

# Mean field model for turbulent transport in a stochastic magnetic field

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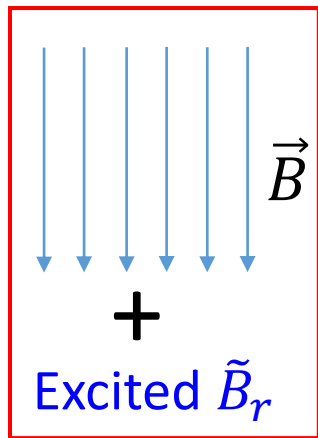
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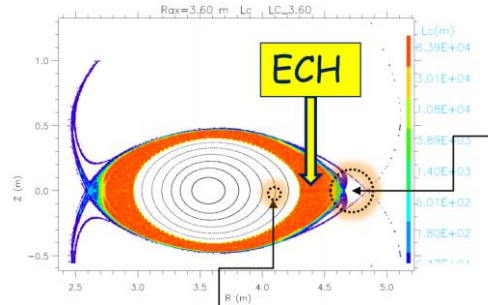
# Stochastic magnetic field

- Stochastic field : chaos of magnetic field lines (RMP, island, stellarator,.....)

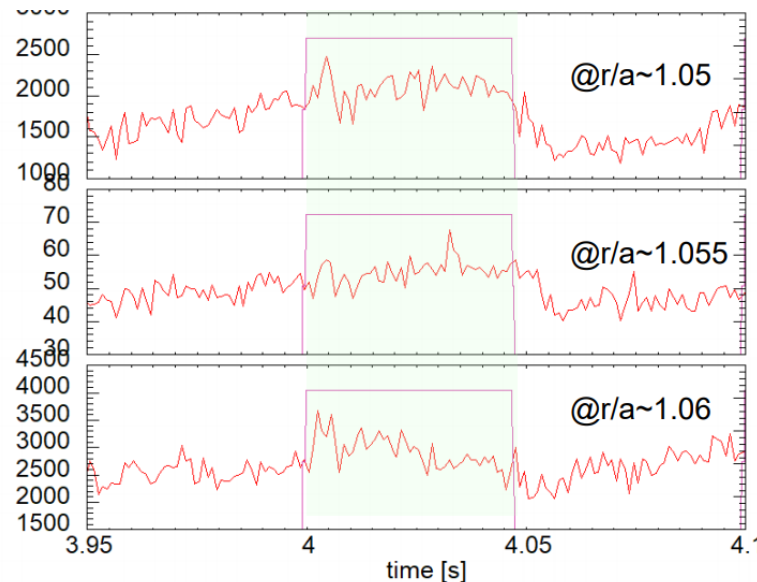
- ✓ **Interaction and co-existence** of stochastic magnetic field and turbulence



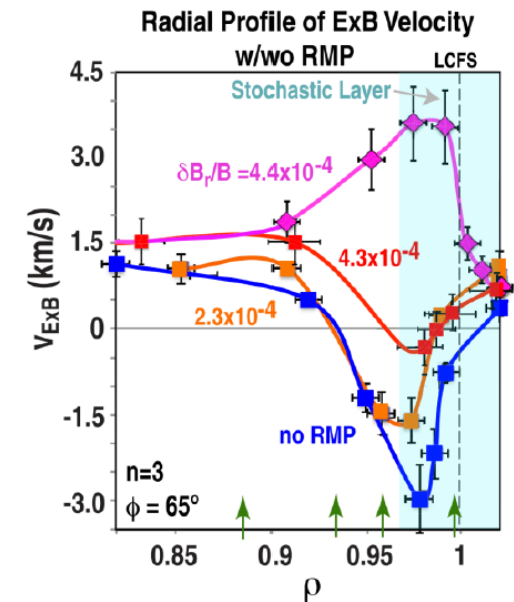
Stochastic region



Turbulence in stochastic region



L  $\rightarrow$  H occurs in stochastic layer

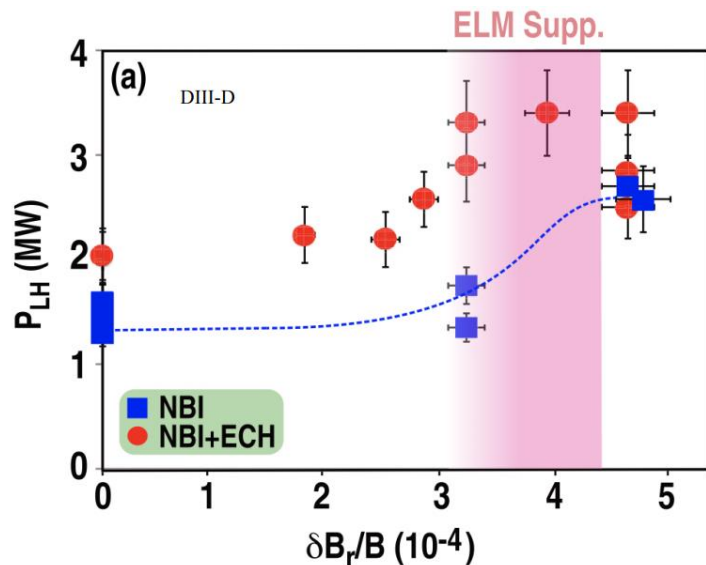


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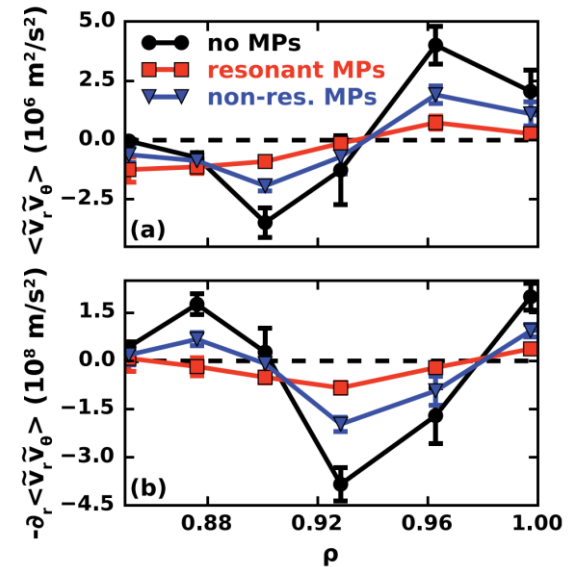
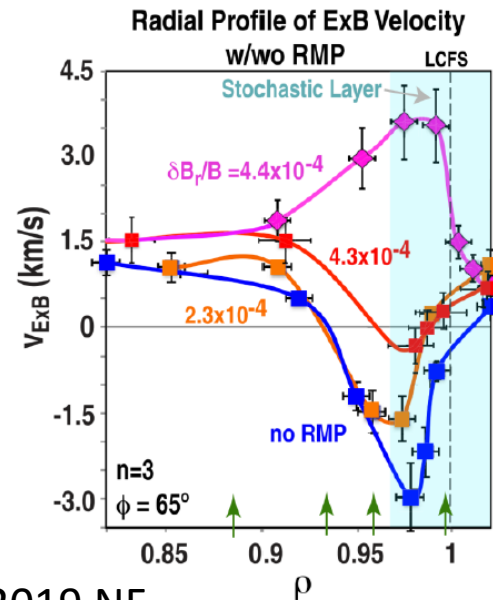
- Stochastic field is important for boundary control in fusion device



Trade off: RMPs controls gradients and mitigates ELM, but raise the **power threshold**.



