

TURBULENT CORE

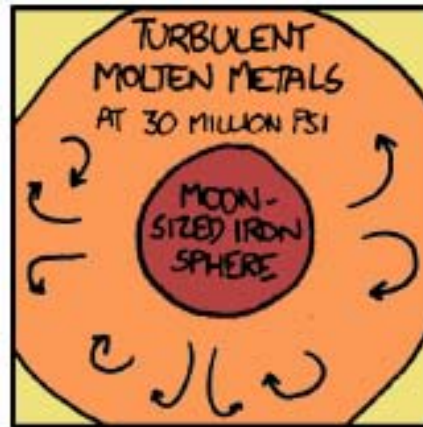
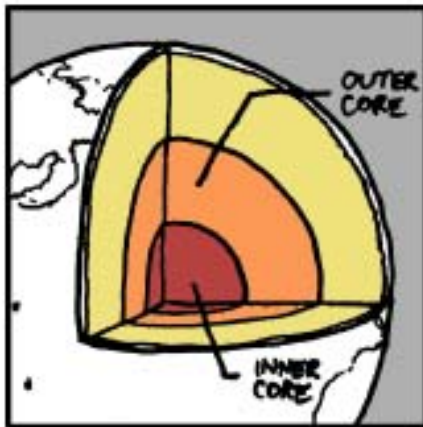
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I FREAK OUT ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES INTO
READING ANYTHING ABOUT THE EARTH'S CORE
WHEN I SUDDENLY REALIZE IT'S *RIGHT UNDER ME.*

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What is turbulence?

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Goal: grant an intuitive sense of turbulence and its importance in nature, science, and engineering

Outline:

1. Definitions
2. Examples
 1. Geophysics
 2. Astrophysics
 3. Engineering
 4. Quantum turbulence
 5. Optical turbulence



Turbulence: an emergent phenomena

Rivers!
Niagra Falls



Reynolds number

$$R \text{ or } Re = U L / \nu$$

$Re \sim \text{Inertia} / \text{viscosity}$

Large $R \rightarrow \text{Turbulence}$

Turbulence definitions

Turbulence: A Spatially extended field with a large, continuous range of aperiodic spatial and temporal dynamics

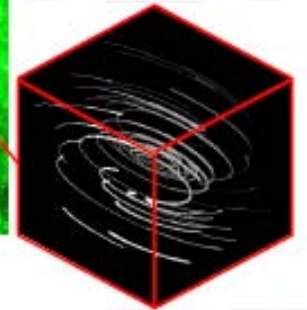
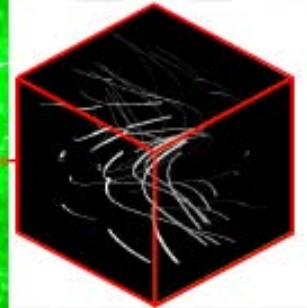
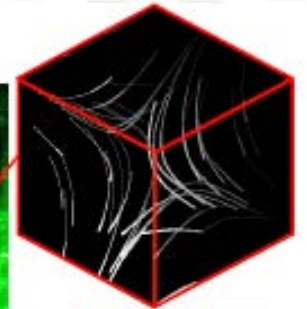
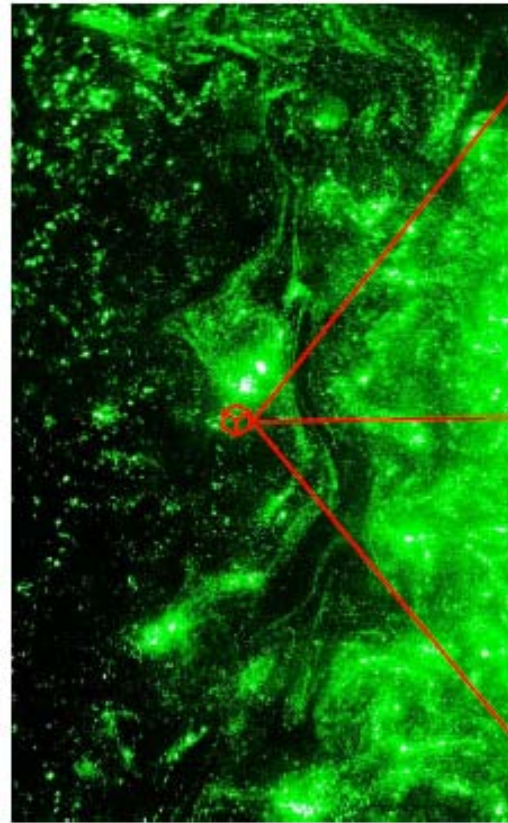
Newtonian fluid turbulence: Turbulence in a classical, Newtonian viscous fluid

Kolmogorov turbulence: Turbulence exhibiting spatial power spectra with

$$E(k) \sim k^{-5/3}$$

Quantum turbulence: A turbulent complex field or interacting set of complex fields

Optical turbulence: A turbulent field of electromagnetic amplitudes



Turbulence at small scale:

strain
vorticity



Watson: You have to admit Holmes that a supernatural explanation to this case is theoretically possible.

Holmes: Agreed, but it is useless to theorize before one has data.

Inevitably one begins to twist facts to suit theories instead of theories to suit facts.

Computational speed of experiments (for equivalent Direct Numerical Simulation)

Finest scale $l_K = L R^{-3/4}$ $R \sim 5 \times 10^6$

$L / l_K \sim 100,000$ linear resolution needed

$N_g = (L / l_K)^3 = R^{9/4}$ number of grid points

$N_f = 6$ number of fields

$1/T = U_{\max} / l_K = R^{3/4} U_{\max} / L$ update rate $U_{\max} / L \sim 250 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Rate of updating field values $N_f N_g / T = 6 R^3 U_{\max} / L = 3 \times 10^{23}$

.3 yottaflops

300,000 exaflops

300 million petaflops

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Fluctuating in time and space

Aperiodic

Large range of time and length scales

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Anyone who attempts to generate random numbers by deterministic means is, of course, living in a state of sin.

[John von Neumann](#)

Volcanic eruptions

Eyjafjallajokull 2010



Volcanic eruptions

Cleveland volcano



Atmospheric flows

Cumulous



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Cumulonimbus



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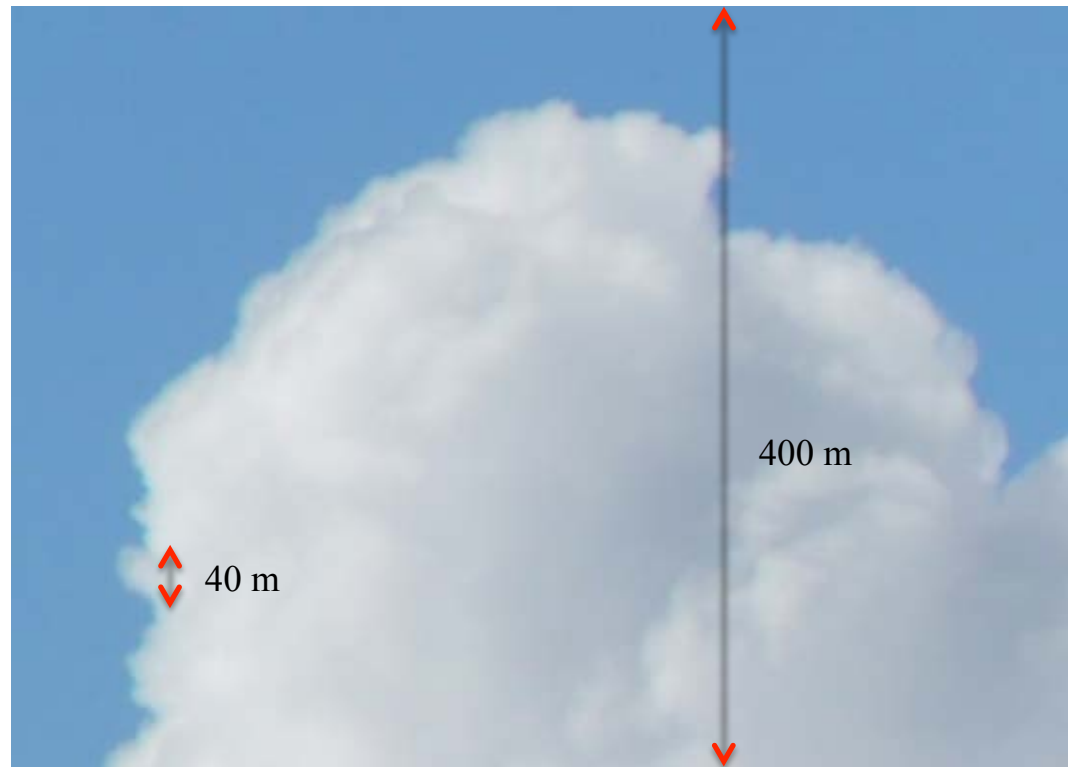
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Geophysical turbulence

