

# Dissipation in the turbulent ISM

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# Molecules, magnetic fields and Intermittency in coSmic Turbulence


*Following the energy trail...*



(a beach in the Maldives)

Bioluminescence in waves: plankton highlights  
Strong shear change

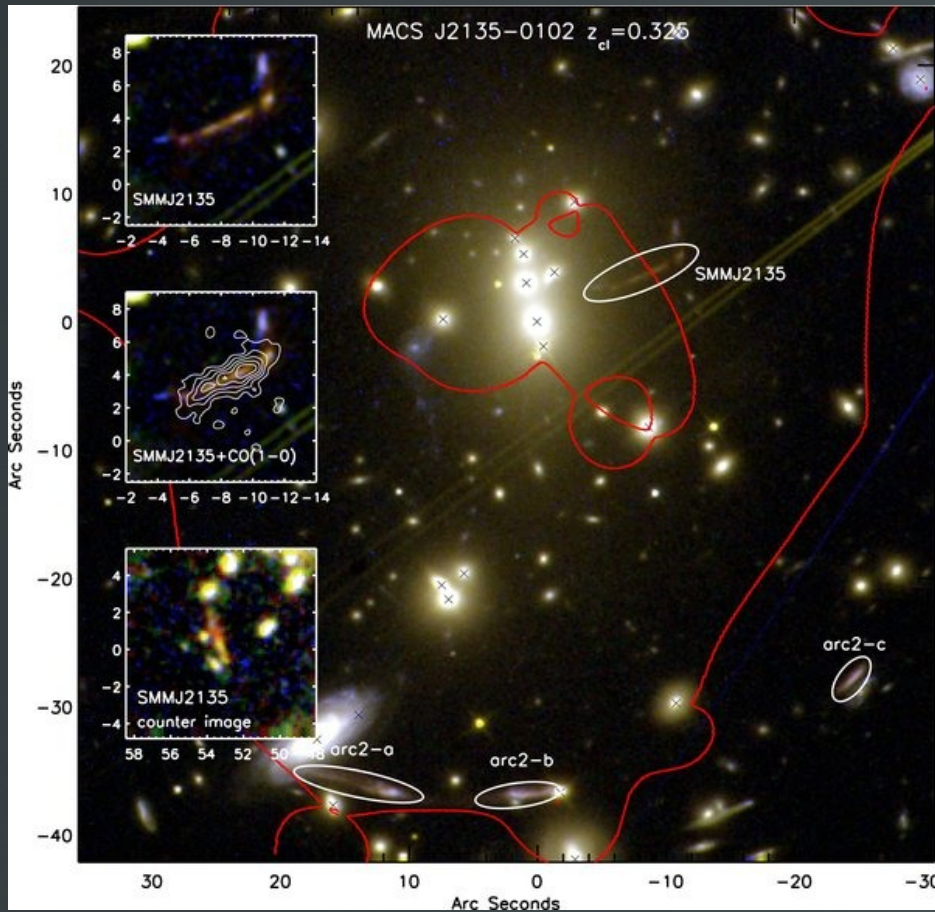
# MISTy questions

- Origin of molecules in dilute and violent media ?
    - CO observed in diffuse irradiated media
    - Warm H<sub>2</sub>
    - extragalactic and galactic CH<sup>+</sup>
  - Origin of the clumpy structure of the cold ISM ?
  - Origin and Structure of the B field, its link with matter ?
  - ↔ MHD turbulence dissipation (energy is dissipated in localised structures which affect the chemistry and magnetic fields)
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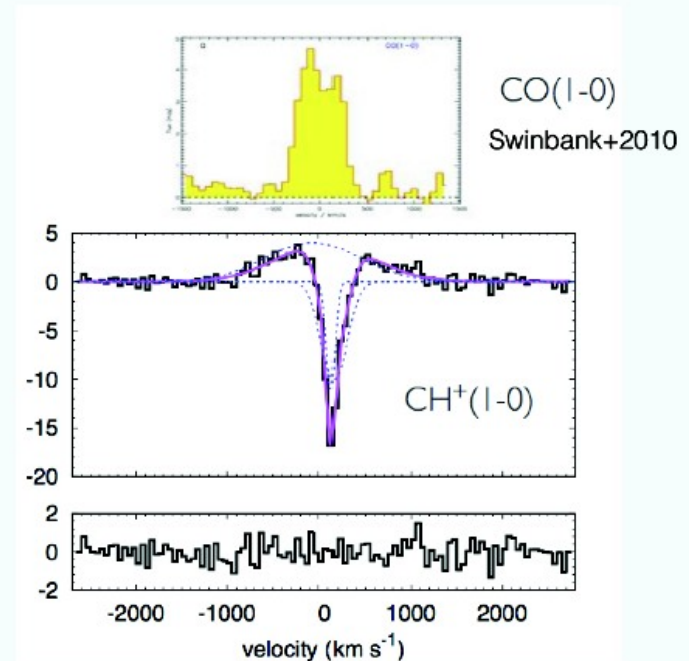
# The blink of the cosmic eyelash

A galaxy seen through a gravitational lense



Swinbank+2010  
Redshift  $z=2.33$

## Cosmic Eyelash



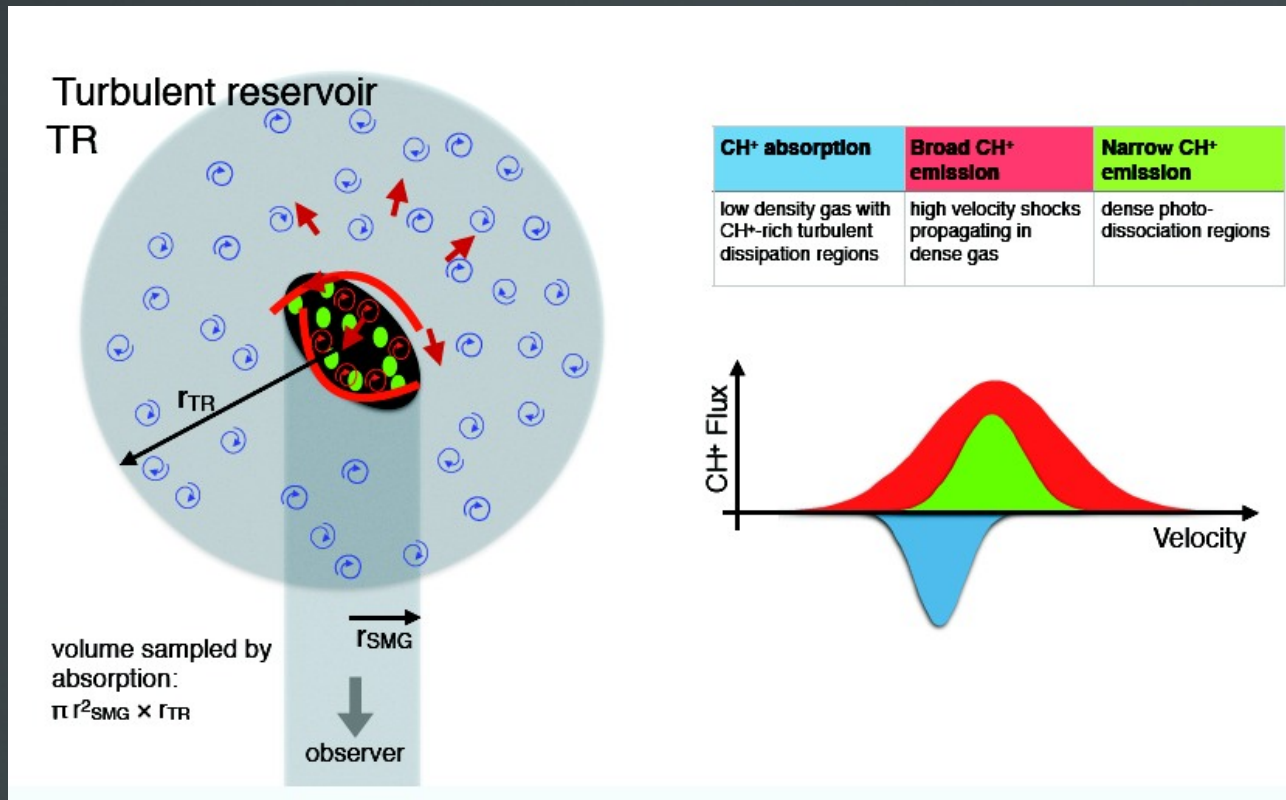
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# Observational Context

- Broad lines of CH<sup>+</sup> in emission and absorption in high-*z* galaxies (Falgarone+17 Nature, 548, 430)
- Molecular emission in colliding galaxies (Stefan's Quintet)
- Molecular emission hints at very dense and cool, probably clumpy media
- Broad lines: equipartition between large scale thermal energy ( $10^7$  K) and kinetic energy of dense cool gas.



