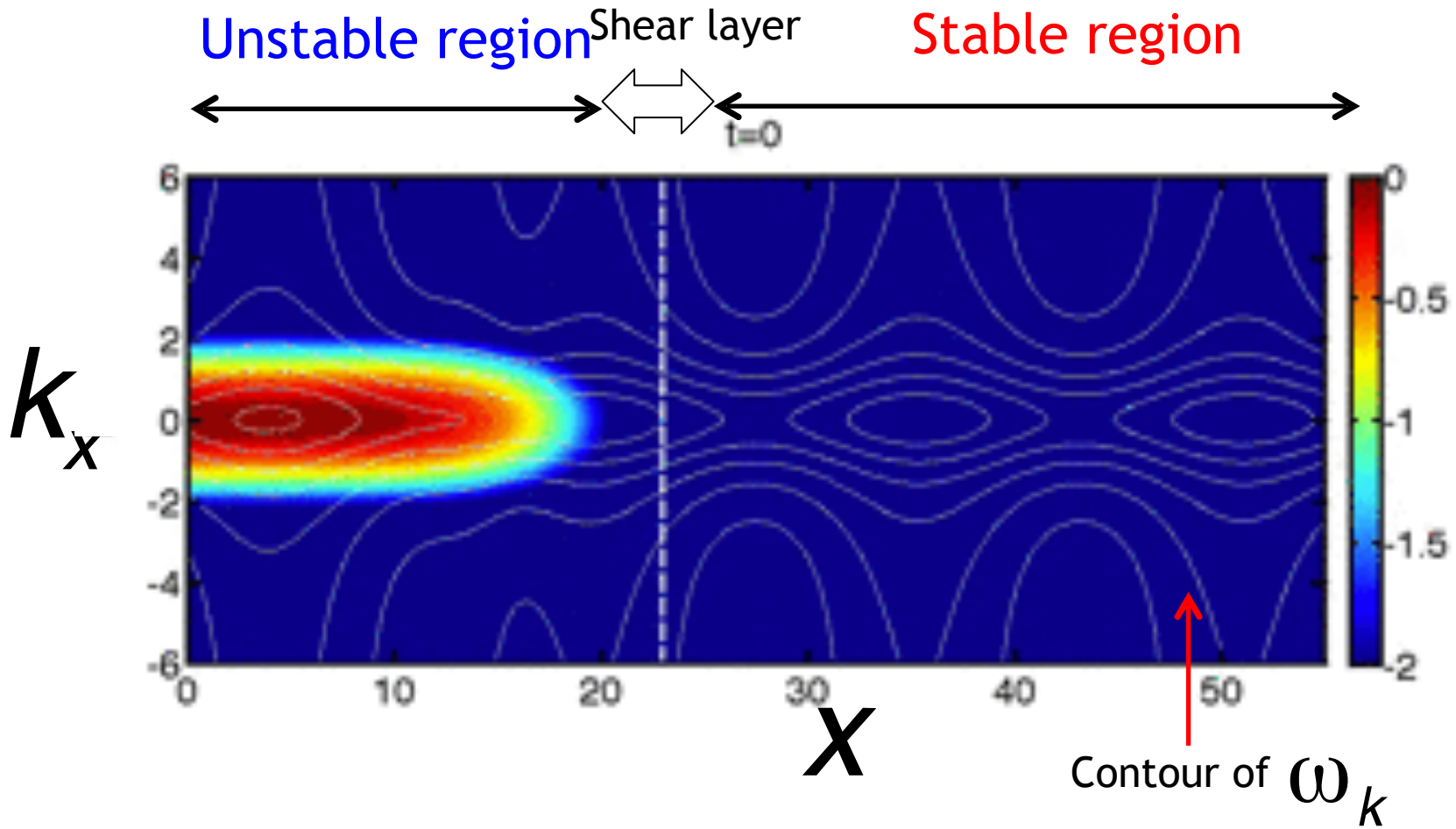
Can EGAM carries turb into stable region ?