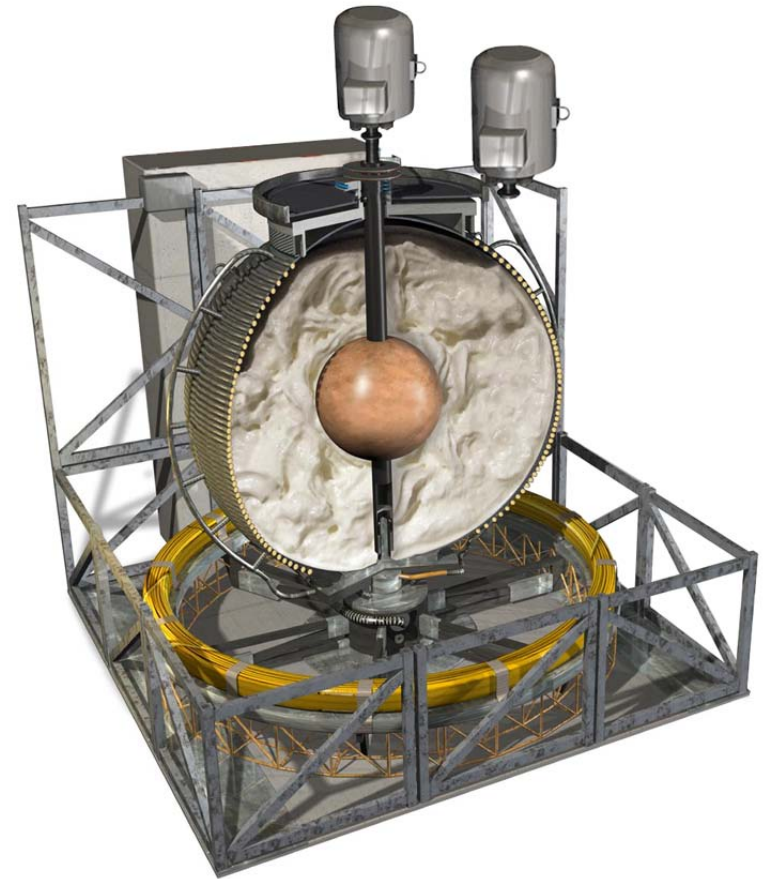
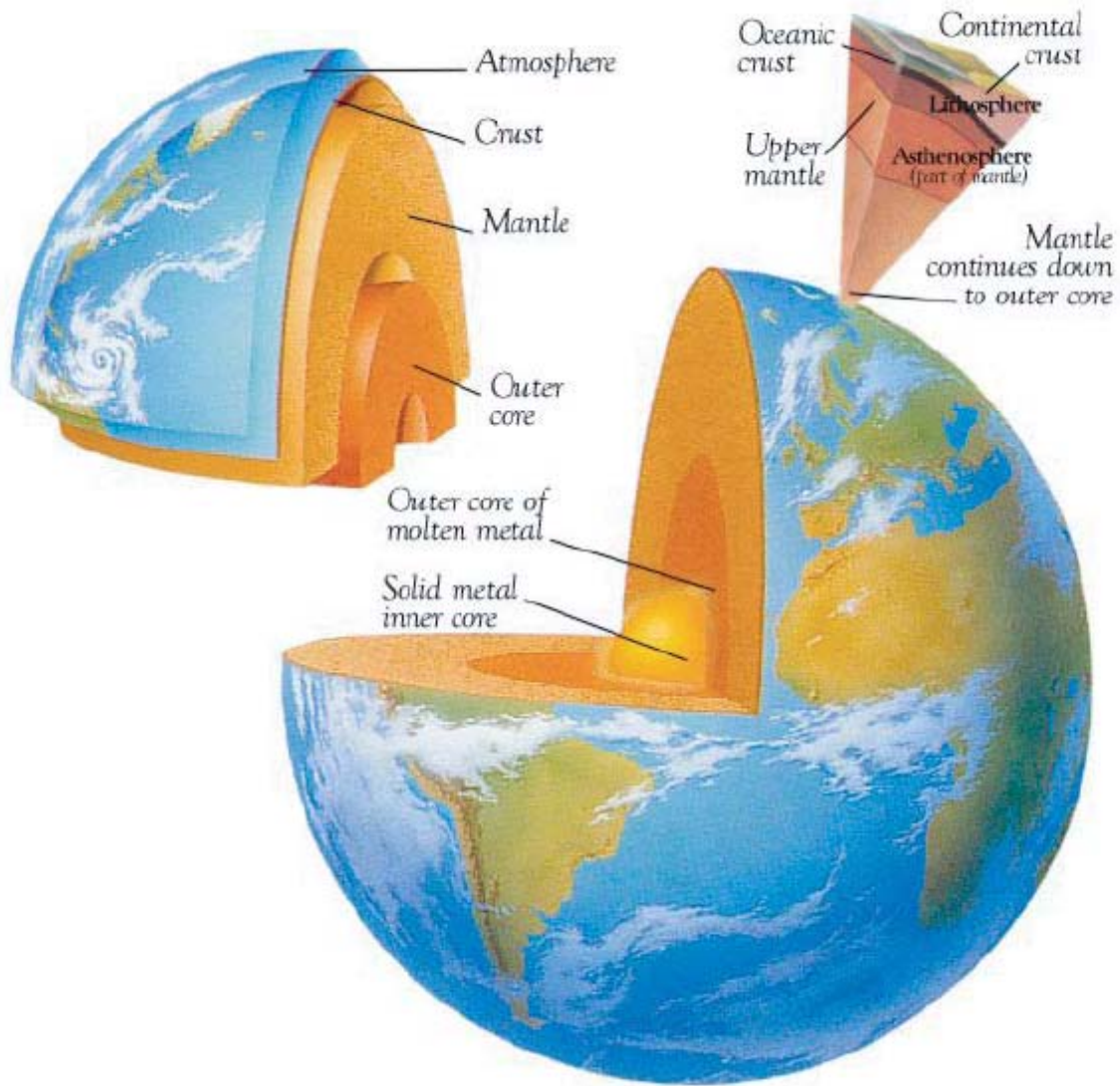
Rivers!