Schmitz 2019 NF



Kriete 2020 PoP

# Motivation

**Need theory for turbulent transport in stochastic B field:  
(current focus: L→H transition)**

**Key physics (All interconnected) :**

- Direct effect of stochastic field on turbulence<sup>1</sup> → generation of micro convective cell <sup>1</sup> M. Y. Cao, P9, this meeting
- Dephasing effect<sup>2</sup> → quenches poloidal Reynolds stress and generation of ZF <sup>2</sup> C. C. Chen, O 3.2, this meeting
- Particle transport<sup>3</sup> → density pump-out
- Momentum transport ( $V_\theta$  and  $V_\phi$ )<sup>3</sup> → intrinsic torque at edge
- Heat transport<sup>3</sup> → L-H power threshold <sup>3</sup>P.H. Diamond, O3.1, this meeting

**Note: Previous focused on electron heat transport (Manz 2020), we focus on **flow, particle and ion heat transport.****

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# Our goal – understand effects of stochastic field on $\langle E_r \rangle$ and $\langle v'_E \rangle$

- More specific: how stochastic B-field affects  $\langle v'_E \rangle$ ?

$$E_r = \frac{1}{enB} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} P_i + \frac{v_\phi B_\theta - v_\theta B_\phi}{\perp, \parallel \text{ flows}} \rightarrow \text{momentum}$$

$\langle v'_E \rangle$       Heat, particles

- ✓ Study turbulence, particle, momentum and heat transport to ascertain change of  $\langle E_r \rangle$  due to stochastic B field.
- ✓ Goal is towards  $\langle J_r \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle E_r \rangle$  relation— effective “Ohm’s law”

- Stochastic B-field, externally excited but self-consistent within plasma (Ampere’s law), enters  $\langle J_r \rangle$
- Take turbulence as electrostatic in L-mode (simple first step).



# Ambipolarity breaking $\Rightarrow \langle J_r \rangle$

- Ambipolarity breaking due to stochastic field  $\Rightarrow \langle J_r \rangle$

$$\langle J_r \rangle = \left\langle \vec{J}_{\parallel} \cdot \vec{e}_r \right\rangle = \frac{\langle \tilde{J}_{\parallel} \tilde{B}_r \rangle}{B} \quad \langle J_{\parallel} \rangle = \langle J_{\parallel,e} \rangle + \langle J_{\parallel,i} \rangle$$

- From Ampere law:  
(Self-consistency)

$$\tilde{J}_{\parallel} = -\frac{c}{4\pi} \nabla^2 \tilde{A}_{\parallel}$$

Stochastic field produces currents in plasmas

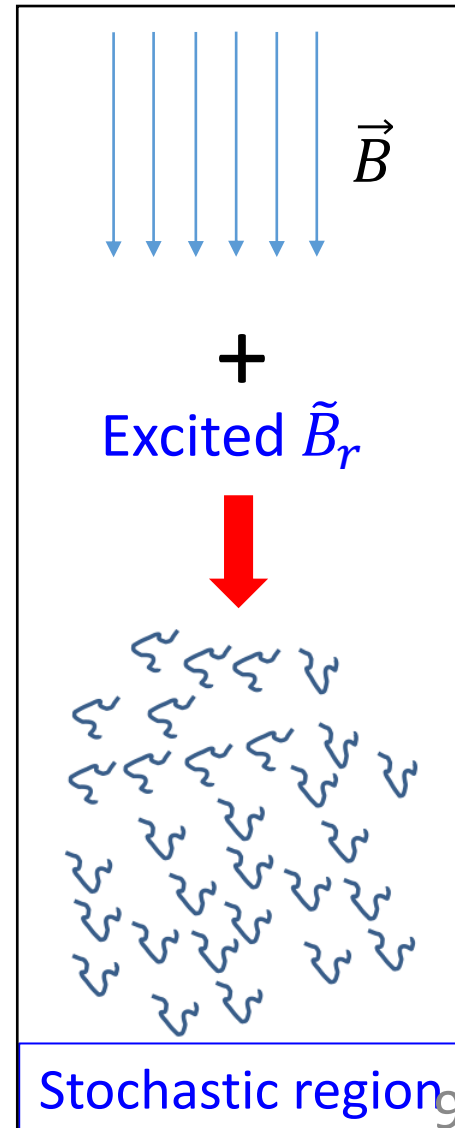
$$\langle J_r \rangle = \frac{\langle \tilde{J}_{\parallel} \tilde{B}_r \rangle}{B} = -\frac{c}{4\pi B} \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \tilde{A}_{\parallel} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \tilde{A}_{\parallel} \right\rangle$$

$$= -\frac{c}{4\pi B} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\langle \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \tilde{A}_{\parallel} \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \tilde{A}_{\parallel} \right) \right\rangle = \frac{c}{4\pi B} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle \tilde{B}_x \tilde{B}_y \rangle$$

$$= \frac{cB}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle \tilde{b}_x \tilde{b}_y \rangle \Rightarrow \frac{cB_0}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_\theta \rangle \text{ Maxwell stress}$$

Note: Stochasticity excited externally (RMP) but Ampere's law must be satisfied in plasma.

$\langle J_r \rangle$  tracks momentum, not heat transport. Phases?



# Phase 1: Phase in Maxwell stress

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + V \cdot \nabla A = \mu J$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + V'_E \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} + \tilde{V} \cdot \nabla A = \mu J$$

Shear flow      Fluctuation scattering

$\tilde{A}_k$  tilted by developing  $E \times B$  flow, scattered by fluctuation.

Maxwell stress:  $\langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_\theta \rangle = \frac{1}{B^2} \sum_k |\tilde{A}_k|^2 \langle k_r k_\theta \rangle$  phase set by  $\langle k_r k_\theta \rangle$

$$\frac{\partial k_r}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(k_\theta V_E)}{\partial r} \rightarrow k_r = k_r^0 - k_\theta V'_E \tau_c$$



$$\langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_\theta \rangle = -\frac{1}{B^2} \sum_k |\tilde{A}_k|^2 \langle k_\theta^2 V'_E \tau_c \rangle = \frac{1}{B^2} \sum_k |\tilde{B}_k|^2 \langle V'_E \tau_c \rangle$$

$E \times B$  shear aligns phases, regardless of mechanisms  $\tau_c = \left( \frac{k_\theta^2 V_E'^2 D_T}{3} \right)^{-1/3}$

**Note:**  $\tau_c$  is coherence time (in shear field) of magnetic perturbation.

Tilting will tend to align turbulent RS and stochastic Maxwell stress.