# Evolution of turb spectrum



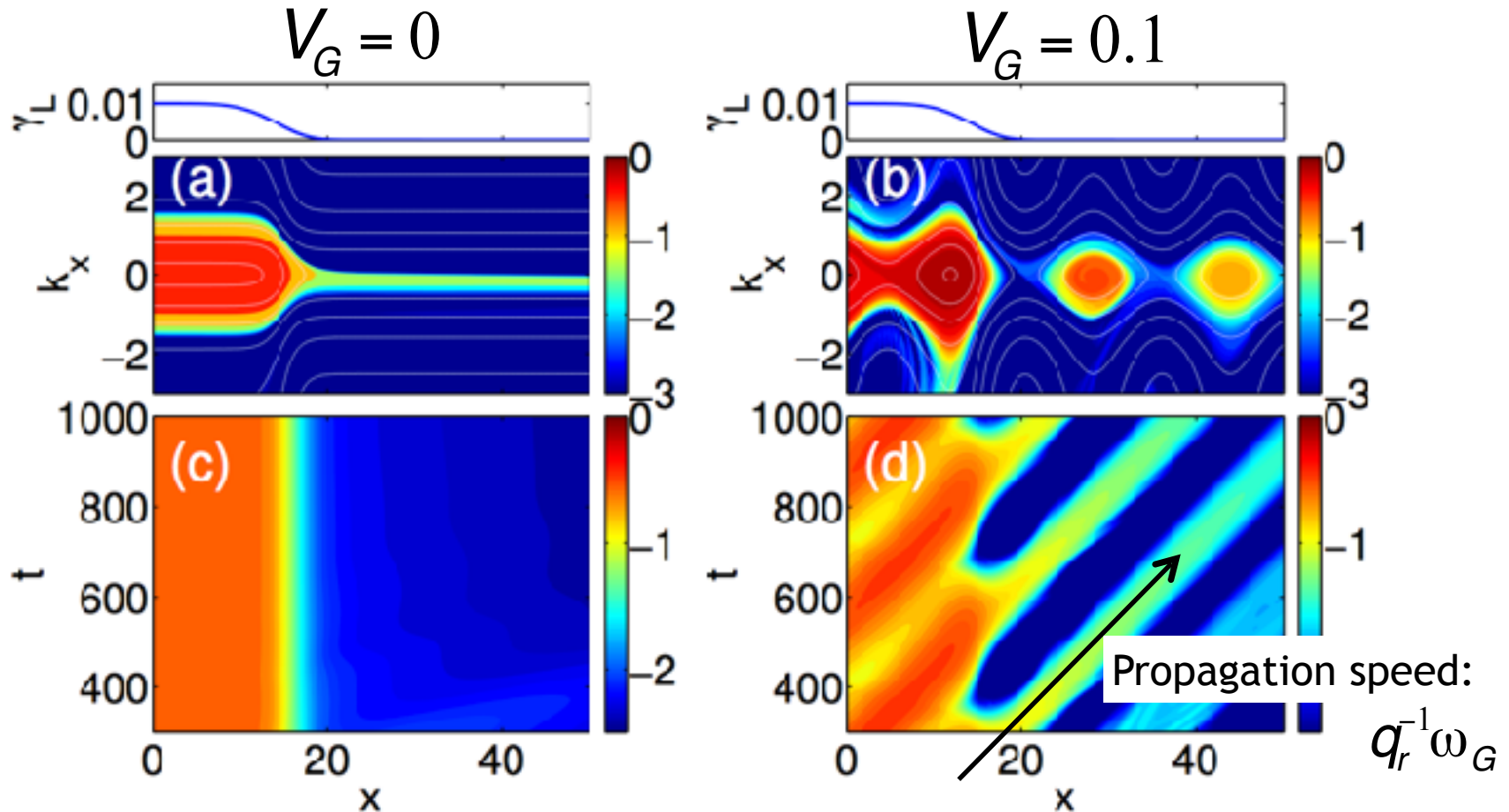
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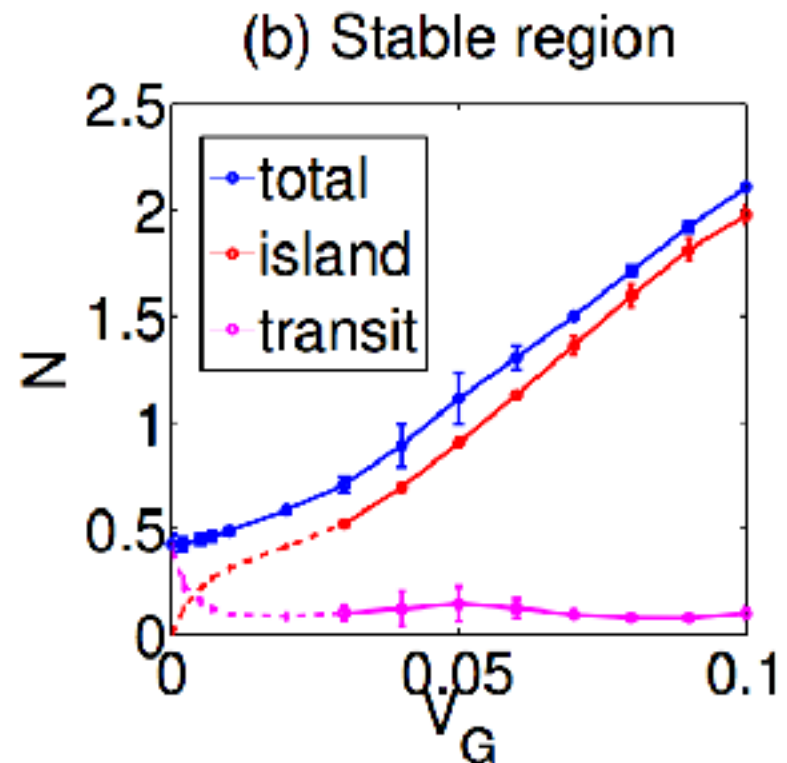