# The blink of the cosmic eyelash

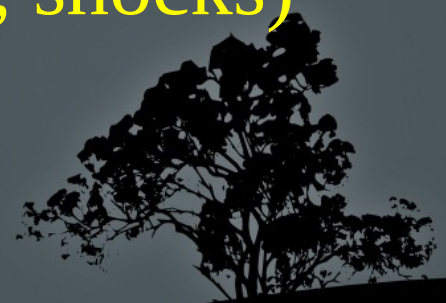


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# Interpretation in MIST

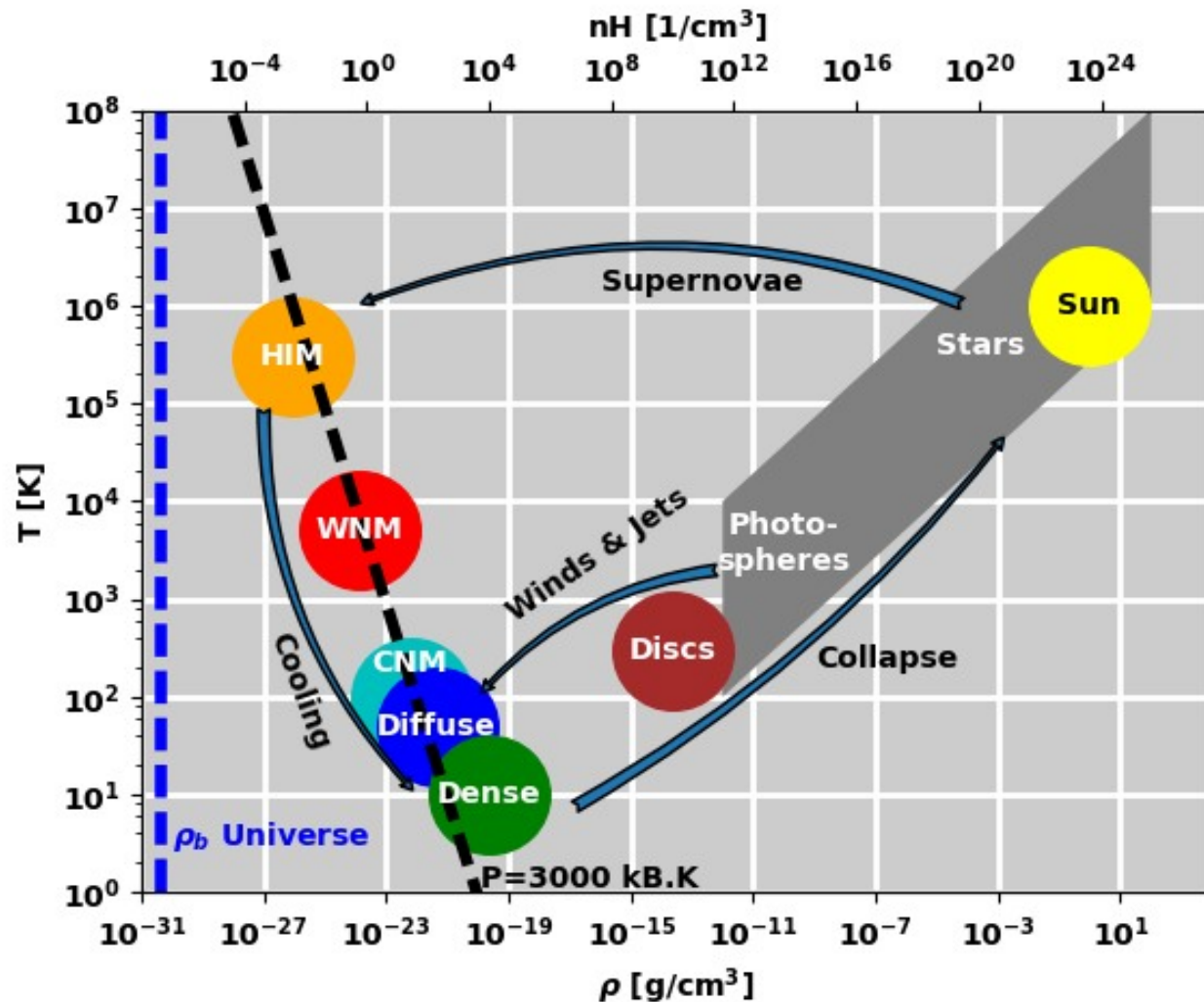
## The energy trail(s)

- Large scale energy is transferred to smaller scales by turbulent cascade (stretching and compression) and by cooling cascade (condensation)
- The cooling cascade proceeds with a phase separation. How is kinetic energy shared between phases ?
- Energy is radiated in bursty dissipative structures
- Molecules are produced and excited by these dissipative structures (e.g. vortex, shocks)





# The phases of the ISM





# Typical values

- Huge dynamical range of length scales,
- but not so big for velocity
- Reynolds number:  $U \times L$  / dissipation coefficient

	HIM	WNM	CNM	Diffuse	Dense	Discs	Sun
Density $\rho$ [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	0.004	0.6	30	200	$10^4$	$10^{10}$	$1 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$
Temperature $T$ [K]	$3 \cdot 10^5$	5000	100	50	10	300	$10^6$
Length scale $L$ [pc]	100	50	10	3	0.1	200 AU	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ AU
Velocity $U$ [ $\text{km.s}^{-1}$ ]	10	10	10	3	0.1	0.1	1
$\mathcal{M}$	0.2	2	13	7	0.5	0.1	0.02
$\mathcal{M}_G$	130	20	15	6	0.8	0.08	0.003
$\mathcal{R}$	$10^2$	$10^5$	$10^7$	$10^7$	$10^6$	$10^9$	$10^{17}$
$\mathcal{R}_m$	$10^{21}$	$10^{20}$	$10^{18}$	$10^{17}$	$10^{15}$	$10^9$	$10^{10}$
$\mathcal{R}_{AD}$	$10^3$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^3$	$10^4$	$10^5$	$10^{20}$
Ionisation fraction	1	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-7}$	1
Mass per ion [amu]	1	1	12	12	12	24	1
$1/10 \times N_e B_z$ [ $10^{19} \text{cm}^{-2} 3 \mu\text{G}$ ]	0.12	0.09	0.009	0.01	0.02	0.2	$3 \times 10^{15}$
$1/10 \times N_e$ [ $10^{19} \text{cm}^{-2}$ ]	0.05	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	$10^3$	$10^{27}$