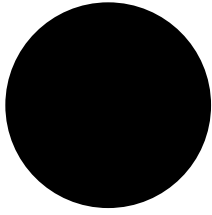


Geophysical turbulence

Rivers!
Missouri River
flood







Simple Earth

Nonrotating; Spherical

Isothermal $T = 2.725 \text{ }^\circ \text{K}$

Zero axial tilt

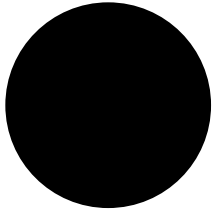
Quiet atmosphere

Quiet crust

Quiet mantle

Quiet core

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Habitable Home

One Day Period; Oblate spheroid

$T_{\text{core}} / T_{\text{space}} \sim 10^3$

23.5° , precessing

Turbulent, zonal atmosphere

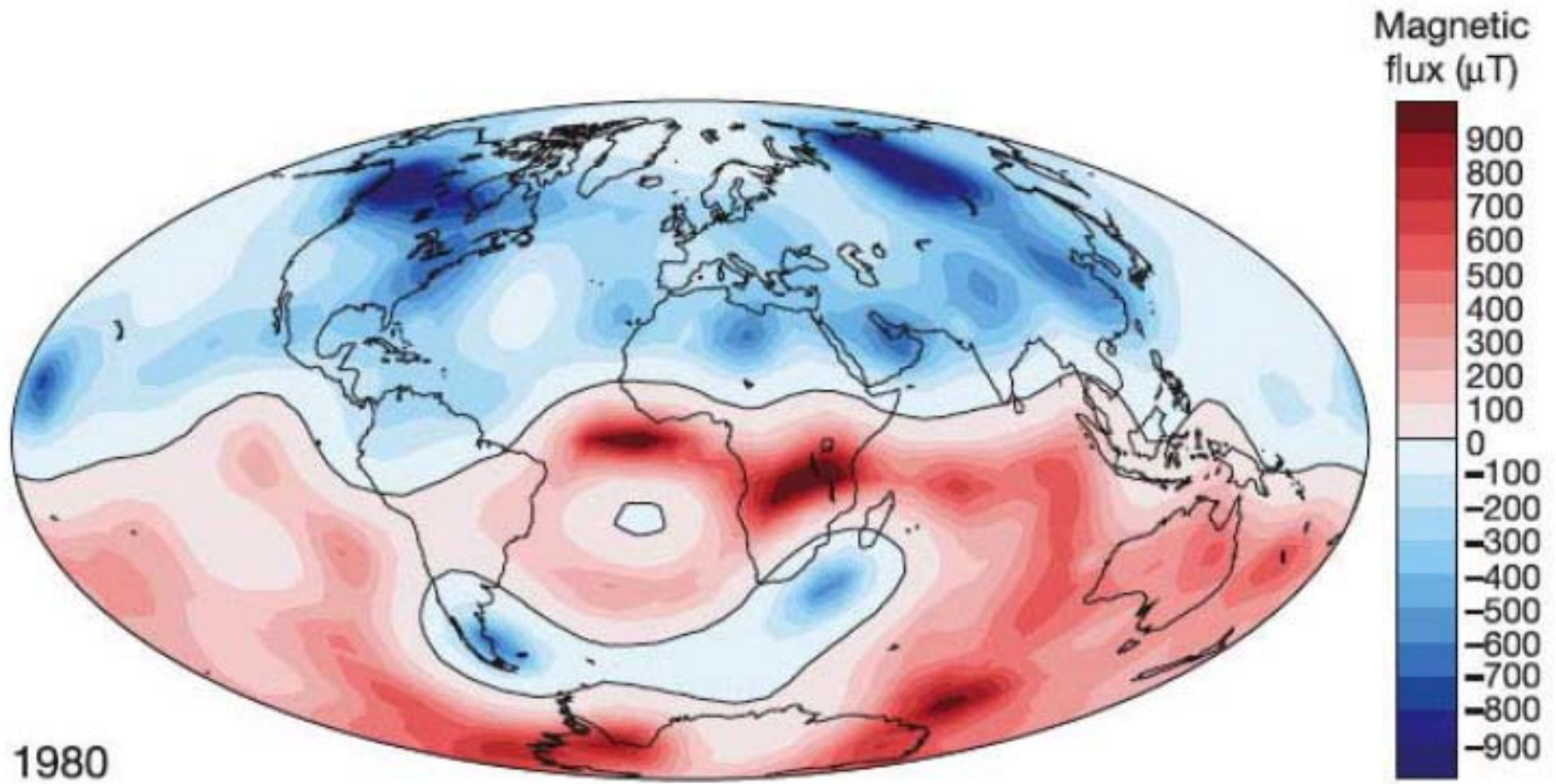
Brittle quaking crust

Complex convecting mantle

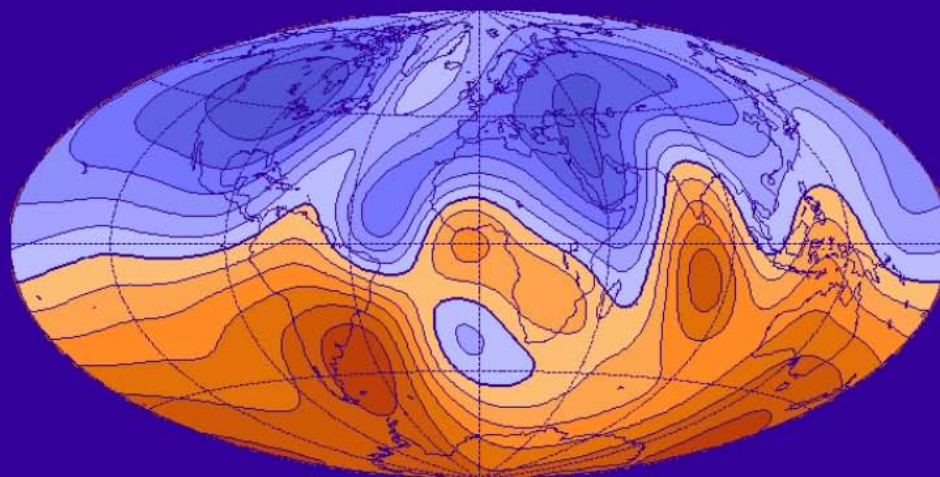
Turbulent convecting core

Active self-inducing geodynamo

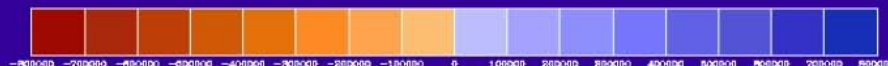
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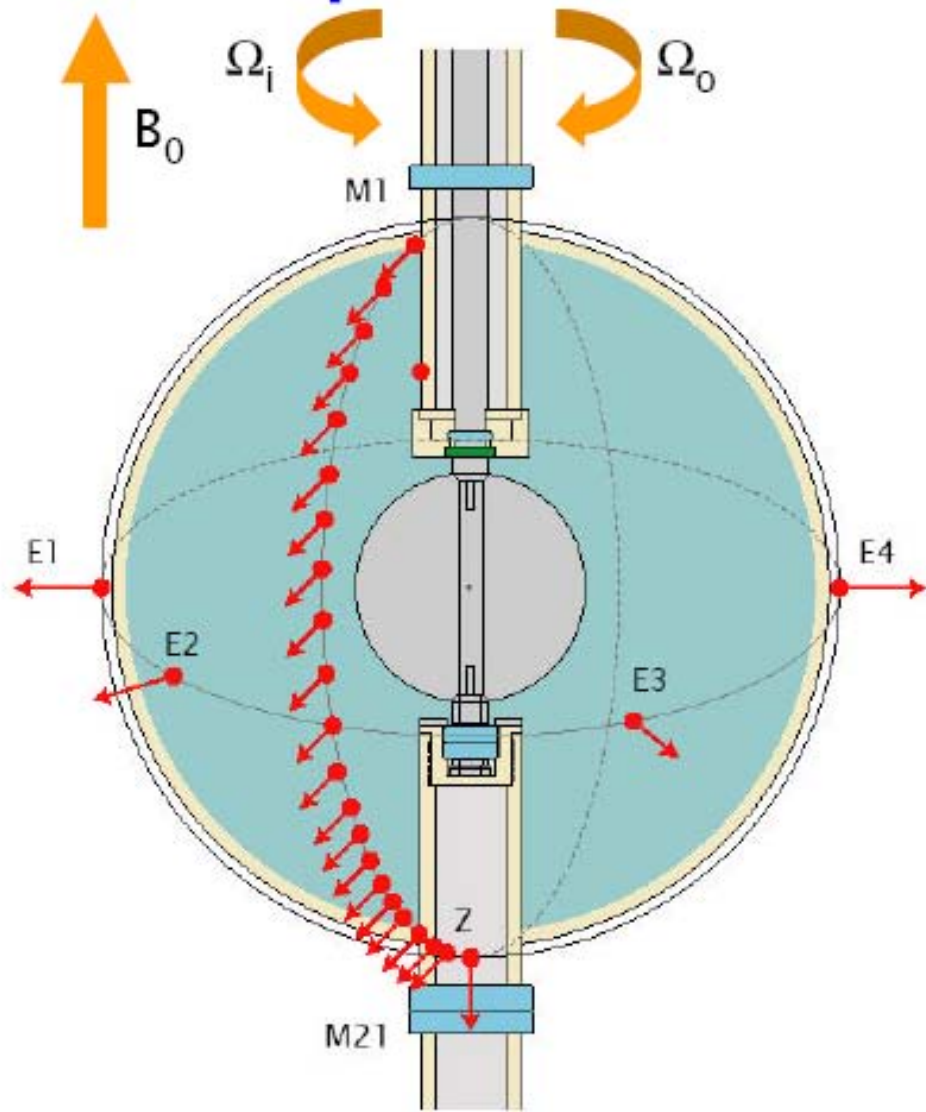
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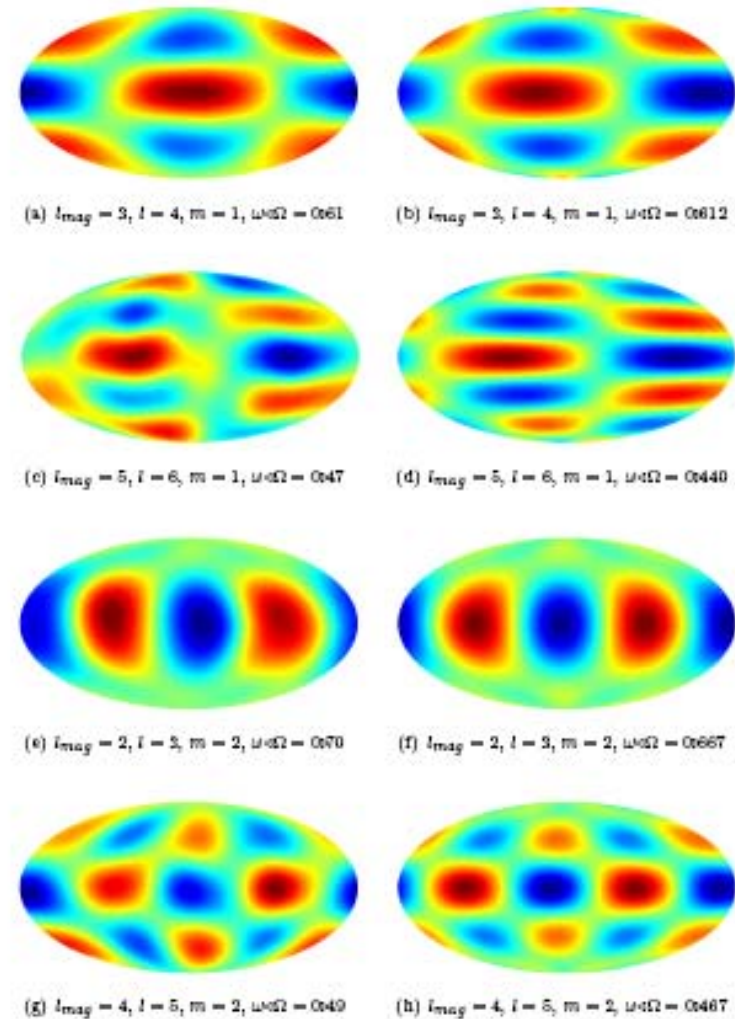
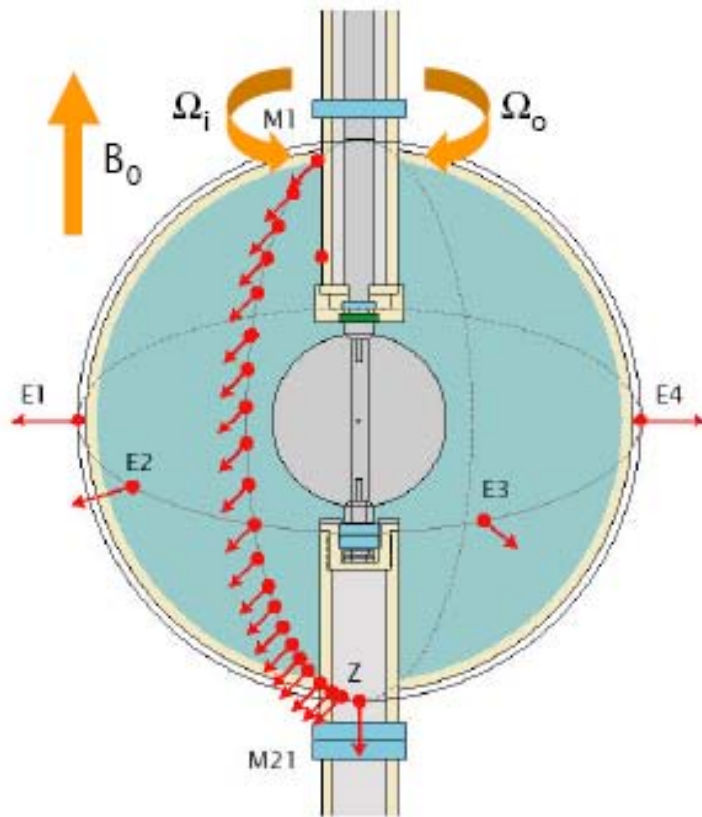
Contour interval = 10^5