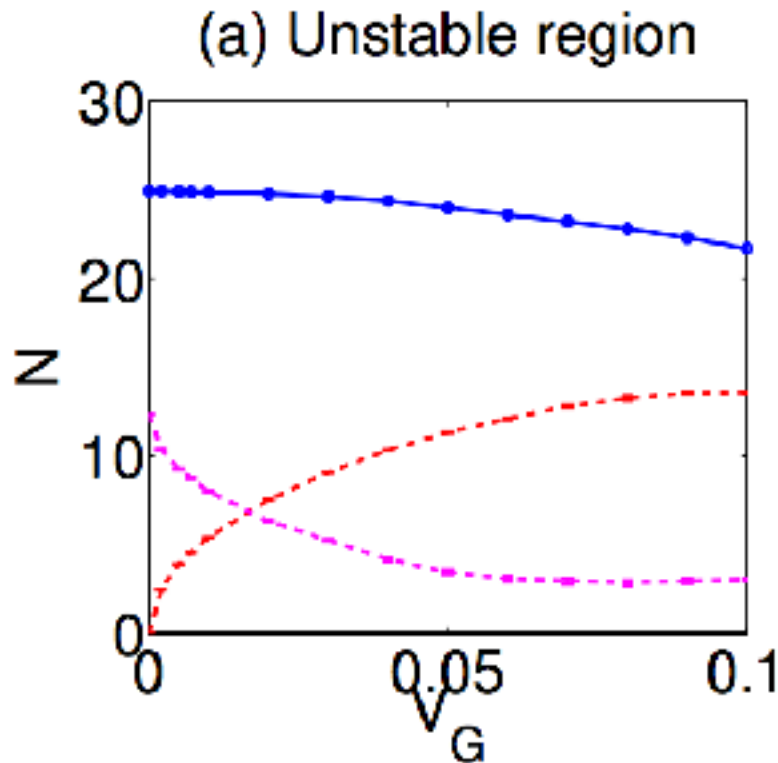
# Turb propagation



Turbulence leaks into stable region by EGAM.  
The propagation speed is the phase velocity of EGAM.