# Dissipation in decaying turbulence (incompressible runs)

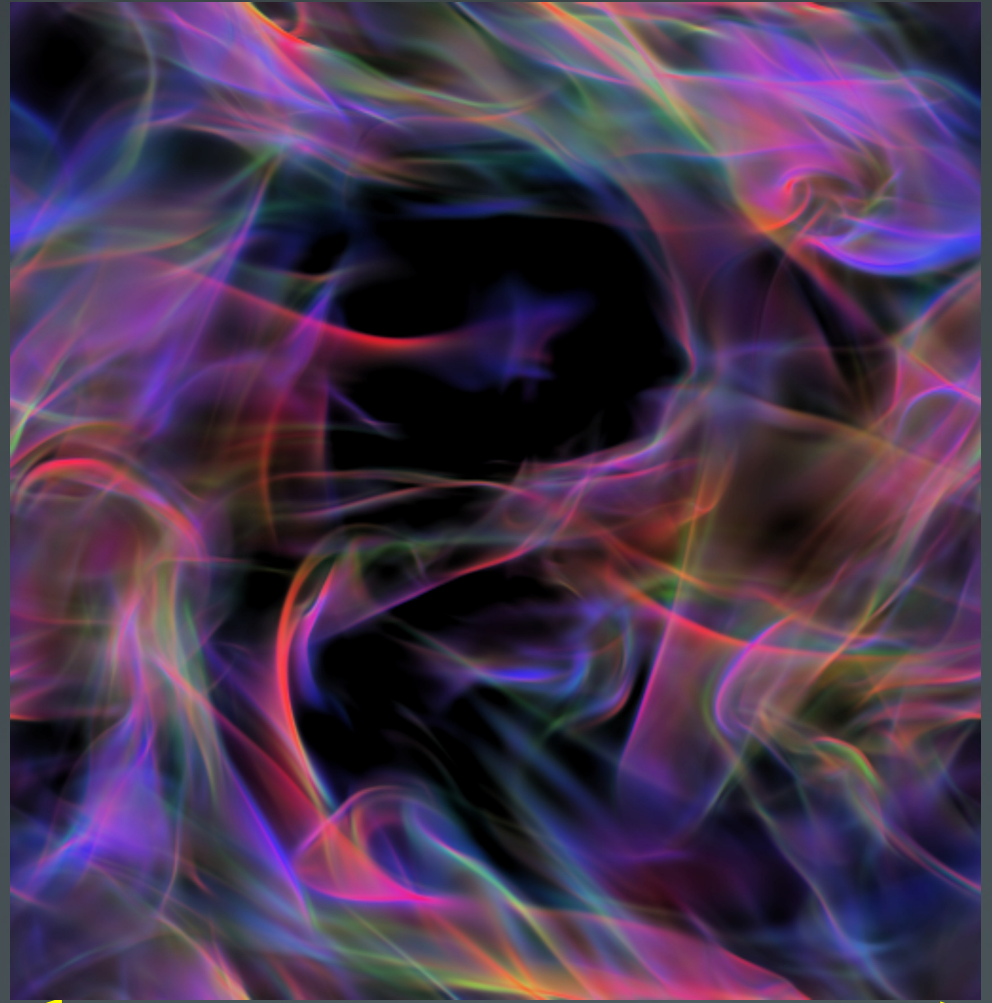
$$n_H \sim 100/\text{cm}^3$$

$$\langle u^2 \rangle \sim \langle b^2 / \rho \rangle$$

$$\text{Re} = LU/\nu \sim 2 \cdot 10^7 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\text{Re}_m = LU/\eta \sim 2 \cdot 10^{17} \cdot 10^3$$

$$\text{Re}_{AD} = L/U/t_{AD} \sim 10^2$$



Line of sight integrated dissipation:

$$\epsilon_{\text{diss}} = \nu \rho S_{ij}[u] \partial_i u_j + \eta |\nabla \times B|^2 + F_{in} |u - v|^2$$

~1 pc

(Momferratos PhD thesis:  $512^3$  spec. elts  
Incompressible simulations by ANK, pseudo-spectral code with AD)

# Giorgos' PhD:

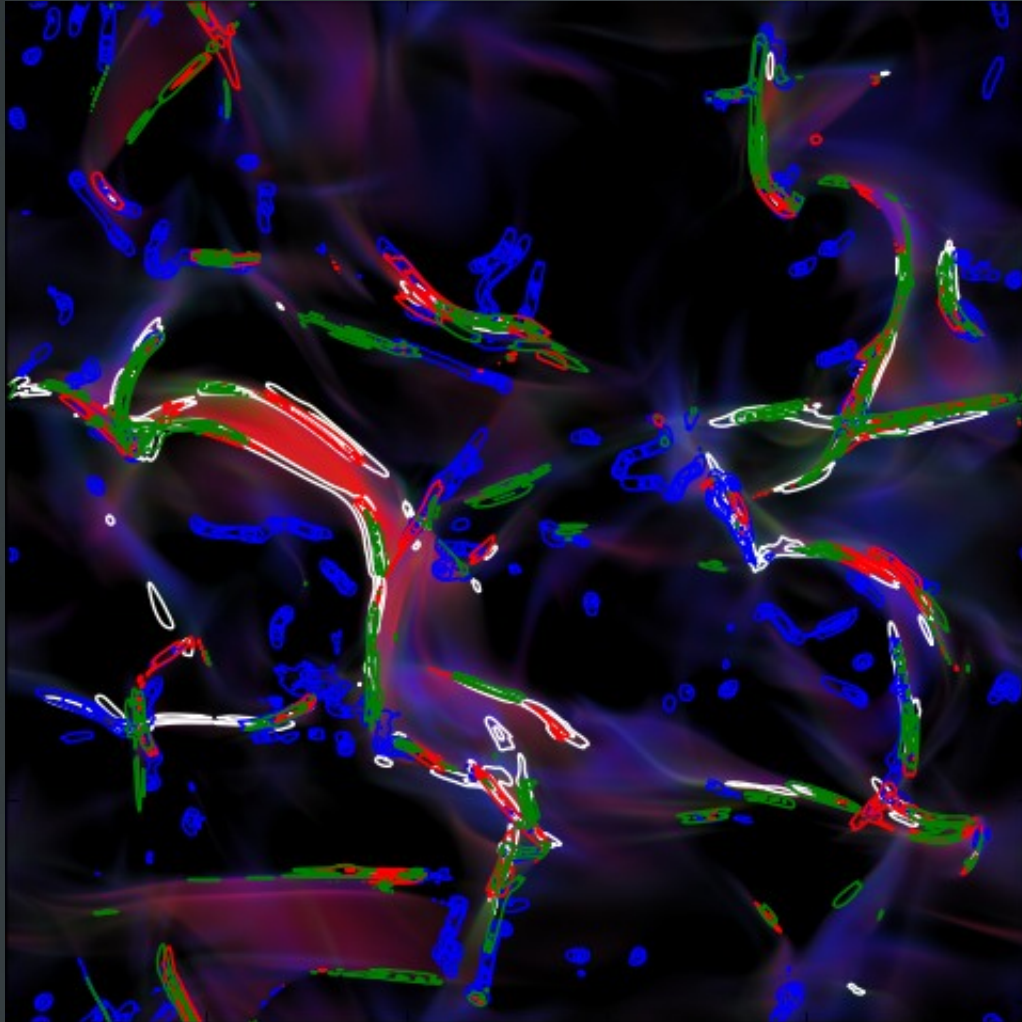
## Decaying Incompressible MHD + AD

- Dissipation localised on sheets, structure extraction
- Measured statistics of dissipative structures (PDFs and correlation between characteristic prop.<sup>ties</sup>)
- Each sheet is 'pure' in its dissipation nature: viscous, ohmic or ambipolar heating
- Correlations between dissipation proj. and increments
- Initial conditions matter a lot
- B field orientation is not random w.r.t. to dissipation in slices
- A.D. Forces  $j \times b = 0$  from small scales towards large



# Observable increments vs. dissipation

Lbox / 2



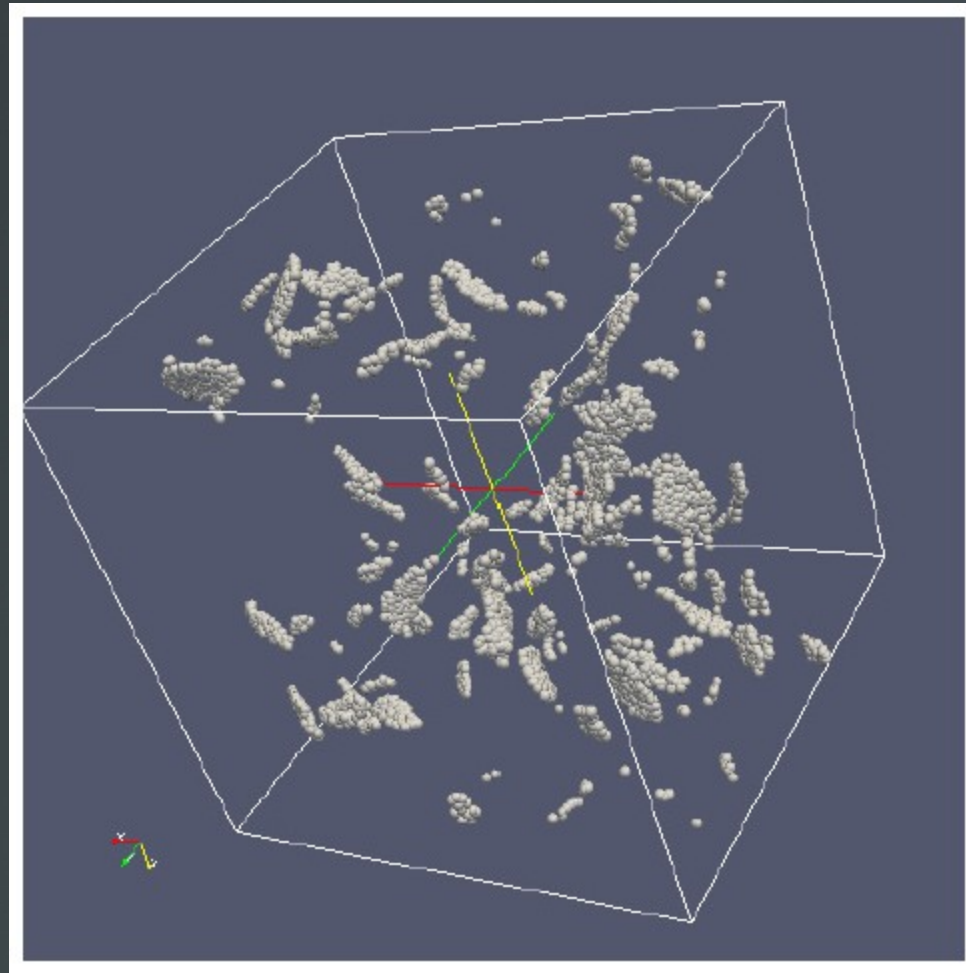
- Background:  
*Dissipation rates*  
**Ohmic** **Viscous** **AD**
- Contours:  
*Increments of integrated observables:*
  - **LOS velocity (white)**
  - **Stokes Q (green)**
  - **Stokes U (red)**
  - **POS polarisation angle (blue)**