60 cm experiment



Inertial Modes - Low Ro , Low E



$$\frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} + 2\hat{z} \times \vec{U} = -\nabla p$$

Douglas H. Kelley, Santiago Andrés Triana, Daniel S. Zimmerman,
 Andreas Tilgner, and Daniel P. Lathrop.
 Geophysical and Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics 101 5/6: 469-487 (2007)

Rapidly Rotating -- Coriolis Large

$$\partial_t \vec{v} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \vec{v} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P$$

$$2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P$$

$$(\vec{\Omega} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} = 0 \quad \text{Taylor-Proudman theorem}$$

$$\partial_t \vec{v} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P$$

$$\partial_t \vec{\omega} = 2(\vec{\Omega} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} = 2\Omega_0 \partial_z \vec{v}$$

Plane wave solutions

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\omega = \pm 2\Omega_0 \frac{k_z}{k}$$

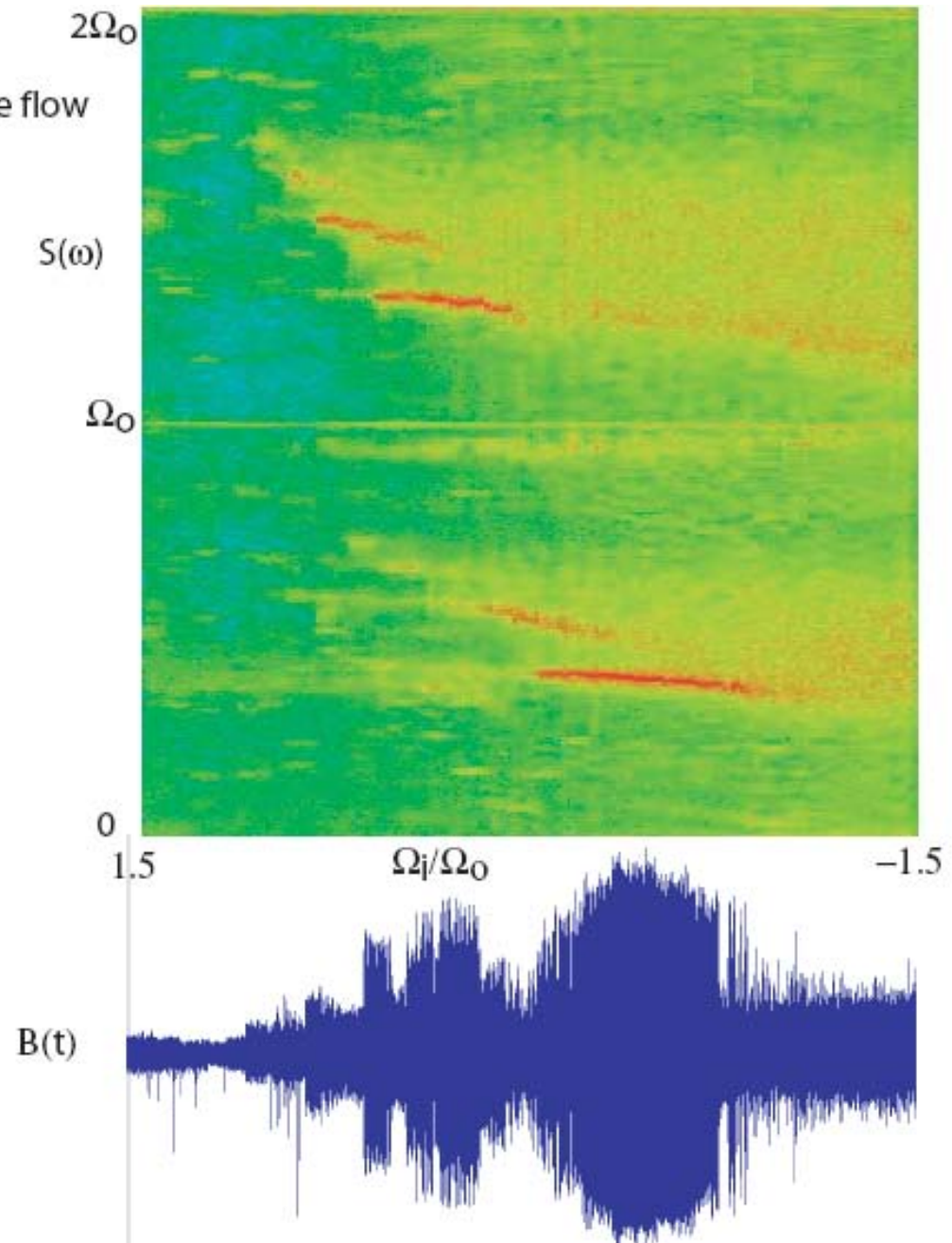
$$0 < |\omega| < 2\Omega_0$$

Modes of Containers

$$Q \sim E^{-1/2} = (\nu/2\Omega l^2)^{-1/2}$$

Modes in spherical Couette flow

$\Omega_0 = 30$ Hz

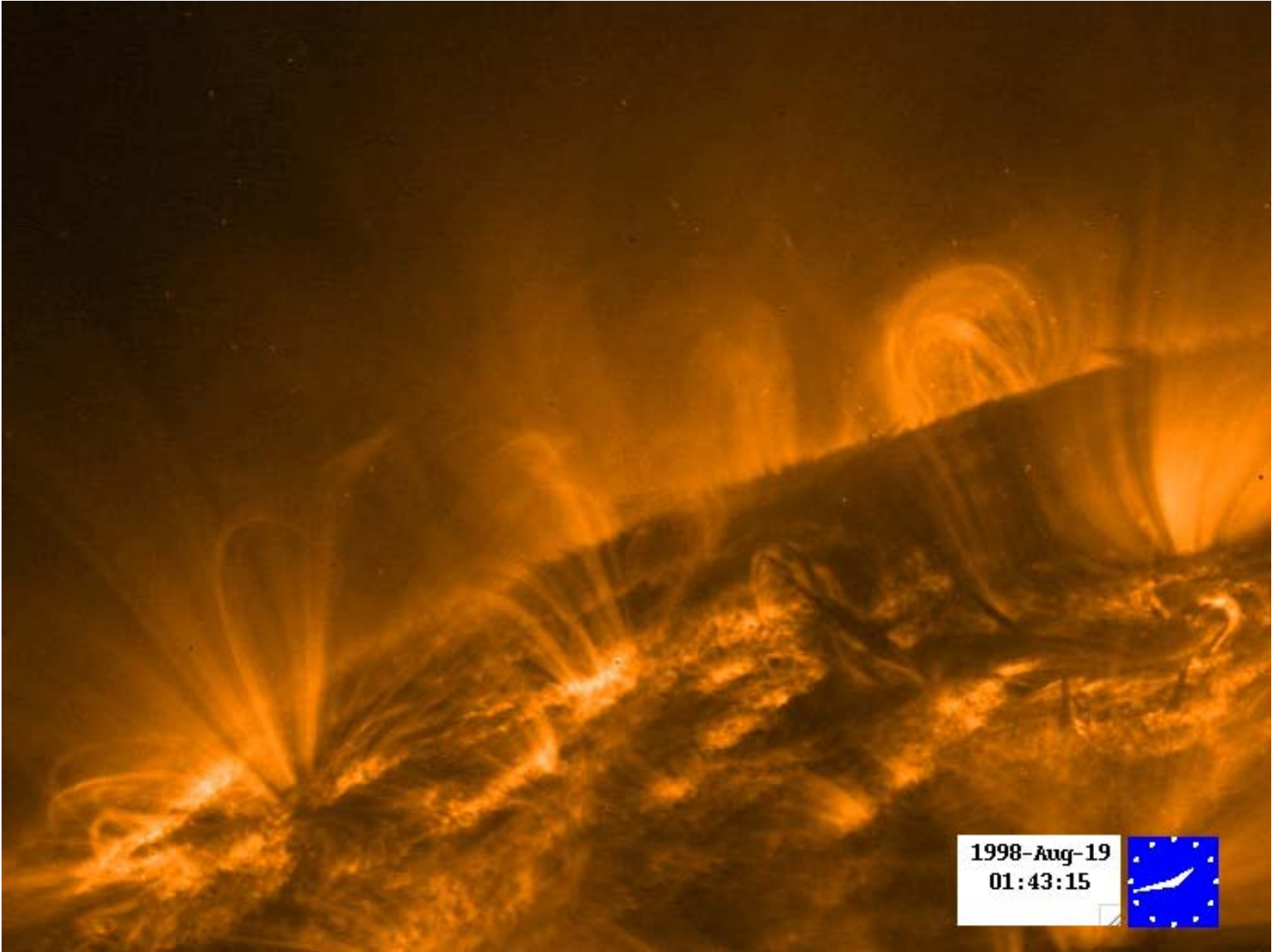


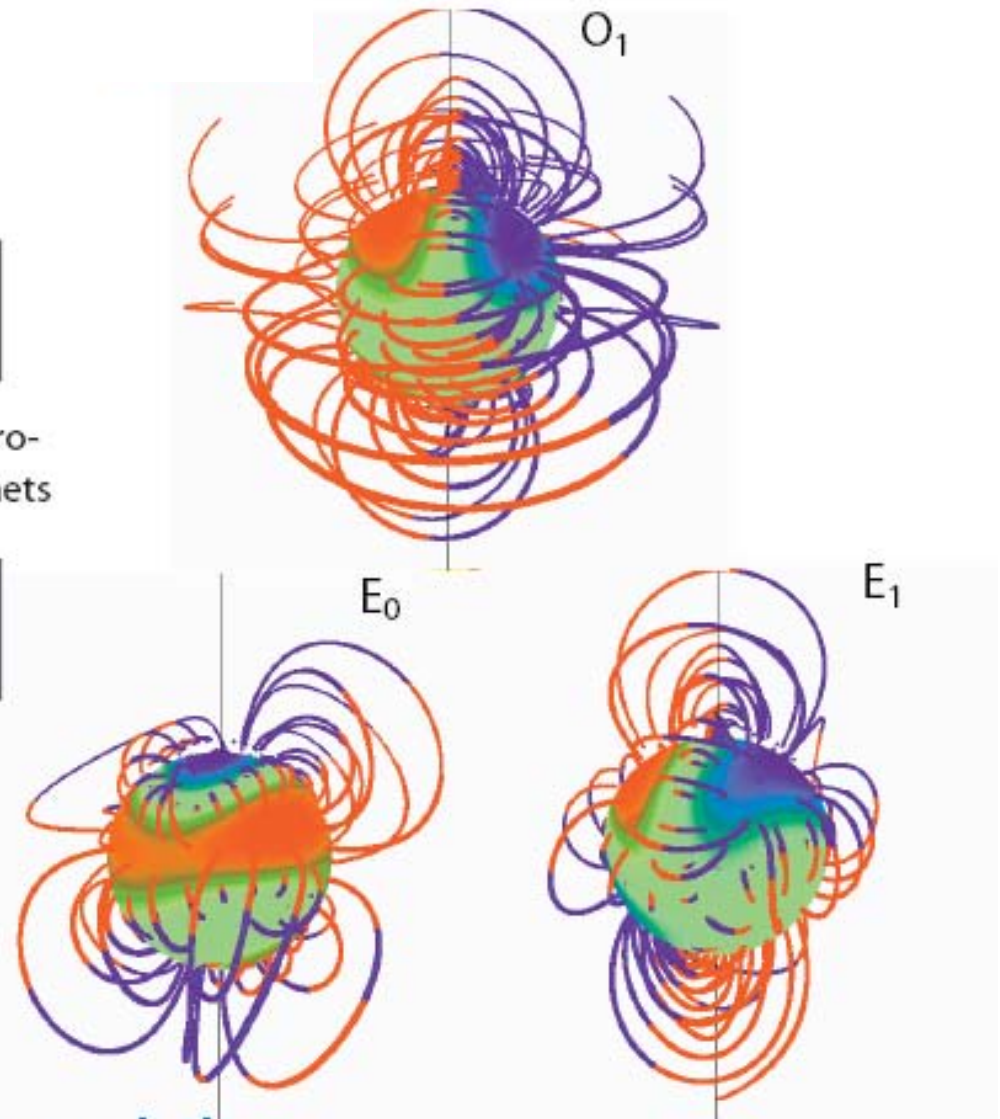
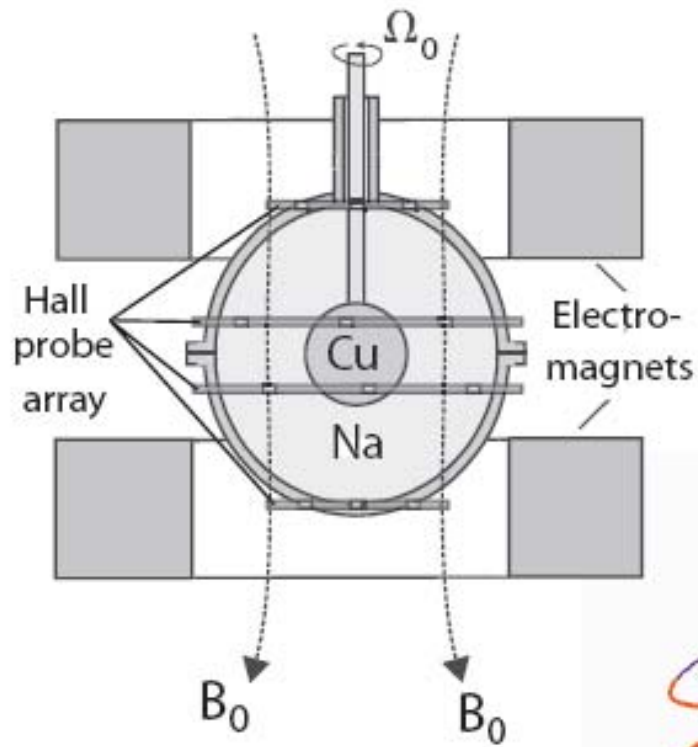
Astrophysical turbulence