# Phase 2: Dephasing of Reynold stress

## Without $\tilde{b}_r$

Snell's law:

$$\frac{d}{dt}k_x = -\frac{\partial(\omega_0 + u_y k_y)}{\partial x} = -k_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}$$

Gives a non-zero  $\langle k_x k_y \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow \langle \tilde{u}_x \tilde{u}_y \rangle \propto \langle k_x k_y \rangle$

shear flow

Self-feedback loop:

The  $E \times B$  shear generates the  $\langle k_x k_y \rangle$  correlation and hence support the non-zero Reynolds stress.

$$\langle \tilde{u}_x \tilde{u}_y \rangle \simeq \sum_k \frac{|\tilde{\phi}_k|^2}{B_0^2} (k_y^2 \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \tau_c)$$

The Reynold stress modifies the shear via momentum transport.

## With $\tilde{b}_r$

Snell's law:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}k_x &= -\frac{\partial \omega_k}{\partial x} \\ &= -k_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_A^2 k_\perp^2}{\omega_D} \frac{\partial b^2}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

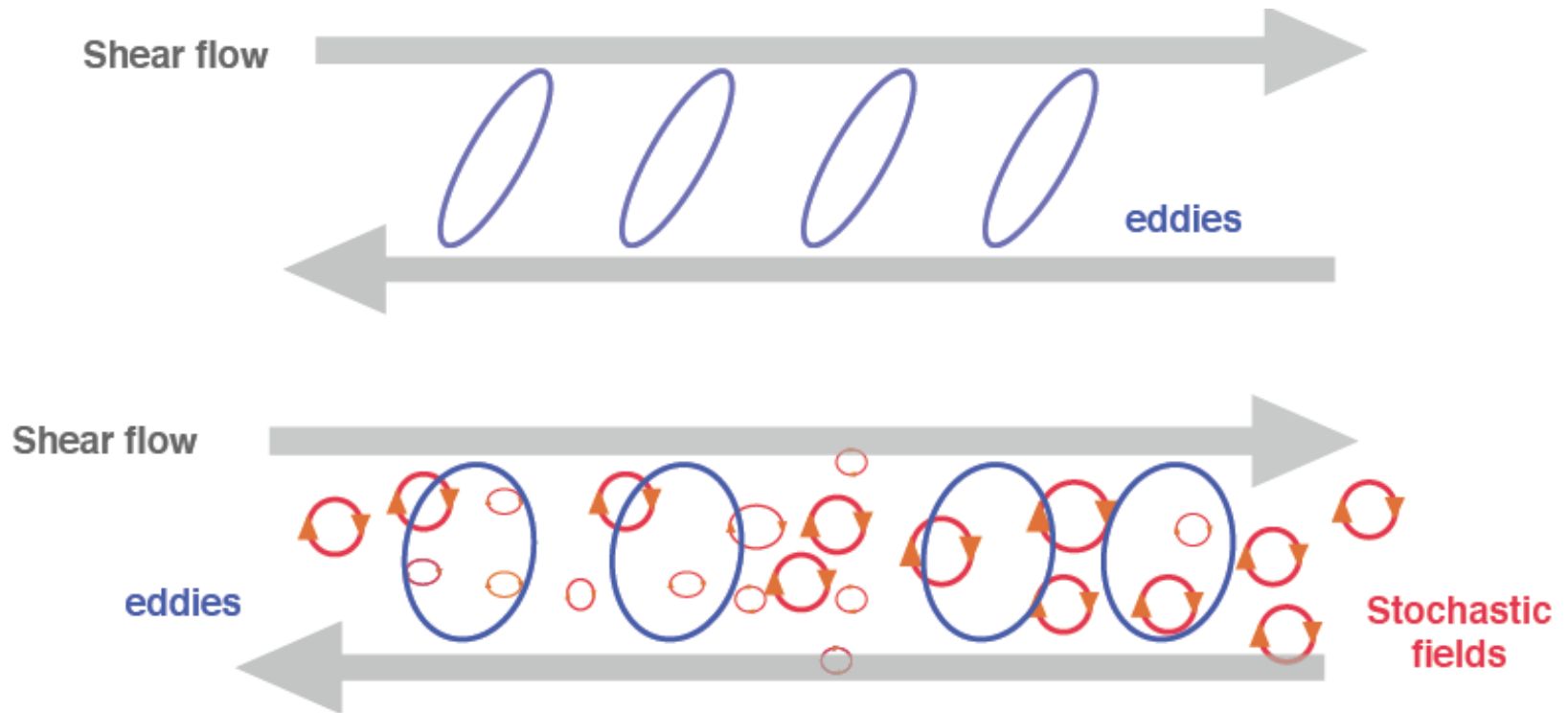
Due to the Ensemble average eigen-frequency shift

Self-feedback loop is broken by  $b^2$ :

$$\langle \tilde{u}_x \tilde{u}_y \rangle \simeq \sum_k \frac{|\tilde{\phi}_k|^2}{B_0^2} \left( k_y^2 \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \tau_c + \frac{1}{2} k_y \frac{v_A^2 k_\perp^2}{\omega_D} \frac{\partial b^2}{\partial x} \tau_c \right)$$

Stochastic dephasing

## Phase 2: Dephasing of Reynold stress



Stochastic fields interfere with shear-tilting feedback loop.

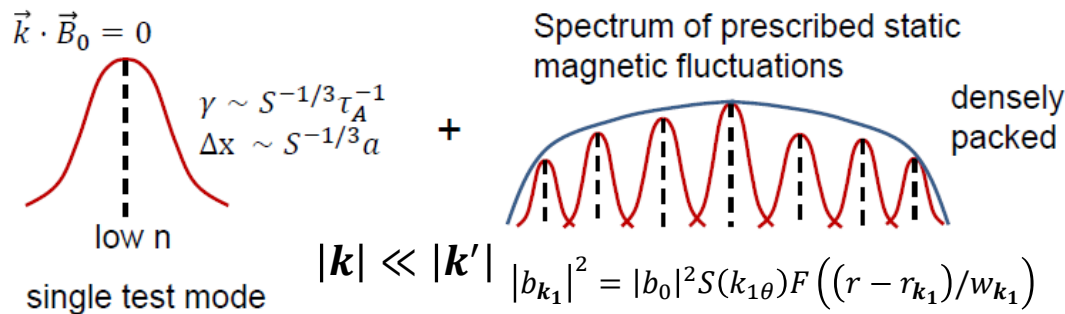
Through effect on phase correlation:

- $\langle V_E \rangle'$  tends to align phases.
- $\langle \tilde{b}^2 \rangle$  tends to break the alignment.

# Instability affected by stochasticity— phase I

Common theme: A Simple Model  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$  (Kadomtsev and Pogutse '78)

A low- $k$  single test mode + a high- $k$  stochastic magnetic field background



If only  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$  and  $\bar{\varphi}$ ,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$  is not guaranteed!  
 What is missing?