**NOTE:** *increment of polarisation angle (blue contours) are less correlated to dissipation. Better use Q,U.*

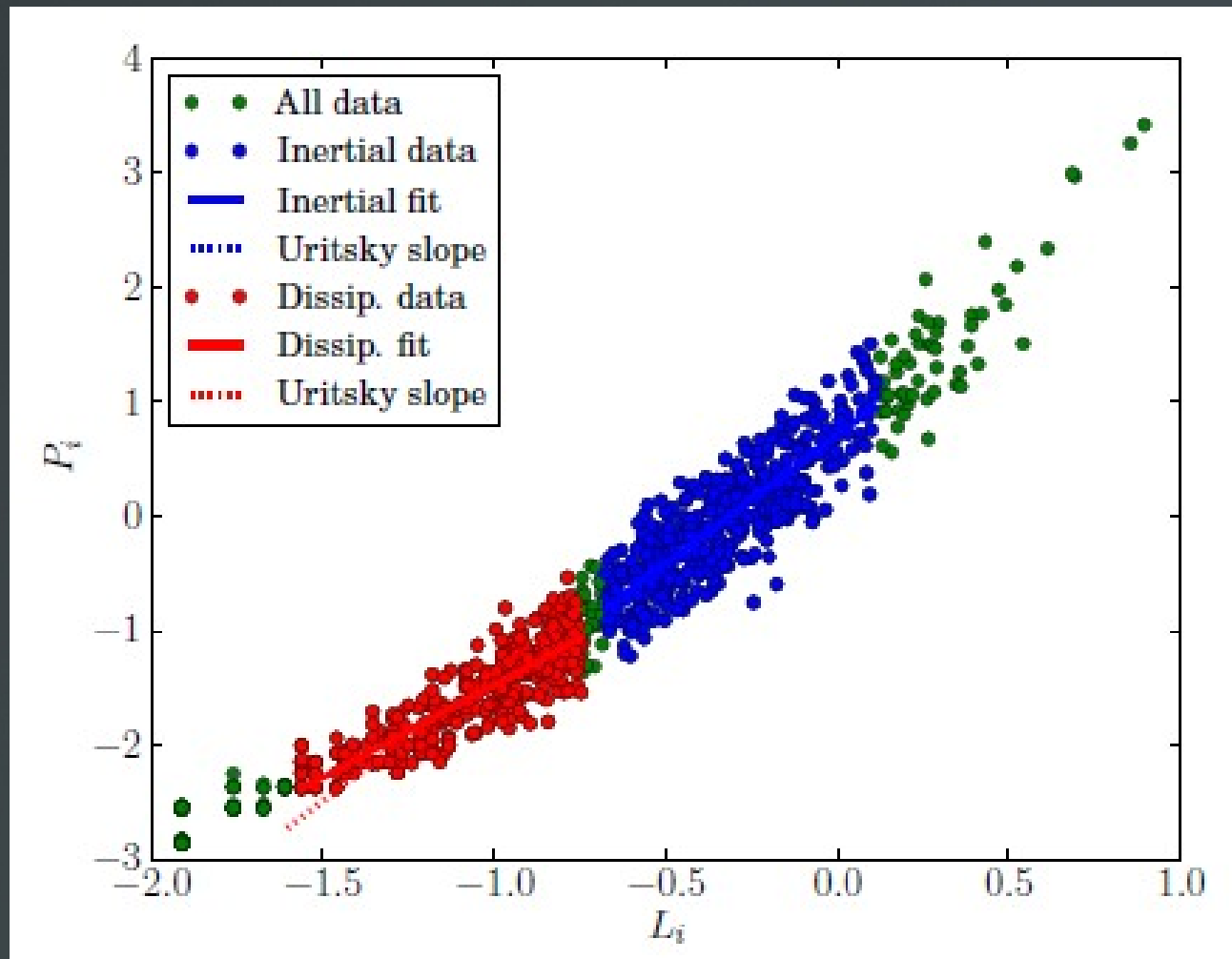




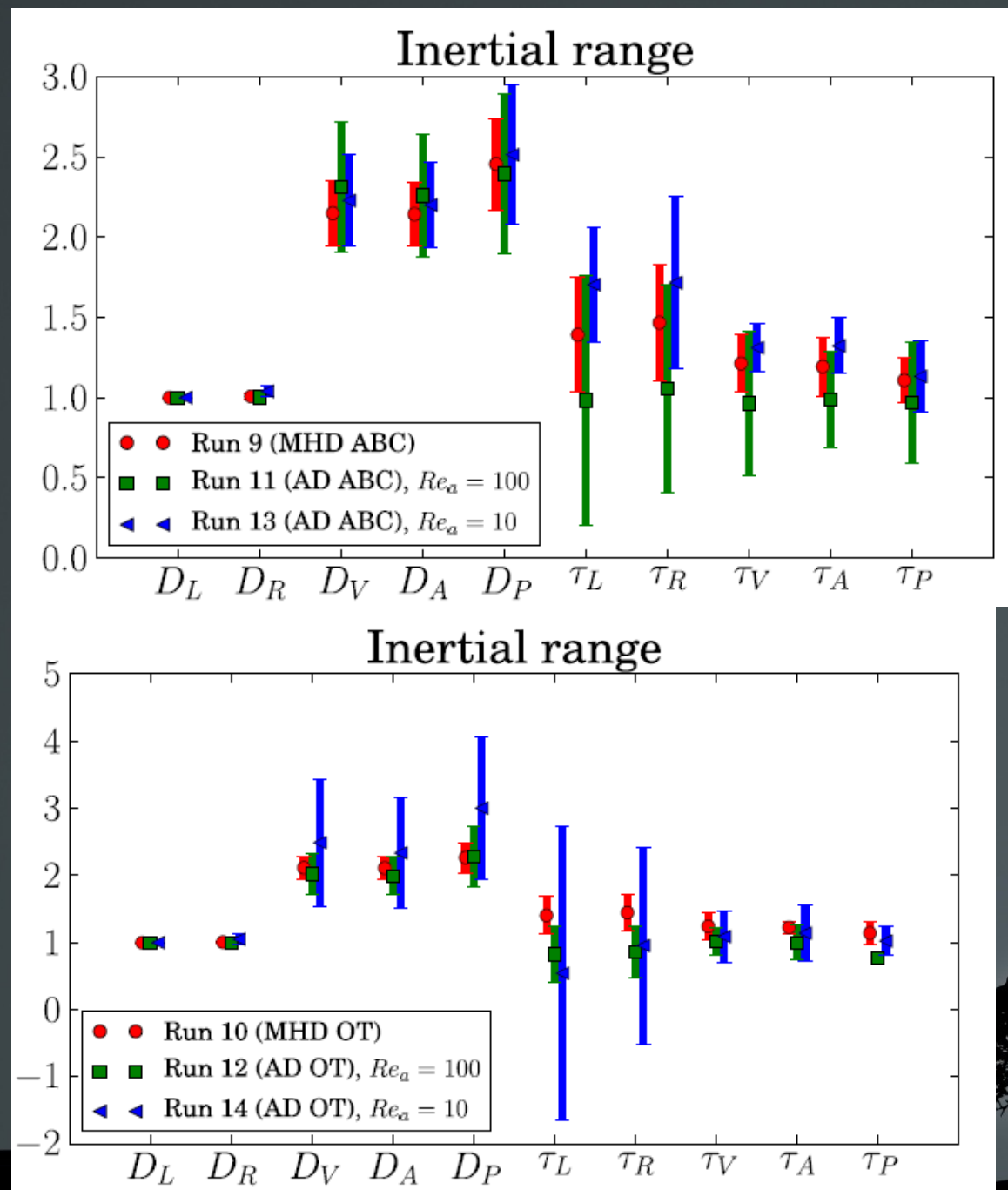
# Dissipative structures (locii of intense dissipation, $> \mu + 2\sigma$ )