Galaxy: M51



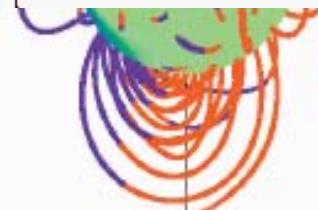
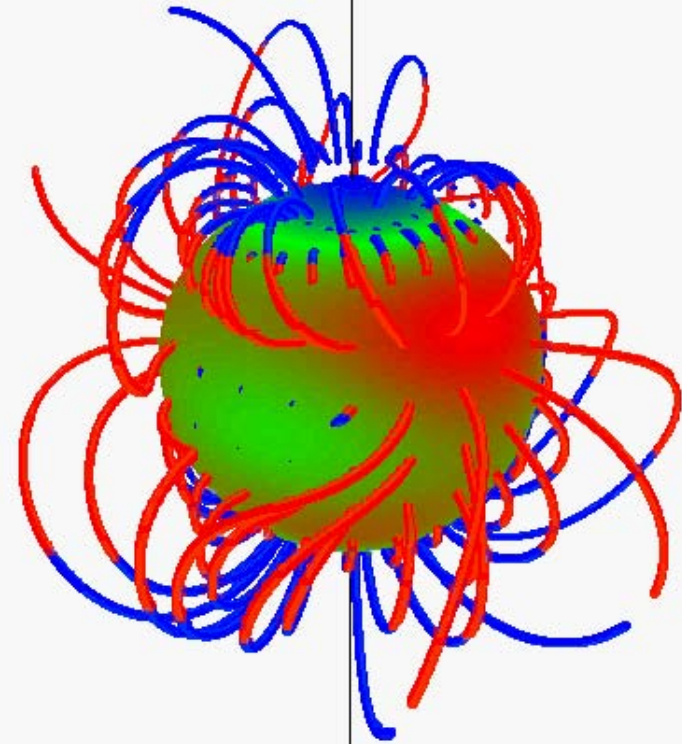
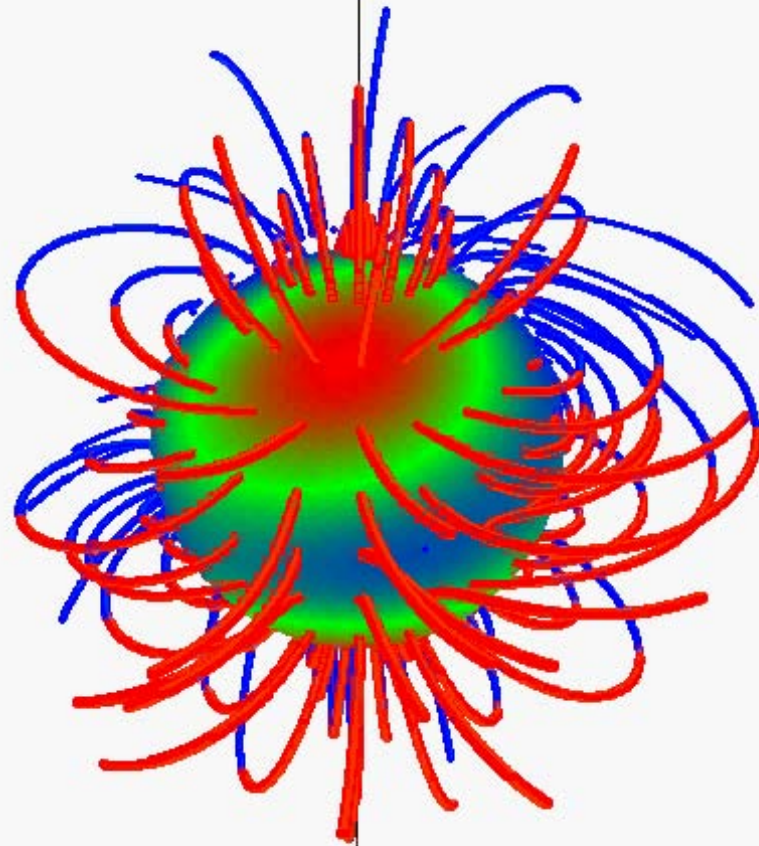
Solar turbulence:





Magnetorotational Instability

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Magnetorotational instability

Velikhov (1959)
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Balbus and Hawley
Astrophys. J. 374, 214 (1991)
Rev. Mod. Phys. 70,1 (1998)

Accretion disks

Active Galactic Nuclei



NGC 7052
van der Marel & van den Bosch
HST

Rotation rate $\Omega(s)$ with $d\Omega/ds < 0$
Differential motion \rightarrow growing magnetic energy
Angular momentum moves outward (toward positive s)

Aerospace Engin. turbulence

Rocket Launch



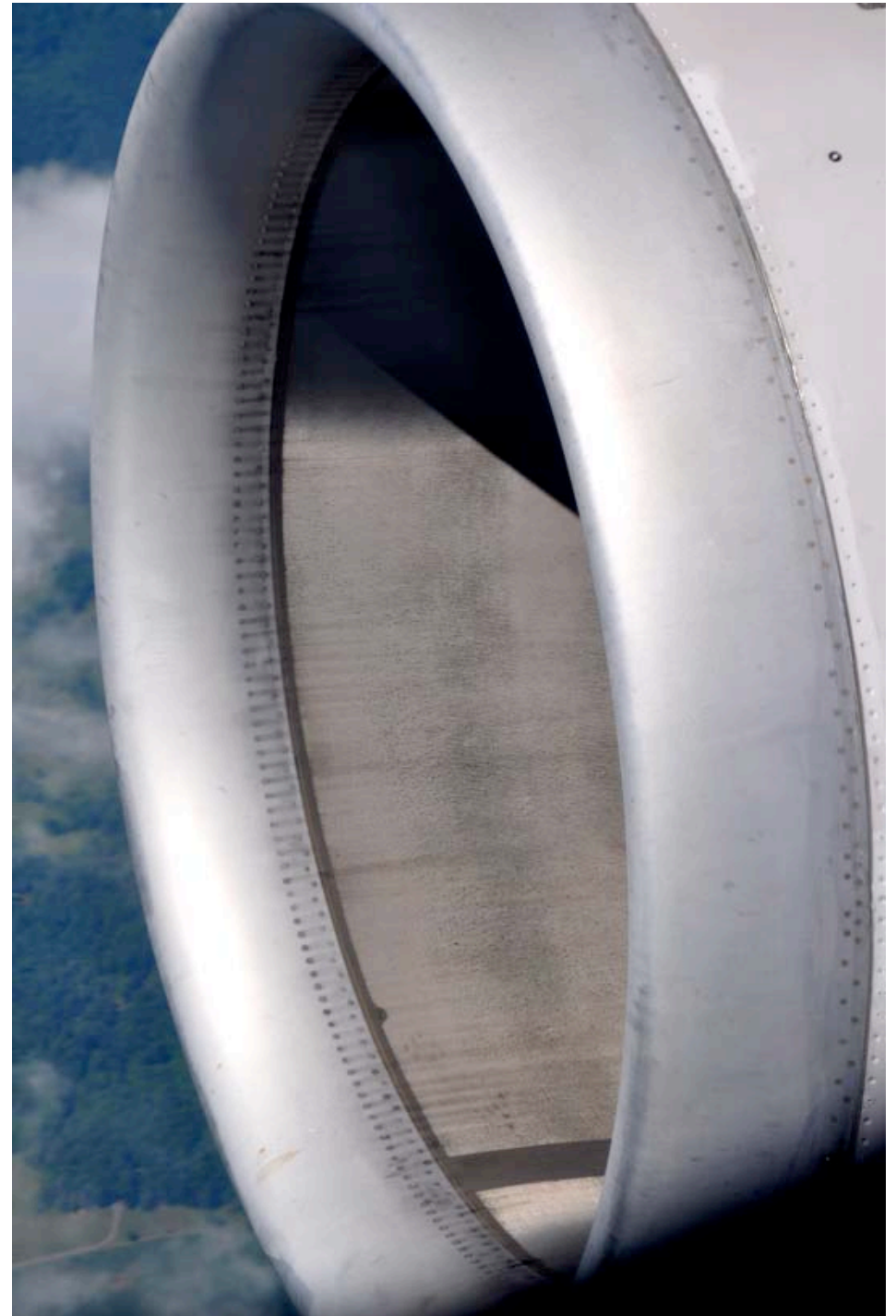
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Turbofan engine design