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla_{\perp}^2 \bar{\varphi} = -\frac{S}{\tau_A} \left( \nabla_{\parallel}^{(0)} + \tilde{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \nabla_{\perp} \right)^2 \bar{\varphi} - \frac{g B_0}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial y}$$

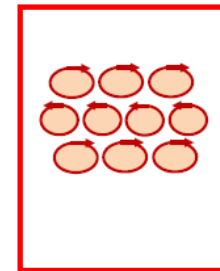
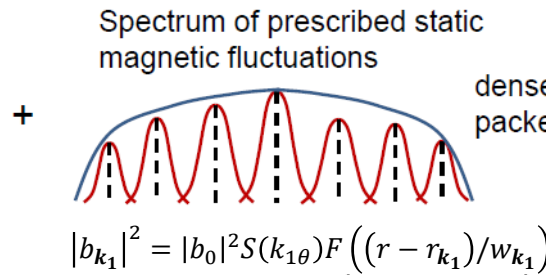
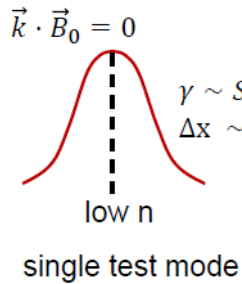
Analogy	Kadomtsev and Pogutse '78	This model
Base state	$\langle T(r) \rangle$	$\bar{\varphi}_k$
External fluctuation	$\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$	$\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$
Constraint	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = 0$	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$
Resulting fluctuation	$\tilde{T}$	$\tilde{\varphi}$

electrostatic potential fluctuation induced by  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_r$

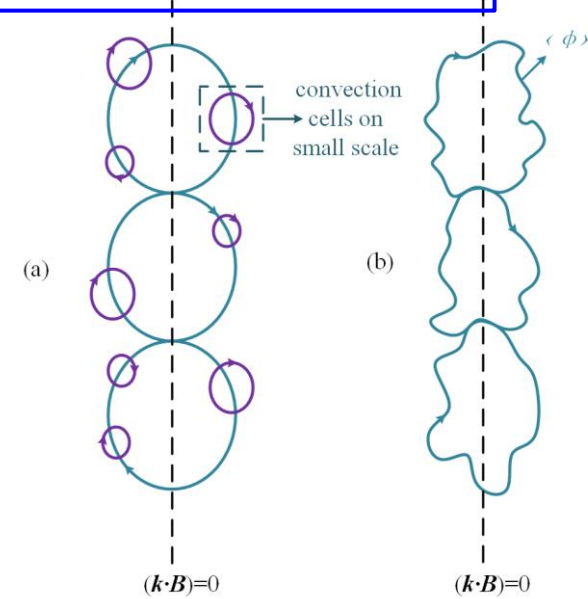
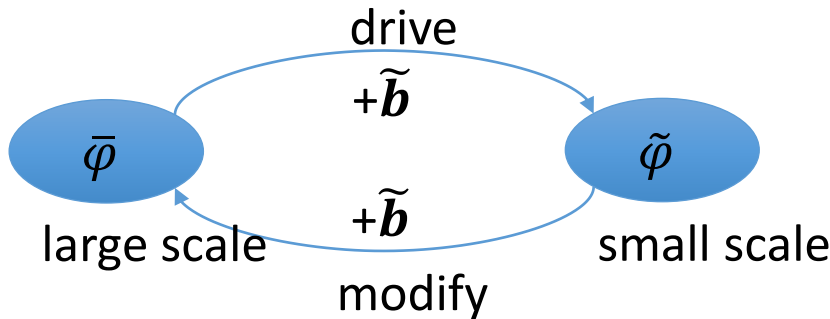
# Instability affected by stochasticity — phase II

The actual model must be:

See more details: M. Y. Cao, P9, this meeting



Small scale convective cells



Long wavelength cell in presence of short wavelength cells and  $\tilde{b}$ .

Further, these small-scale convective cells drive a turbulent viscosity  $\nu$  and a turbulent diffusivity  $\chi$ .

Interaction develops  $\langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0 \rightarrow$  small electrostatic fluctuations “lock on” to  $\tilde{b}$ .

Intrinsically a multi-scale problem:  $\bar{\varphi}$ ;  $\tilde{\varphi}$  and  $\tilde{b}$

Are micro-cells the agent of RMP induced density “pump-out”?

# Particle 1: Stochasticity contribution to particle flux

- For electron density :  $\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \Gamma_e) = S_p$

with  $\Gamma_e = \boxed{-(D_{neo} + D_T) \frac{\partial n}{\partial r}} + \boxed{\Gamma_{e, stoch}}$  ←

- $D_{neo} = (m_e/m_i)^{1/2} \chi_{i, neo}$
- $D_T \sim b D_{GB}$  with  $b < 1$

$$S_p = \Gamma_a \frac{a - r + d_a}{L_{dep}^2} \exp\left(-\frac{(a + d_a - r)^2}{2L_{dep}^2}\right)$$

- The stochastic field can induce particle flux ( $n_e = n_i$ ):

$$\Gamma_{e, stoch} = \frac{c}{4\pi e B} \langle \tilde{b}_r \nabla_{\perp}^2 \tilde{A}_{\parallel} \rangle + n \langle \tilde{V}_{\parallel, i} \tilde{b}_r \rangle$$

with

$$\frac{c}{4\pi e B} \langle \tilde{b}_r \nabla_{\perp}^2 \tilde{A}_{\parallel} \rangle = -\frac{cB}{4\pi e} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_{\theta} \rangle \quad \checkmark \quad \langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_{\theta} \rangle \text{ phasing via } V'_E \text{ tilt.}$$

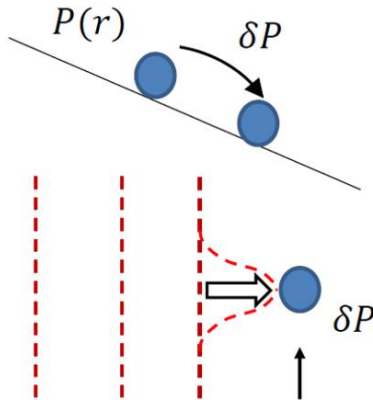
$n \langle \tilde{V}_{\parallel, i} \tilde{b}_r \rangle$ : parallel ion flow along tilted field lines

- RMP induced density “pump-out”?
- Kinetic stress  $\langle \tilde{b}_r \delta P \rangle$

# Particle 2: Hybrid diffusivity

## ● Heuristics

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- How is pressure balanced along field line?
  - i) Build parallel pressure gradient
  - or
  - ii) Drive parallel flow, damped by turbulent mixing/viscosity

- Structure of { correlator } change !  $\langle \tilde{b}_r \delta P \rangle \approx -D_{st} \partial \langle V_{\parallel} \rangle / \partial r$   
fluxes

$$\langle \tilde{b}_r \delta V_{\parallel} \rangle \approx -D_{st} \partial \langle P \rangle / \partial r$$