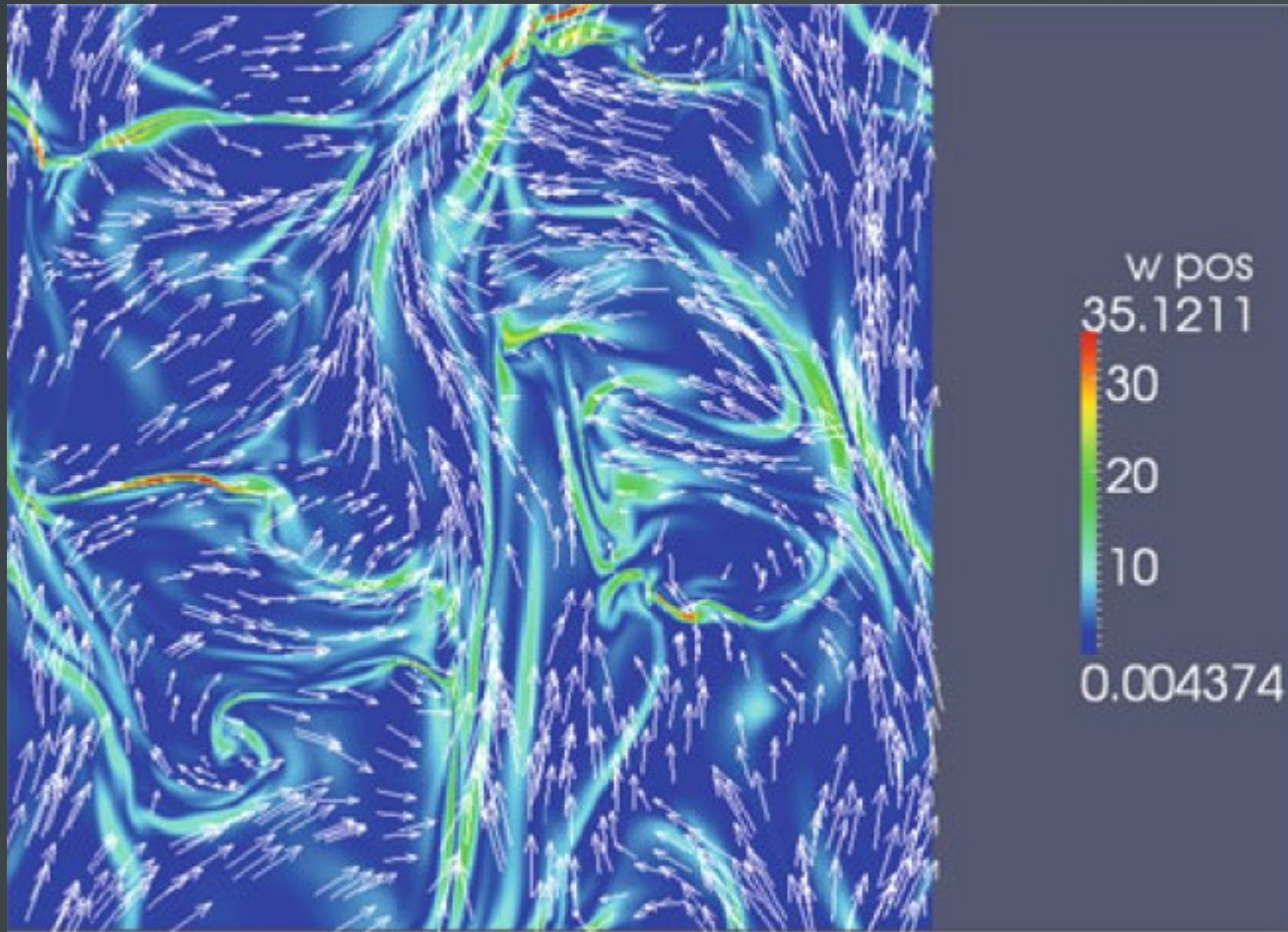
# Structure statistics (one example)



# Initial conditions matter



# Slice of $B(p.o.s.)$ and $|\text{curl}(u)|$ relative orientation not random





# $\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} \sim 0$ with ambipolar diffusion

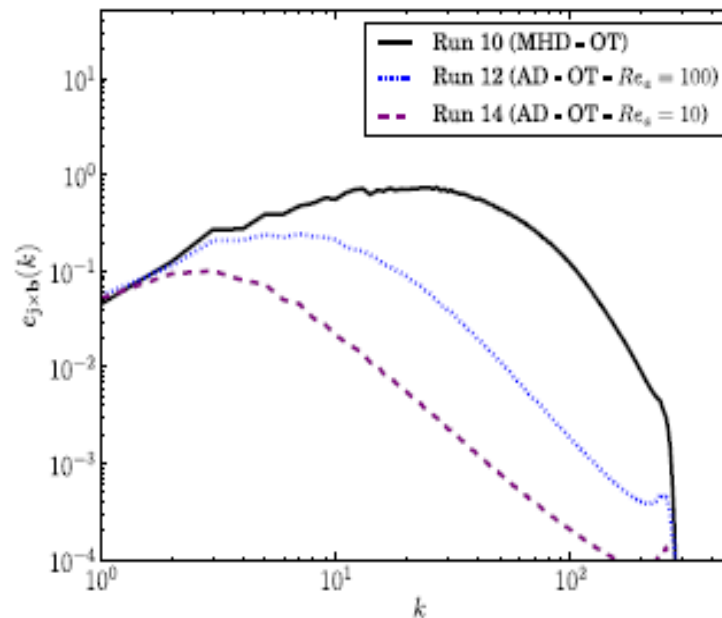


Figure 4.6: Power spectra of  $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{b}$  for high resolution runs 10,12 and 14. The field becomes force-free at small scales when the strength of the AD is increased.

**Ques:** does this mean that at small scales, Hydrodynamic turbulence prevails ?  
And Bfield is force-free ( $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{b} = 0$ ), independent ?

Maybe not: induction equation must be compatible with force-free.

# Simulations of decaying turbulence.

Compressible: Isothermal 3D MHD (Mach 4, ABC)

~1 pc

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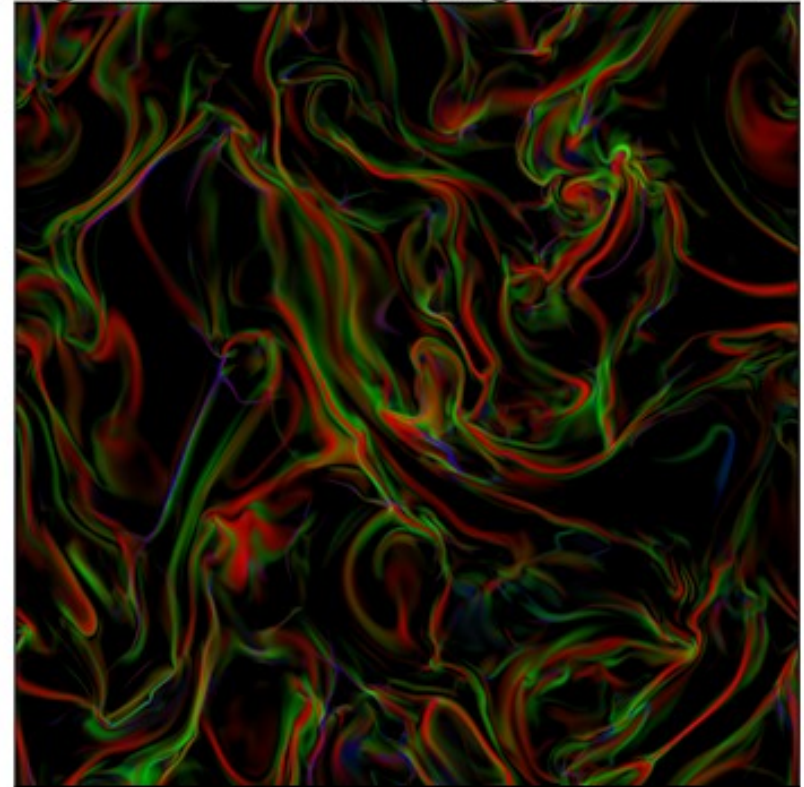
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( $1020^3$  pixels)

Heating nature in decaying MHD turbulence



**Red: Ohmic heating**

**Blue:  $\frac{4}{3} \nu \text{div}(\mathbf{u})^2$  Green:  $\nu \text{curl}(\mathbf{u})^2$**

(Momferratos PhD thesis:

DUMSES simulations with careful treatment of viscous and resistive dissipation)