Boundary layer turbulence

Subcritical instabilities
noise driven

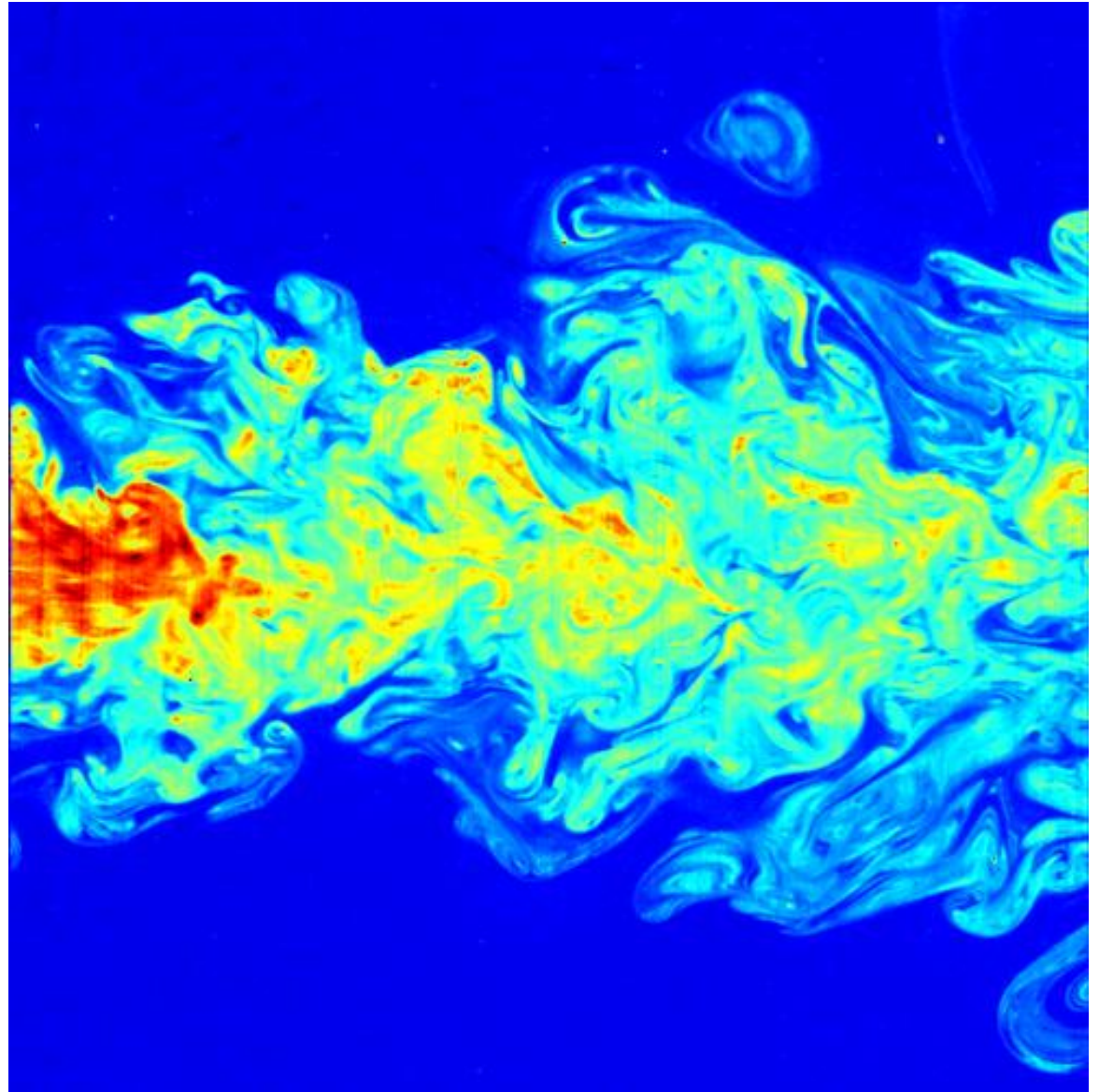
Turbulence control:
suction!



What is meant by JET in fluid dynamics?

Turbulent jet

C. Fukushima and J. Westerweel



Quantum Fluids

A **state of matter** with long range quantum order

Type of synchronization

partial phase sync of the individual atomic wave functions

E.g.

BEC atomic systems

^4He

^3He

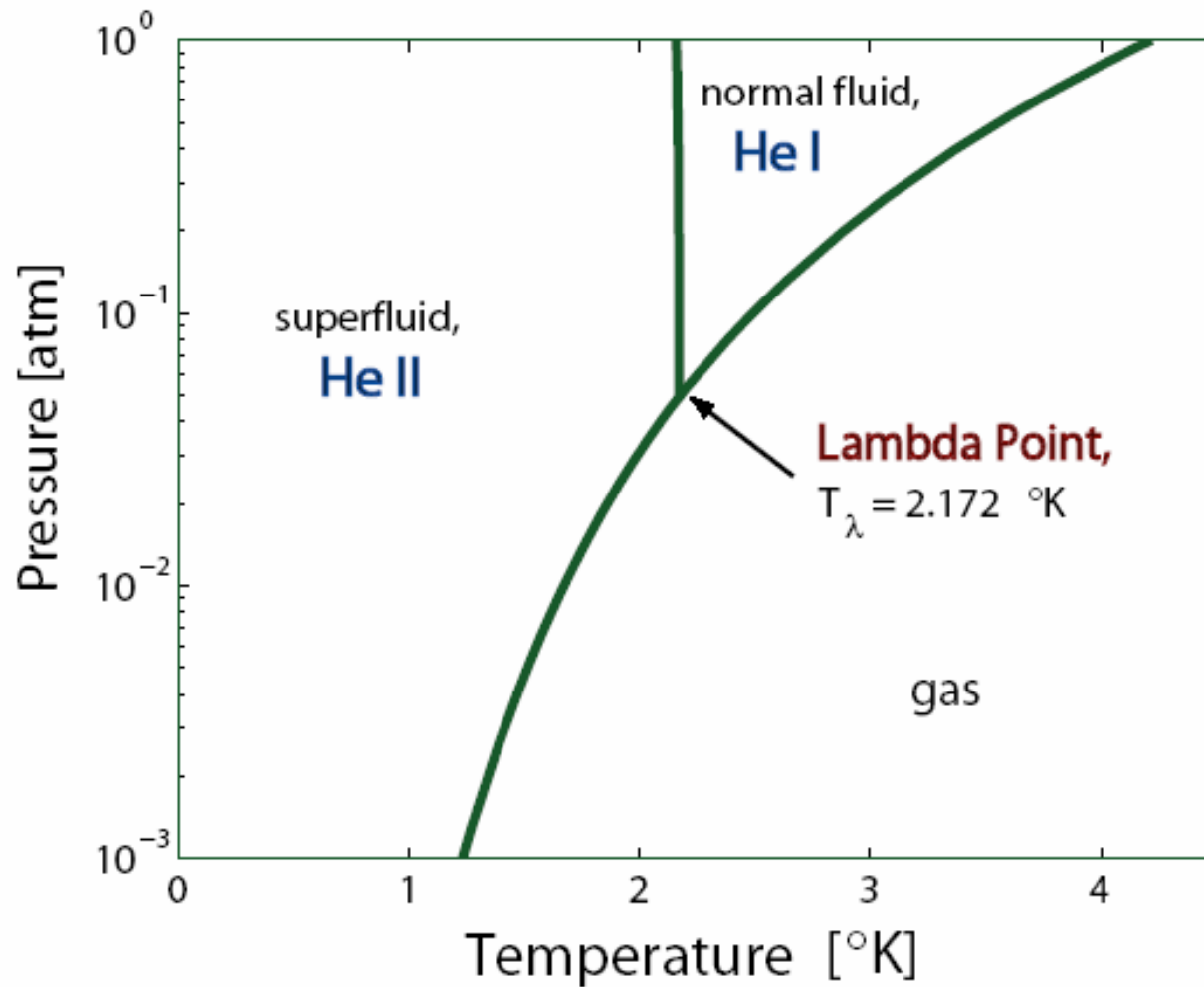
Cooper pair electrons in superconductors

Vacuum

Quantum Turbulence → turbulence in a quantum fluid

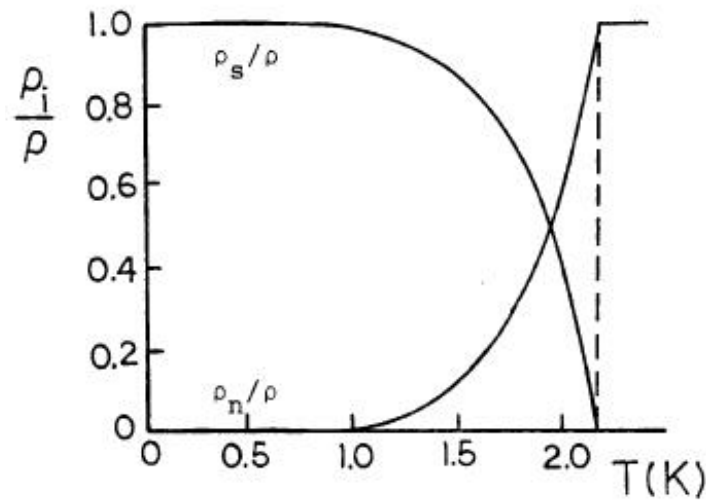
Why does it matter?