- Stochastic viscosity/diffusivity is hybrid

Flux-gradient relation is changes by  $\tilde{b}$

$$D_{ST} = \sum_k c_s^2 |b_{r,k}|^2 / k_{\perp}^2 D_T$$

Magnetic scattering,  
with  $\tau_{ck}$  set  
by electrostatics



# Flow 1: Stochastic B-field affects $\langle V_\theta \rangle$

- Poloidal momentum balance

Turbulence  
Reynold stress

Maxwell stress  
of stochastic field  
perturbation

$$\frac{\partial \langle V_\theta \rangle}{\partial t} = -\mu(\langle V_\theta \rangle - V_{\theta,neo}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \langle \tilde{V}_\theta \tilde{V}_r \rangle - \frac{1}{4\pi\rho} \langle \tilde{B}_r \tilde{B}_\theta \rangle \right)$$

$B_\phi \langle J_r \rangle$

- For SS:  $\langle V_\theta \rangle = V_{\theta,neo} - \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \langle \tilde{V}_\theta \tilde{V}_r \rangle - \frac{1}{4\pi\rho} \langle \tilde{B}_r \tilde{B}_\theta \rangle \right)$   
 $= V_{\theta,neo} - \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{B^2} \tau_c V_E' \frac{I}{1 + \alpha V_E'^2} - \frac{B^2}{4\pi\rho} \tau_c' V_E' |\tilde{b}_r|^2 \right)$

with  $\mu = \mu_{00} \left(1 + \frac{v_{cX}}{v_{ii}}\right) v_{ii} q^2 R^2$      $V_{\theta,neo} \approx -1.17 \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r}$      $\tau_c' = \tau_c$

- $V_E'$  phasing via tilt tends to align turbulence and stochastic B-field, which counteracts the spin-up of  $\langle V_\theta \rangle$ .
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial r} |\tilde{b}_r|^2$ , i.e., profile of stochastic enters → introduce stochastic layer width as novel scale

# Flow 2: Stochastic B-field affects $\langle V_\phi \rangle$

- For  $V_\phi$ : 
$$\frac{\partial \langle V_\phi \rangle}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \langle \tilde{V}_r \tilde{V}_\phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\rho c} \langle J_r \rangle B_\theta + S_M$$

$$\langle \tilde{V}_r \tilde{V}_\phi \rangle = -\chi_\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle V_\phi \rangle, \quad \chi_\phi = \chi_T = \frac{\rho_s^2 c_s}{L_T}, \quad S_M = S_a \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2L_{M,dep}^2}\right)$$

Only consider diffusive term.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \langle V_\phi \rangle}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \chi_\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle V_\phi \rangle \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi\rho} \frac{B_\theta}{B} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle \tilde{B}_r \tilde{B}_\theta \rangle + S_M$$

- For SS: 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \chi_\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle V_\phi \rangle \right) = -\frac{V_{Ti}^2}{\beta} \frac{B_\theta}{B} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_\theta \rangle - S_M$$

Stochasticity affects edge toroidal velocity, shear

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle V_\phi \rangle |_{r_{sep}} = -\frac{1}{\chi_\phi} \int_0^{r_{sep}} S_M dr - \frac{V_{Ti}^2}{\beta \chi_\phi} \frac{B_\theta}{B} \langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_\theta \rangle |_{r_{sep}} \quad B_\theta \langle J_r \rangle$$

Integrated external torque

with  $\langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_\theta \rangle = V_E' \tau_c' |\tilde{b}_r|^2$

✓ Force through radial current across separatrix.

Note:  $\langle V_\phi \rangle'$  proportional to  $|\tilde{b}_r|^2 / \chi_\phi$ . Quenched  $\chi_\phi \rightarrow$  stronger  $\langle V_\phi \rangle'$  effects!

# Flow 3: Intrinsic rotation and kinetic stress

From parallel acceleration:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_z + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) u_z = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} p$$

+

Stochastic Fields Effect

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial^{(0)}}{\partial z} + \underline{b} \cdot \underline{\nabla}_{\perp}$$

→

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle u_z \rangle + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle \tilde{u}_x \tilde{u}_z \rangle = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle b \tilde{p} \rangle$$

Toroidal  
Reynolds Stress

Kinetic Stress

$$\langle \tilde{u}_x \tilde{u}_z \rangle = -\nu_{turb} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle u_z \rangle + F_{z,res} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle p \rangle$$

↓

Turbulent  
viscosity

Toroidal  
Residual Stress

$$\nu_{turb} = \sum_{k\omega} |\tilde{u}_{x,k\omega}|^2 \frac{2C_s b^2 l_{ac} k^2}{\omega_{sh}^2 + (2C_s b^2 l_{ac} k^2)^2}$$

Influence intrinsic rotation

- The sound speed is the relevant speed (acoustic dynamics).  
Stochastic fields effect is weaker ( $C_s D_M < v_A D_M$ ).

$$F_{z,res} \sim \sum_{k\omega} \frac{-k_z}{\omega_{sh} \rho} \nu_{turb,k\omega}$$