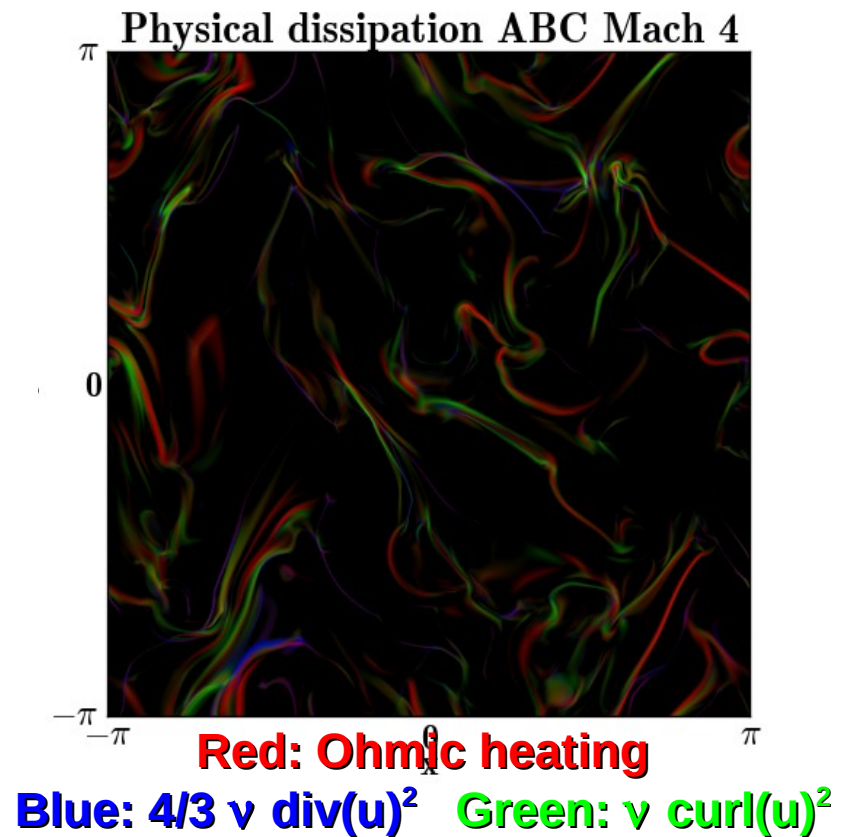
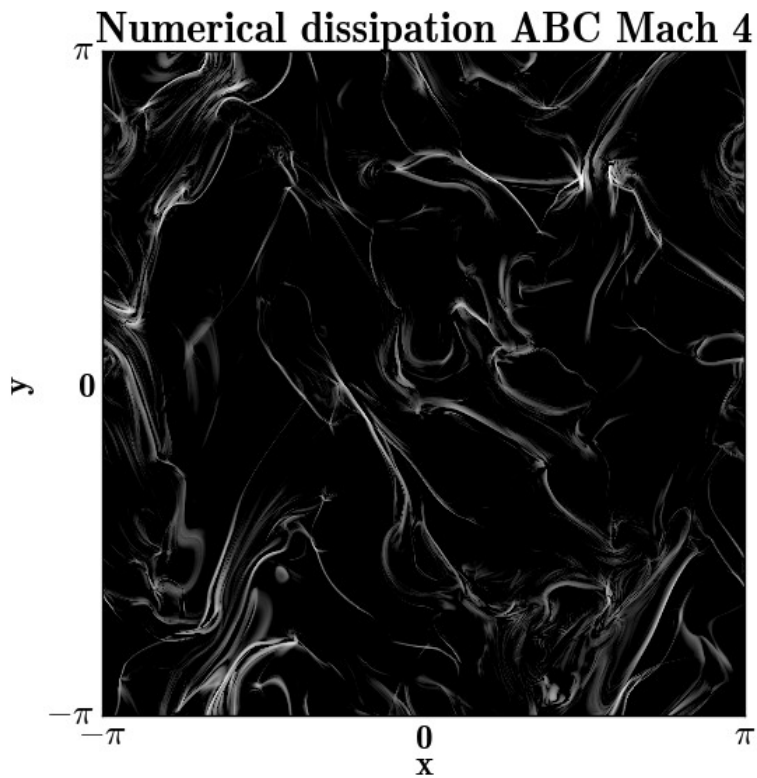
# Thibaud's Internship (& PhD)

## Decay Compressible MHD (no AD)

- Nature of dissipation is mixed
- [grid => need to recover dissipation from grid]
- B field // dissipative structures in 3D  
(but not in projection)
- Dissipation is dominated by low convergence



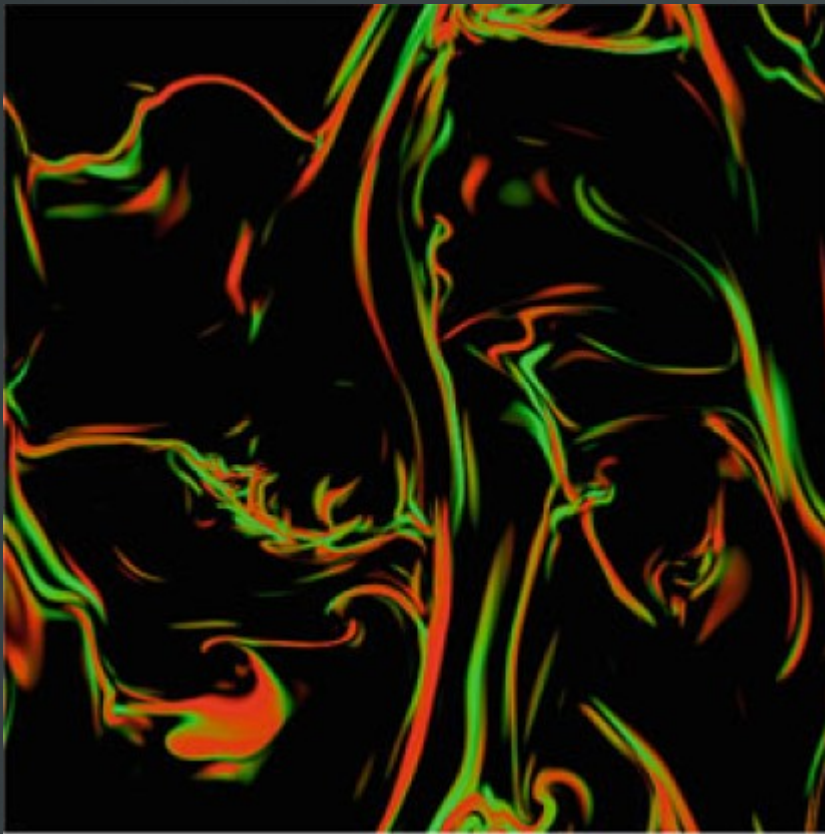
# Grid Dissipation



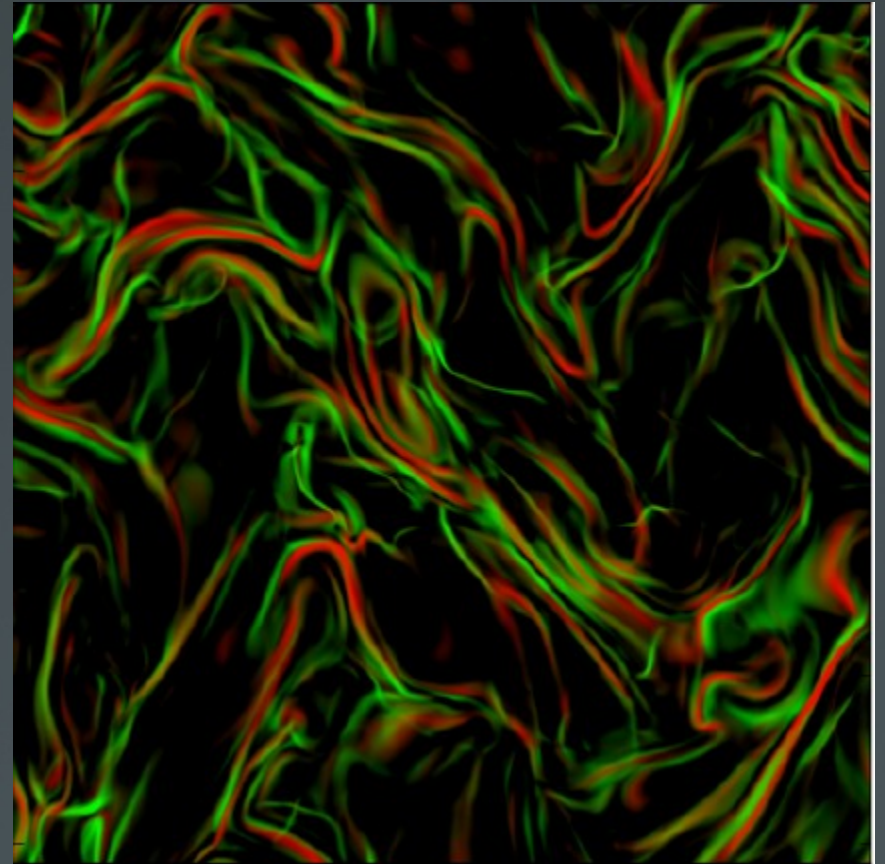
Need to estimate *numerical* dissipation  
to recover the properties of the *total* dissipation