Background: Superfluid Helium



Two-Fluid Model

- Superfluid helium acts as if it's a mixture of a normal and superfluid component
- Normal and superfluid have separate velocity fields \mathbf{v}_n and \mathbf{v}_s , respectively



Superfluid Order Parameter

- Order parameter for superfluid helium is a complex field,

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}) = Ae^{i\phi}$$

A is amplitude, and ϕ is the phase

- Superfluid velocity given by

$$v_s = \kappa \nabla \phi \quad \kappa = \frac{h}{m}$$

h = Planck's constant

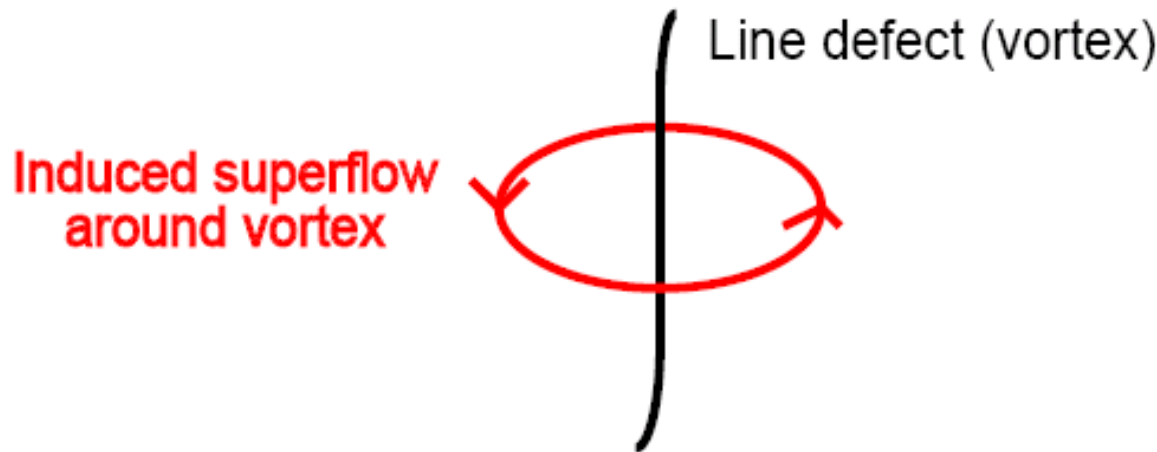
m = mass of helium atom

Quantized Vortices

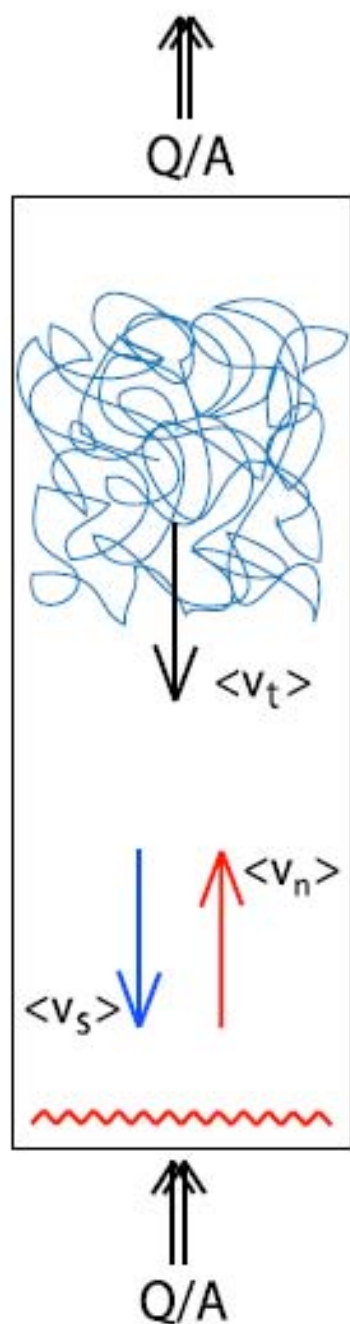
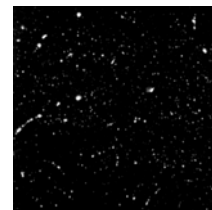
- Lowest energy state: $n=1$, so ϕ wraps 2π around a defect
- Induces a superflow around the line:

$$\mathbf{v}_s = \frac{\mathbf{K}}{s}$$

s is distance from defect



Thermal Counterflow



- Drive the system from equilibrium by applying a heat flux Q/A to the bottom of the channel

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \alpha |\mathbf{v}_{ns}| L^{3/2} - \beta \kappa L^2$$

$$L = \frac{\text{vortex line length}}{\text{volume}}, \quad \mathbf{v}_{ns} = \mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{v}_s$$

The spatially averaged velocities are of:

$\langle \mathbf{v}_n \rangle$ - the viscous component,

$\langle \mathbf{v}_s \rangle$ - the superfluid,

$\langle \mathbf{v}_t \rangle$ - the quantized vortex tangle

WF Vinen: Proc. R. Soc. London Ser. A 242, 493 (1957)

What is quantum turbulence?

An evolving set of
quantized vortices:

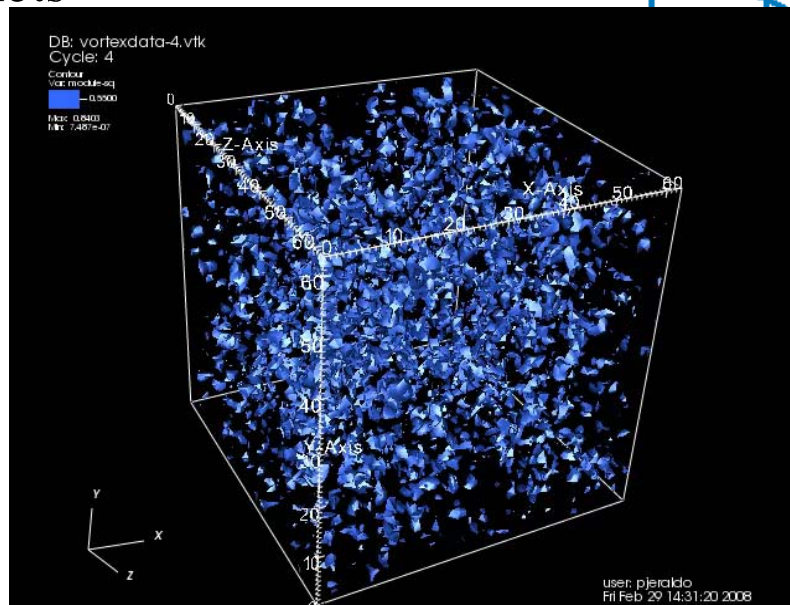
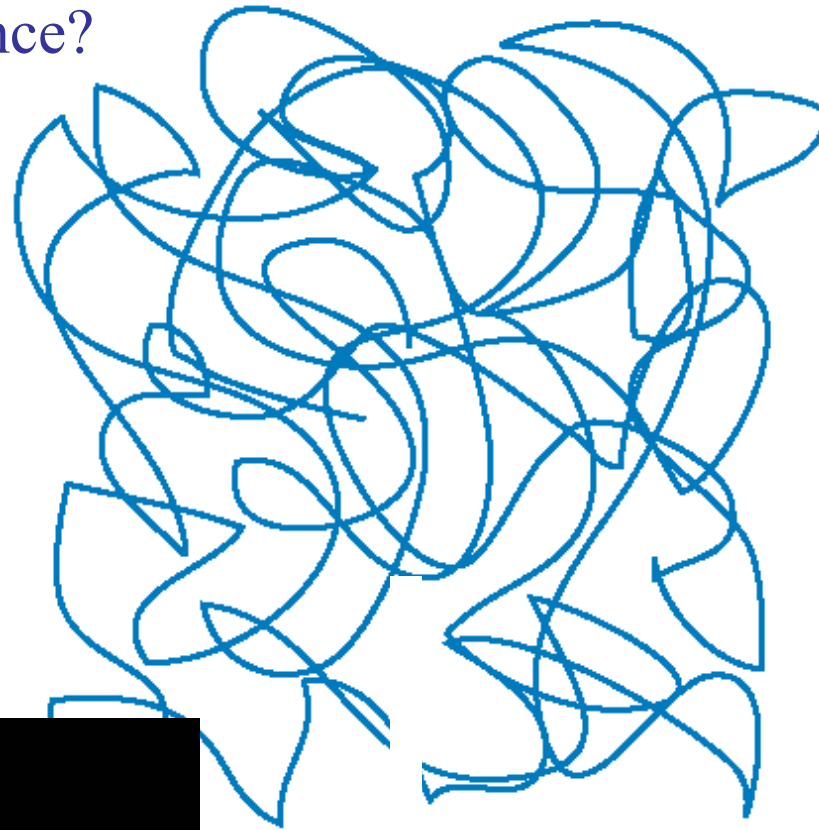
aperiodic

large range of length scales
and curvatures

rings

vortices ending at walls

knots



Simulations by Patricio Jeraldo
and Nigel Goldenfeld

Superfluid Turbulence from Quantum Kelvin Wave to Classical Kolmogorov Cascades

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