$F_{z,res}$  Requires symmetry breaking  $\langle k_z k_y \rangle \neq 0$

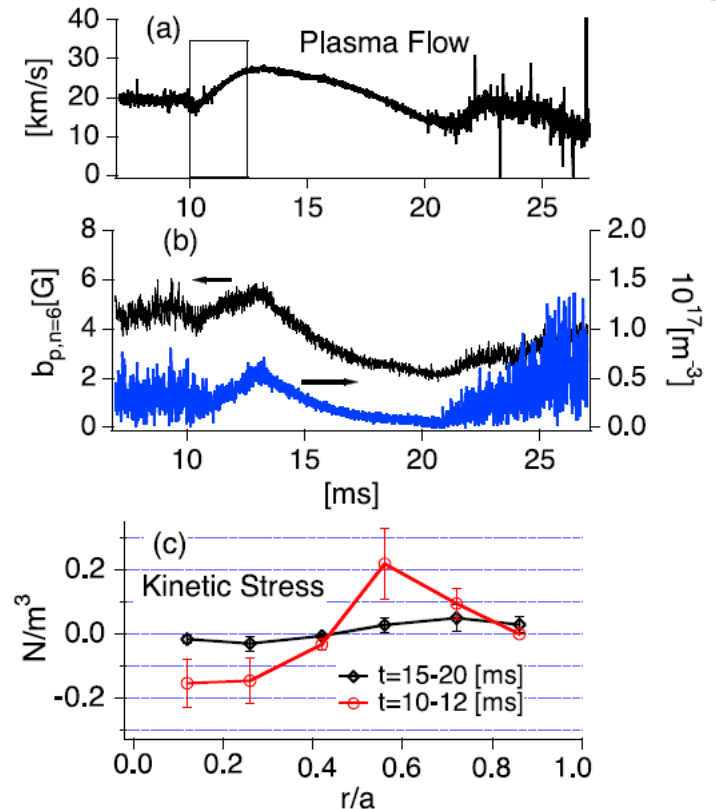
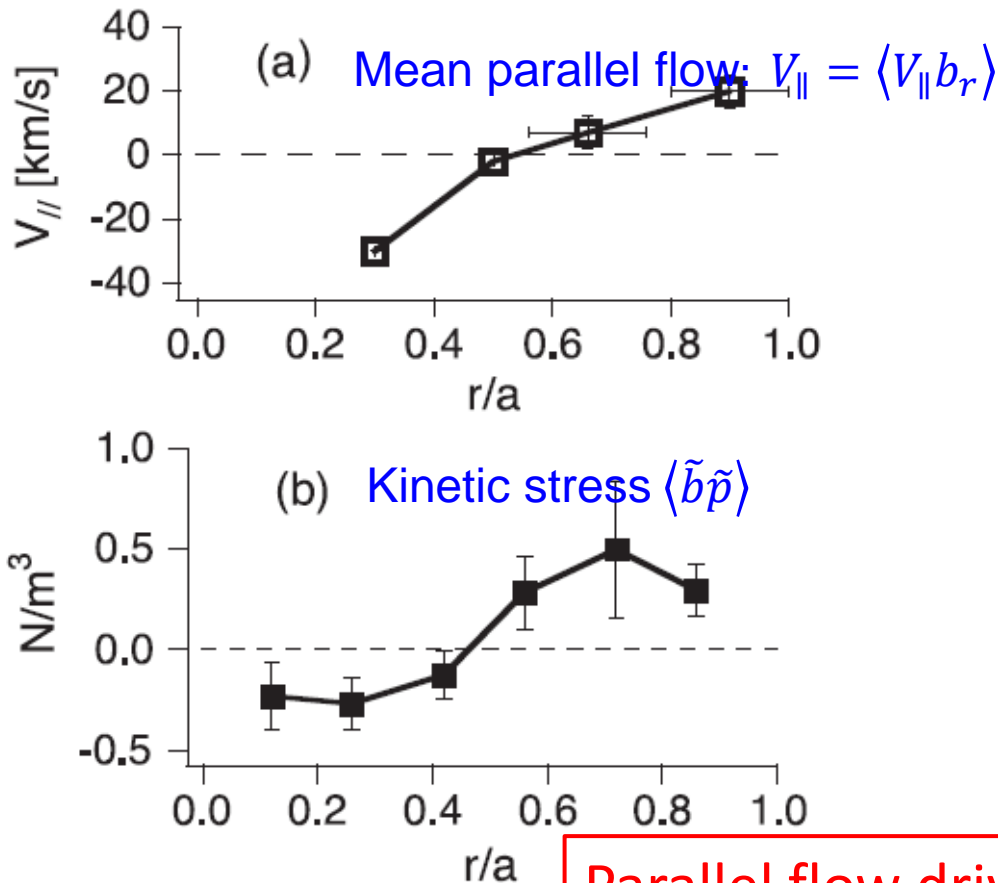
(Chen et al., PoP **28**, 042301 (2021))

- Kinetic stress is stochastic field-induced viscous stress → significant drag on rotation.
- Stochastic field reduces the toroidal Reynold stress and the effect is modest.

# Flow 4: Intrinsic rotation and kinetic stress

$$\partial_t \langle V_{\parallel} \rangle + \partial_r \langle \tilde{V}_r \tilde{V}_{\parallel} \rangle = -\frac{c_s^2}{\rho} \partial_x \langle b_r P \rangle$$

Kinetic stress  $\langle \tilde{b} \tilde{p} \rangle$   
 → affects momentum balance  
 and intrinsic rotation



Parallel flow driven by kinetic stress, balanced  
 by stochastic magnetic field induced diffusion

# Ion heat flux with stochastic field

- Heat flux induced by stochastic field :
  - $\chi_{i,neo} = \varepsilon^{-3/2} q^2 \rho_s^2 \nu_{ii}$
  - $\nu_{ii} = \frac{n_0 Z^4 e^4 \ln \Lambda}{\sqrt{3} 6 \pi \varepsilon_0^2 m_i^{1/2} T_{i0}^{3/2}}$
  - $\chi_{i,T} = \left( \frac{C_s^2 \tau_c}{1 + \alpha V_E'^2} \right) * I$   
 $\sim \chi_{GB} * I$
- The stochastic field affects ion heat flux

$$Q_{i,stoch} = \int V_{\parallel} \langle \tilde{B}_r \delta f \rangle (V_{\parallel}^2 + V_{\perp}^2) = - \frac{\partial \langle T_i \rangle}{\partial r} \sqrt{\chi_{\parallel,i} \chi_{\perp,i}} \langle \tilde{b}_r^2 \rangle l_{ac} k_{\perp}^{RMS}$$

$$\propto -v_{th,i} D_{M,eff} \frac{\partial \langle T_i \rangle}{\partial r}$$

✓ Important as threshold power is directly related to heat flux.

Direct effect on ion heat flux is finite but not so large ( $\langle \tilde{b}_r^2 \rangle l_{ac} k_{\perp} \ll 1$ ).

# Towards an expression for $\langle V_E \rangle'$

- From Ohm's law,  $\langle E_r \rangle$  and  $\langle J_r \rangle$  are related :

$$E_r = \frac{1}{enB} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} P_i + v_\phi B_\theta - v_\theta B_\phi.$$

$$\langle \tilde{J}_\parallel \tilde{B}_r \rangle \rightarrow \langle J_r \rangle \begin{cases} n_e \text{ via } \langle \tilde{b}_r J_\parallel \rangle \\ \langle V_\theta \rangle \text{ via } \langle J_r \rangle B_t \\ \langle V_\phi \rangle \text{ via } \langle J_r \rangle B_\theta \end{cases}$$

- Elements for  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$  shear:

$$\checkmark \quad n \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r Q_i) = S_H$$

Ion temperature

$$\checkmark \quad \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \Gamma_e) = S_p$$

Electron density

$$\checkmark \quad \langle V_\theta \rangle = V_{\theta,neo} + \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{B^2} \tau_c V_E' \frac{I}{1+\alpha V_E'^2} - \frac{B^2}{4\pi\rho} \tau_c' V_E' |\tilde{b}_r|^2 \right)$$

Poloidal flow

$$\checkmark \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle V_\phi \rangle |_{r_{sep}} = -\frac{1}{\chi_\phi} \int_0^{r_{sep}} S_M dr - \frac{V_{Ti}^2}{\beta \chi_\phi} \frac{B_\theta}{B} V_E' \tau_c' |\tilde{b}_r|^2 |_{r_{sep}}$$