# Suppression & Enhancement of turb by EGAM



Unstable region: turb suppression

Stable region: turb enhancement ← turb trapping

# Comparison with other mechanisms

	propagation speed	turbulence intensity	propagation distance
avalanche	$\sim V_d$	$<  \tilde{\phi} ^2$	$\sim a$
turbulence spreading	$\sim V_d$	$ \tilde{\phi} ^2$	$\sim 10\rho_i$
EGAM	$q_x^{-1}\omega_G$	$I_{trap}(V_G)$	$q_x^{-1}\Delta\omega^{-1}\omega_G$

Sci. Rep (2017)

Turb flux by EGAM:  $\Gamma_{EGAM} = \frac{\omega_G}{q_r} I_{trap}$

Turb flux by turbulence spreading:  $\Gamma_{spread} \sim V_d |\tilde{\phi}|^2$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{EGAM}}{\Gamma_{spread}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

**Turb propagation by EGAM can be comparable with that by turbulence spreading**

# Summary

Novel mechanisms for

spatial distribution of turb suppression &  
propagation

1. Turb trapping & exclusion appears due to flow curvature.

1.  $V'' > 0$ : turb exclusion  $\rightarrow$  turb suppression

this mechanism is the 1<sup>st</sup> order:

important for the formation of the transport barrier  
(the Reynolds stress 2<sup>nd</sup> order)

3.  $V'' < 0$ : turb trapping  $\rightarrow$  turb propagation

nonlocal propagation of turb is expected.

4. In future, self-consistent treatment of

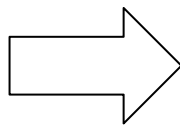
the flow, flow shear, flow curvature will be discussed.

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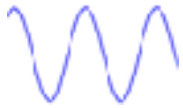
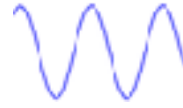
# Turbulence trapping by GAM is studied

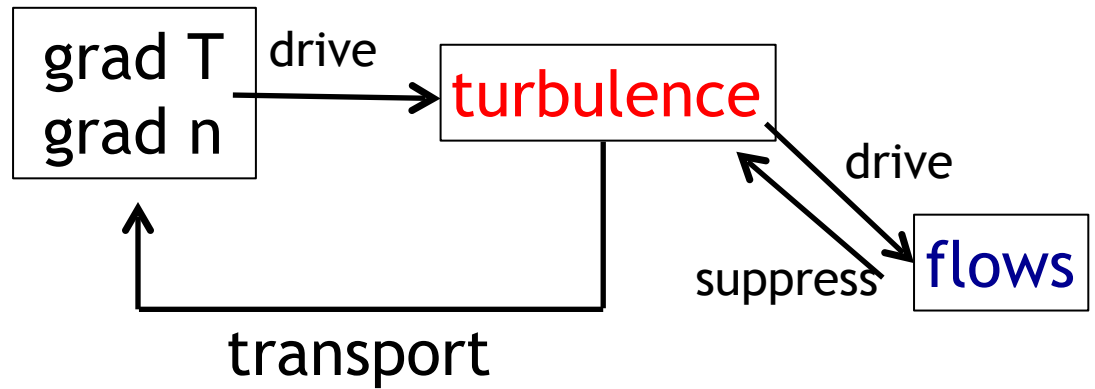
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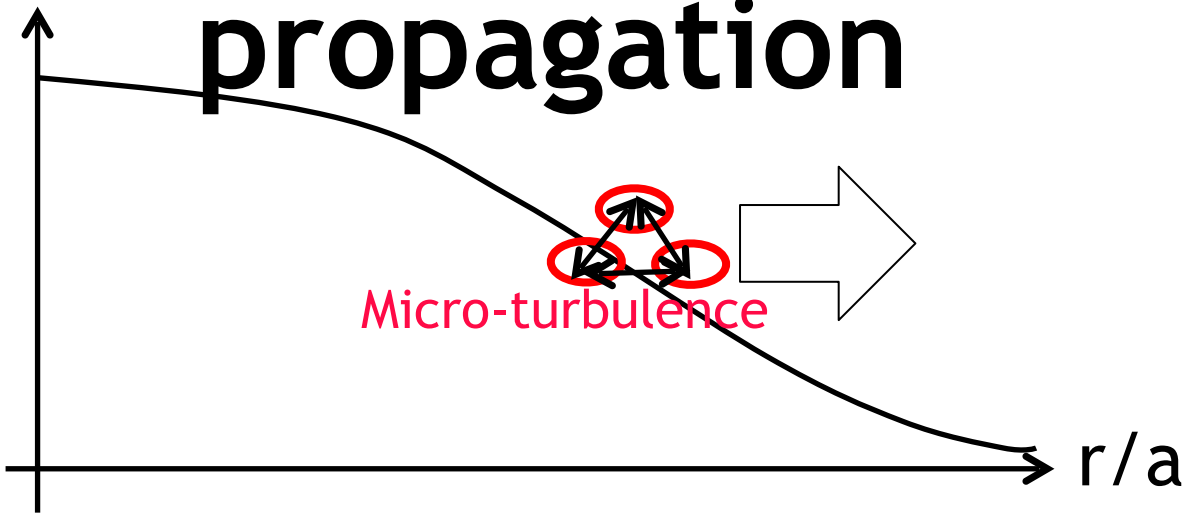
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	Driving force	freq	Spatial structure
Mean Poloidal flow	Pressure grad, Turbulence	0	 Shear & curvature
Stationary ZF	turbulence	$\sim 0$	
<b>GAM</b>	Turbulence EPs	$C_s/R$	