Now **ohmic** and **viscous** dissipation  
are mixed



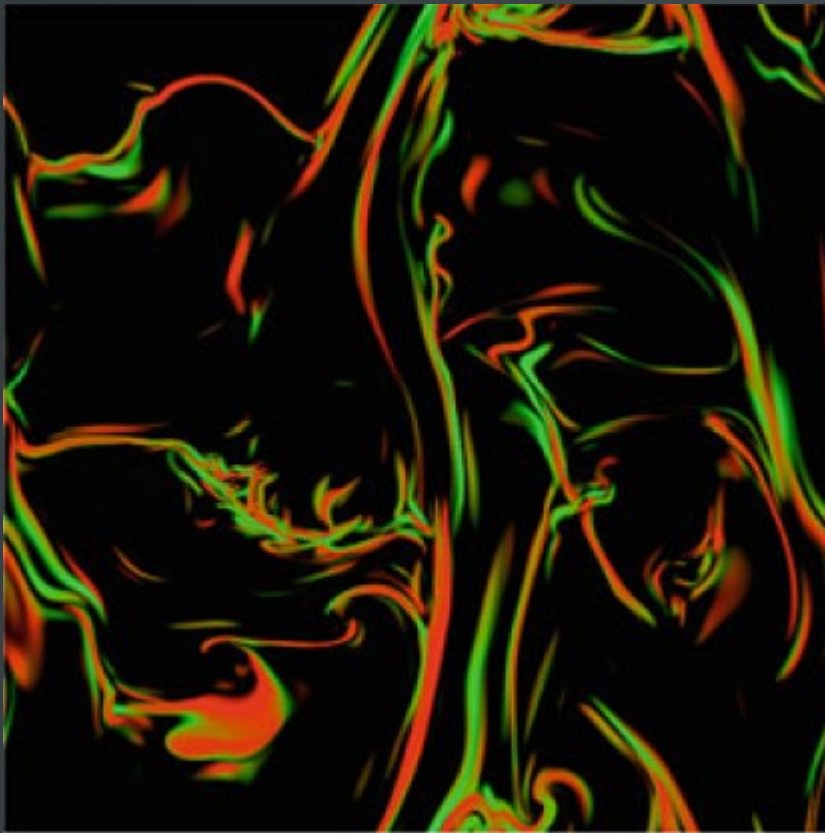
**Mach 0**



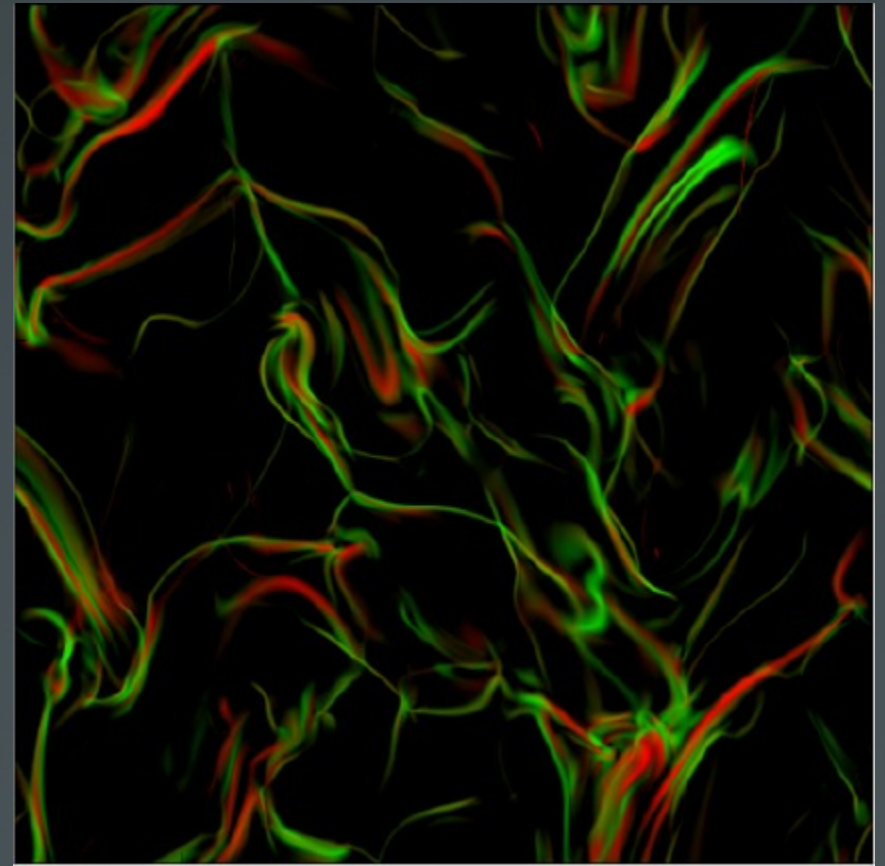
**Mach 1**



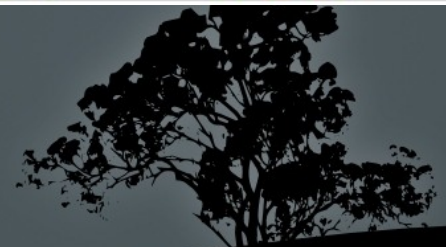
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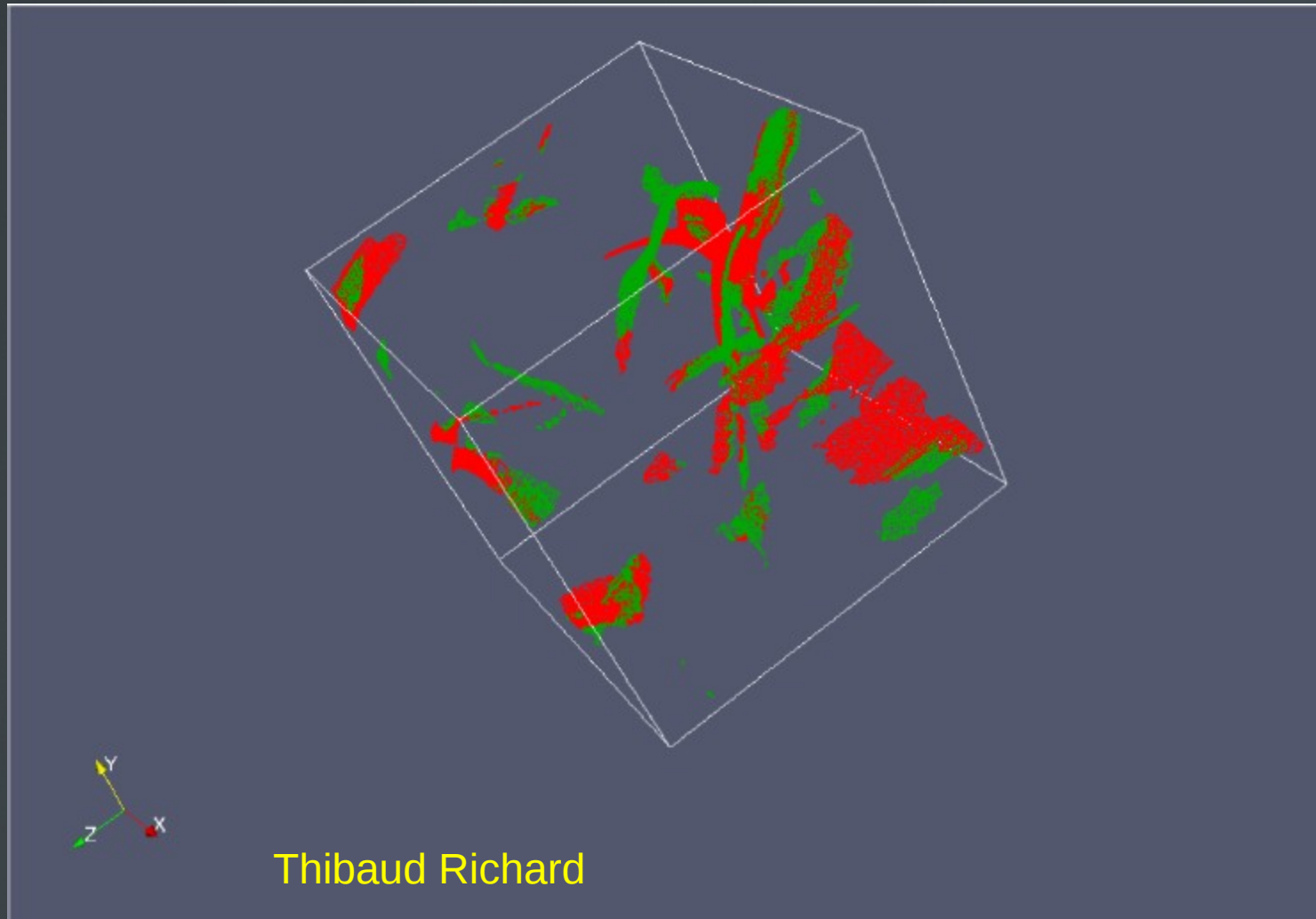
**Mach 0**