Toroidal flow

$$\begin{aligned} \langle V_E \rangle' &= \frac{1}{eB} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle \nabla P_i / n \rangle - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle V_\theta \rangle + \frac{B_\theta}{B} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle V_\phi \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{eB} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \langle \nabla P_i / n \rangle - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ V_{\theta,neo} + \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{B^2} \tau_c V_E' \frac{I}{1+\alpha V_E'^2} - \frac{B^2}{4\pi\rho} \tau_c' V_E' |\tilde{b}_r|^2 \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{B_\theta}{B} \left[ -\frac{1}{\chi_\phi} \int_0^{r_{sep}} S_M dr - \frac{V_{Ti}^2}{\beta \chi_\phi} \frac{B_\theta}{B} V_E' \tau_c' |\tilde{b}_r|^2 |_{r_{sep}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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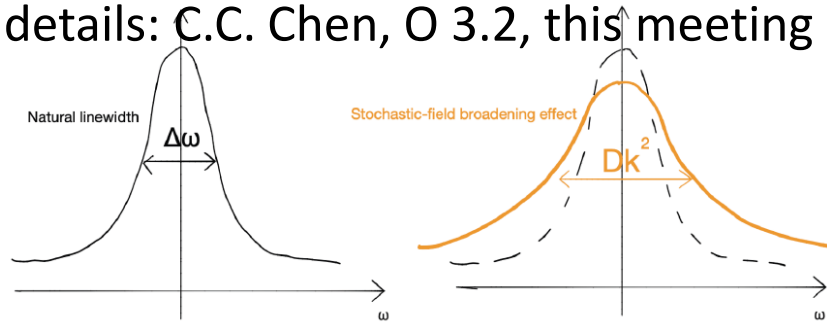
# Increment of LH threshold power

Concern:  $\Delta\omega < Dk_{\perp}^2$ ,  $D = v_A D_M$

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Turbulence decorrelation

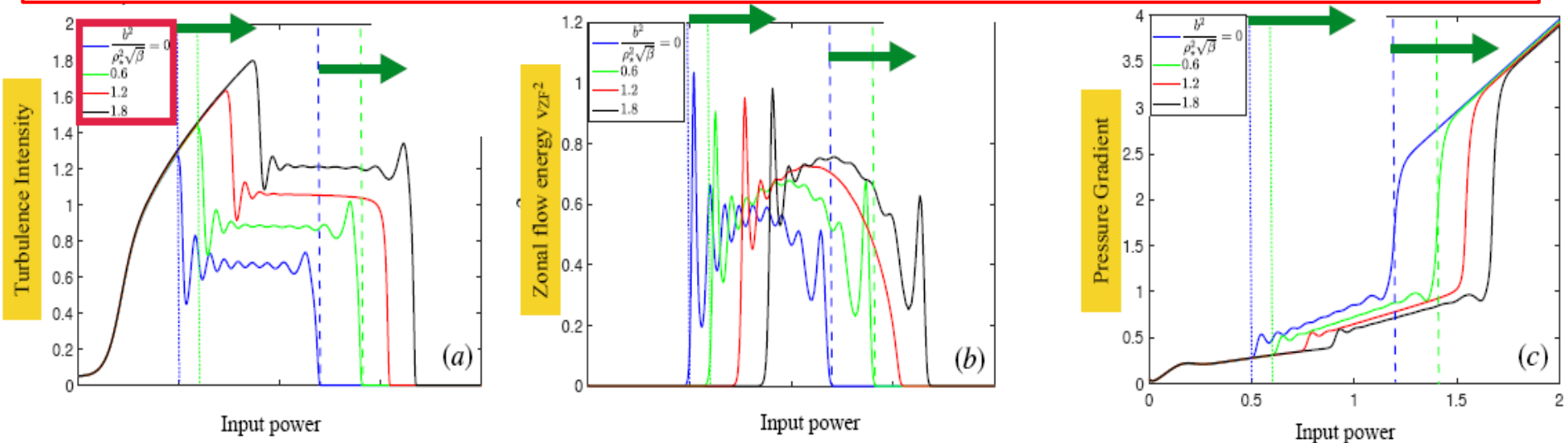
Stochastic field induced scattering



$$\Delta\omega \sim D_{ES} k_{\perp}^2$$

Broadening parameter:  $\alpha \equiv \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{\beta} \rho_*^2} \frac{q}{\epsilon} = 0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, \dots, 2.0$

Kim and Diamond model, 2003 PRL, predator: zonal flow, prey: turbulence



The threshold increase due to stochastic dephasing effect is seen in turbulence intensity, zonal flow, and pressure gradient.

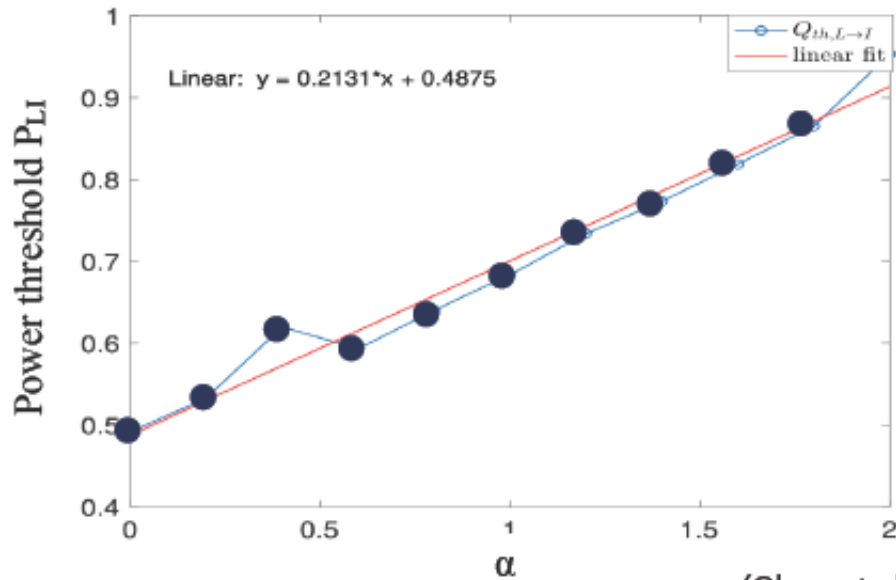


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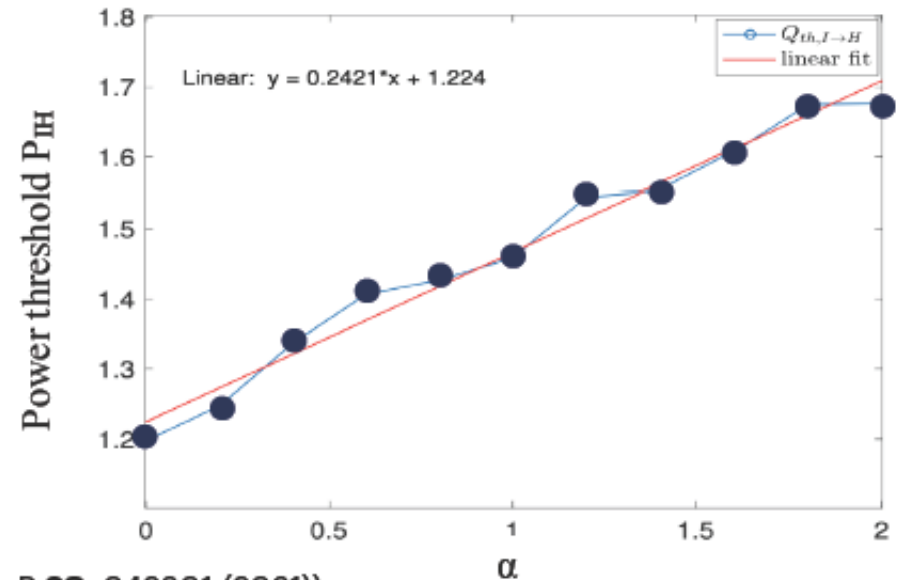
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$P_{LI}$  v.s.  $\alpha$