density · temperature

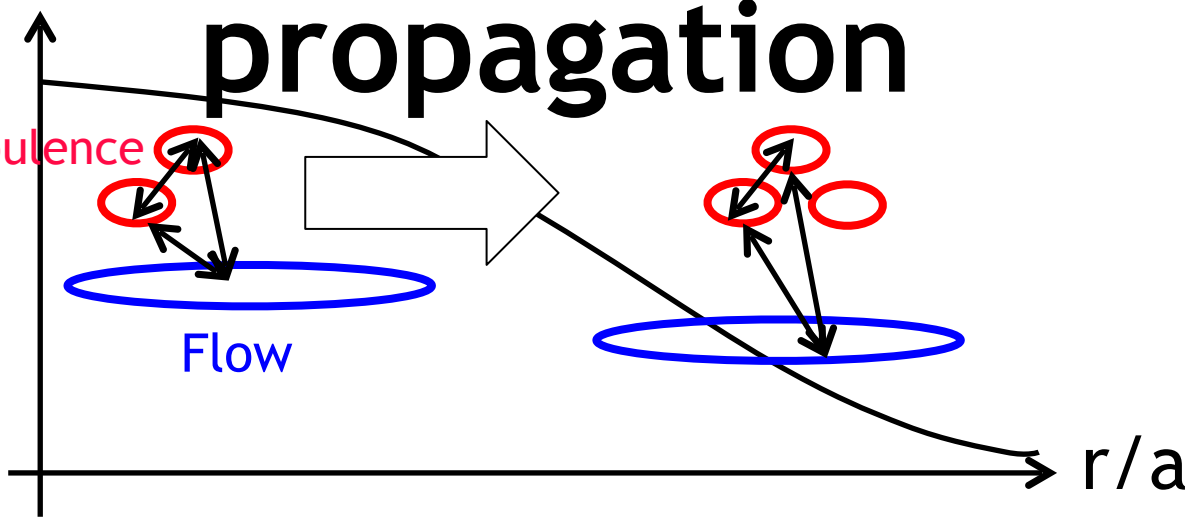
# propagation



density · temperature

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