$P_{IH}$  v.s.  $\alpha$



(Chen et al., PoP **28**, 042301 (2021))

- ❑ Testable prediction: The threshold power increase linearly with  $\alpha \sim b^2 / \rho_*^2$ .
- ❑ Could compare directly with  $\Delta\omega$  ( $k_{\perp}^2 v_A D_M$ )

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# Results and implications

Topic	Goal	Key physical results	prediction
Reynold stress (C C Chen)	Flow shear evolution	Dephasing when $\Delta\omega \sim v_A D_M k_{\perp}^2$	Critical parameter $\alpha \sim b^2 / \rho_*^2 \sqrt{\beta}$
Parallel flow and ion heat transport (P.H. Diamond)	Calculate kinetic stress $\langle \tilde{b}_r \delta P \rangle$ in turbulence	Physical understanding of stochasticity-turbulence interaction	Hybrid stochastic field + turbulence viscosity
Instability evolution in stochastic field (M.Y. Cao)	Understand how prescribed $\tilde{b}$ affect instability evolution	Maintaining $\nabla \cdot J = 0$ forces generation of small scale cells by $\tilde{b}$	$\langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{\phi} \rangle \neq 0$ → turbulence “lock on” to $\tilde{b}$ .
Mean field theory for $\langle E_r \rangle$ (All)	Understand electric field shear evolution	Unified model including all transport channels	$\langle V_E \rangle'$ aligns stochastic field, particle flux due to $\tilde{b}$

# Future work

- ❑ Towards to the 1D model to study the interplay in L-H transition.
- ❑ Related to experiments:
  - ① Understand the relationship between the RMP effects on power threshold and micro-physics? [stress, fluctuations, transport... ]
  - ② How does the RMP change the evolution of the shear layer (Er well) ? How it builds up?
  - ③ How the **cross-phase** of Reynolds stress change (evolution) vs RMP current?
  - ④ How does the RMP change the **LCO**?
  - ⑤ How **toroidal velocity** change at pedestal region?
- ❑ Related work in density limit, esp. effect of RMP on Er shear

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**Thanks for your attention!!!**

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# Conclusion

Turbulence in stochastic field is important to many critical problems.

## Particle flux

- ✓ Ambipolarity breaking  $\Rightarrow \langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_\theta \rangle$ , contribute to  $\langle \mathbf{J}_r \rangle$ , phase set by  $\langle V_E \rangle'$
- ✓ Both **amplitude and profile** of  $|b_r|^2$  matter.

## Turbulence

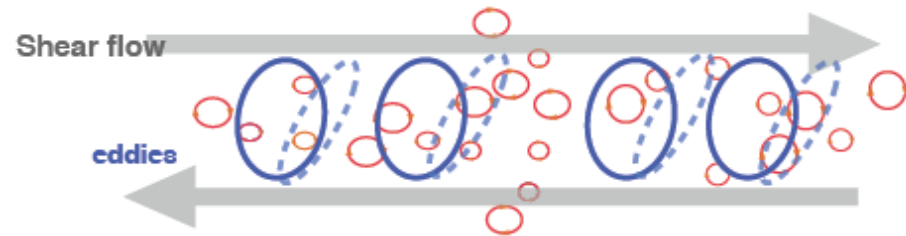
- ✓ To maintain  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$  at all scales for prescribed  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$  and instability  $\bar{\varphi}$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}$  (microscopic convective cells) generated by  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$ , yields a non-trivial  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{b}} \tilde{\varphi} \rangle$ , i.e., electrostatic turbulence 'locks on' to  $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$ .

## Momentum

- ✓  $V_E'$  phasing  $\Rightarrow$  stochastic  $\langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_\theta \rangle$  **opposes** turbulence  $\langle \tilde{V}_r \tilde{V}_\theta \rangle$ ,  
phase linked, counteracting  $V_\theta$
- ✓ Kinetic stress (residual stress) drive parallel flow (intrinsic rotation), which is balanced by turbulent  $\chi_\phi$
- ✓ Toroidal flow effects significant for low external torque.

# Conclusion and future work

- **Two effects opposes flow:**
  - **Dephasing effect** caused by stochastic fields reduces poloidal Reynolds stress (for  $\Delta\omega < Dk_{\perp}^2$ ,  $D=v_A D_M$ )
  - **introduce maxwell stress**  $\langle \tilde{b}_r \tilde{b}_{\theta} \rangle$
- $P_{LH}$  increased due to the Reynold stress dephasing, in proportion to the broadening parameter.



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# A limiting case (further reduced)

- Consider simple flow shear + fluctuations → predator-prey type model

$$\checkmark \text{ Flow: } \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = -\mu V - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ \langle V_\theta \rangle' \tau_c c_s^2 \left( \varepsilon_F - \frac{|\tilde{b}_r|^2}{\beta} \right) \right]$$

Flow damping

Fluctuation intensity

Stochastic field, Maxwell stress

- ✓ Fluctuation energy

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon_F}{\partial t} = \frac{\gamma \varepsilon_F}{1 + \alpha V_\theta'^2} - \sigma \varepsilon_F^2 \cong \gamma \varepsilon_F (1 - \alpha V_\theta'^2) - \sigma \varepsilon_F^2$$

- Follow P. H. Diamond (1994) →

- ✓ Slave fluctuation to flow shear
- ✓ 0D: identify edge length scale

# A limiting case, cont'd

- Slave fluctuation to flow shear:

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon_F}{\partial t} = -\mu \varepsilon_F + \frac{\varepsilon_F}{L^2} \left[ \frac{\gamma/\sigma}{1 + \alpha V_\theta'^2} - \frac{|\tilde{b}_r|^2}{\beta} \right] \tau_c c_s^2$$

Reynolds stress drive      Maxwell stress

- For steady state and fixed point, get simplified flow shear

$$V_\theta'^2 = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left[ \frac{\frac{\tau_c c_s^2}{L^2} \gamma/\sigma}{\mu + \frac{|\tilde{b}_r|^2}{\beta L^2} \tau_c c_s^2} - 1 \right]$$

- ✓ Growth rate  $\gamma \sim \nabla P \Rightarrow$  onset of flow shear
- ✓ Maxwell stress adds to damping

- ✓ Flow shear threshold is increased by stochastic field
- ✓ Layer width sets minimal L
- ✓ Likely a trigger of L→H transition at boundary of stochastic region?!