**Mach 4**



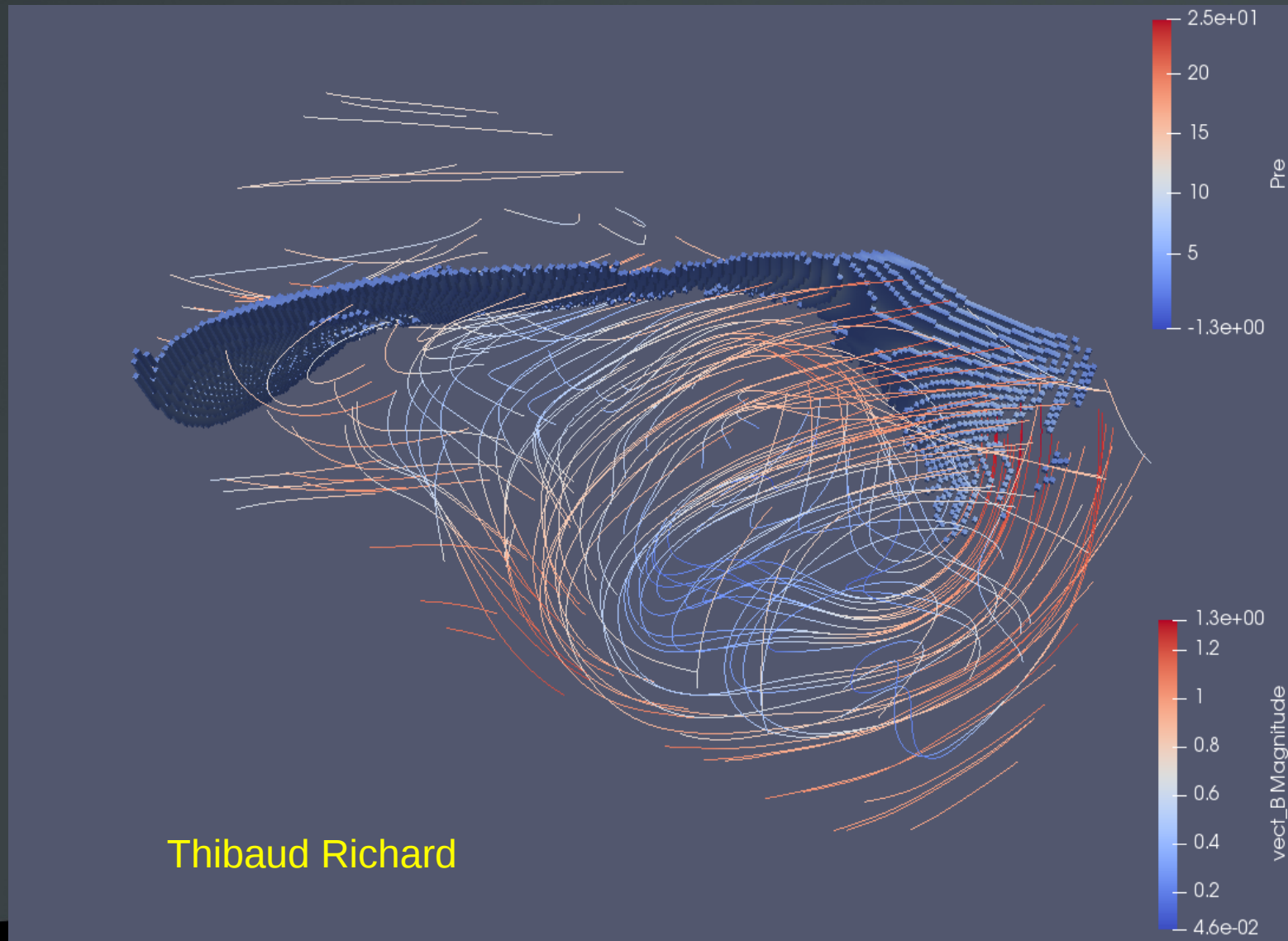
# Viscous and Ohmic dissipation





# Dissipative structures extraction

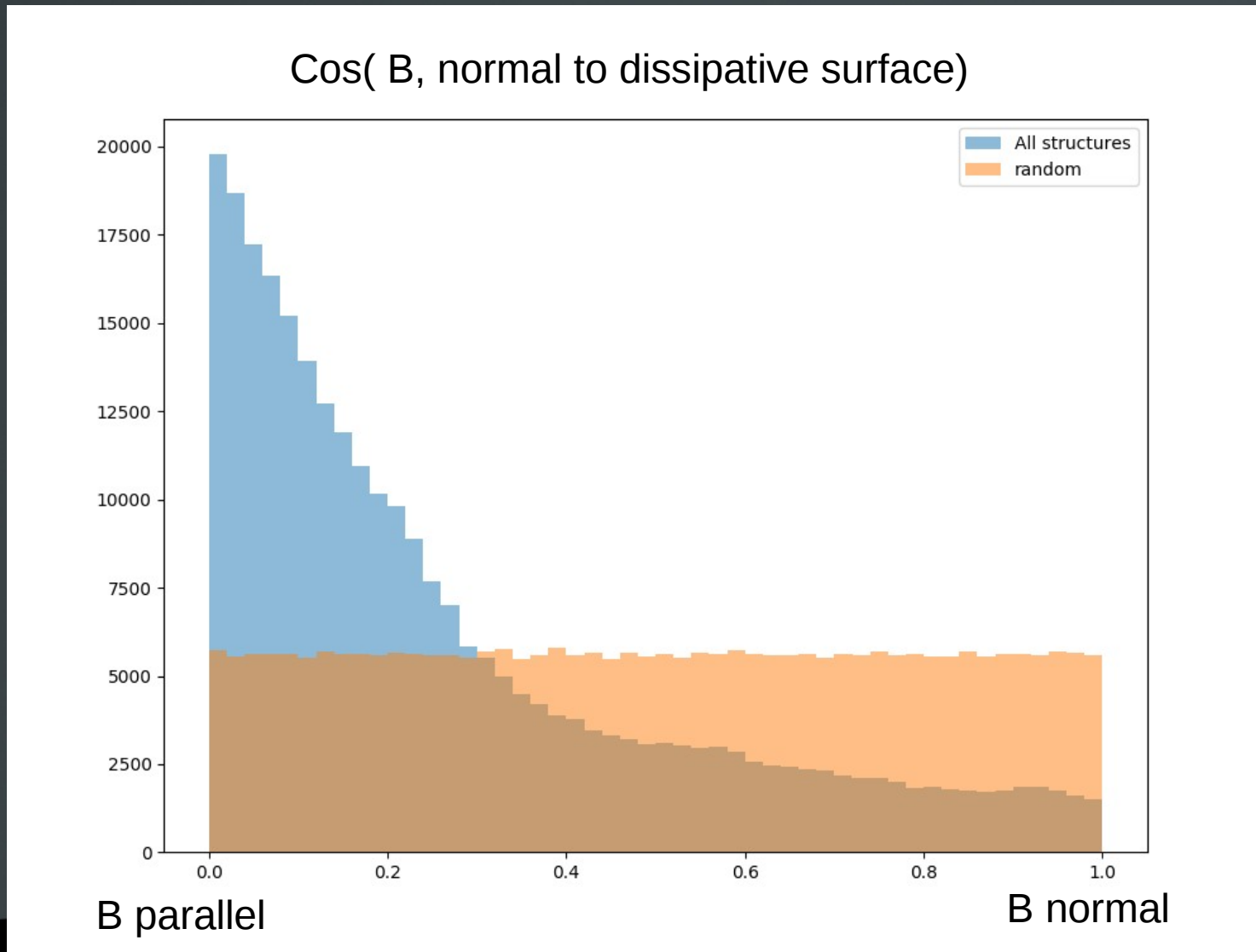
Find connected sets where dissipation  $> \text{mean} + 2.\text{std}$





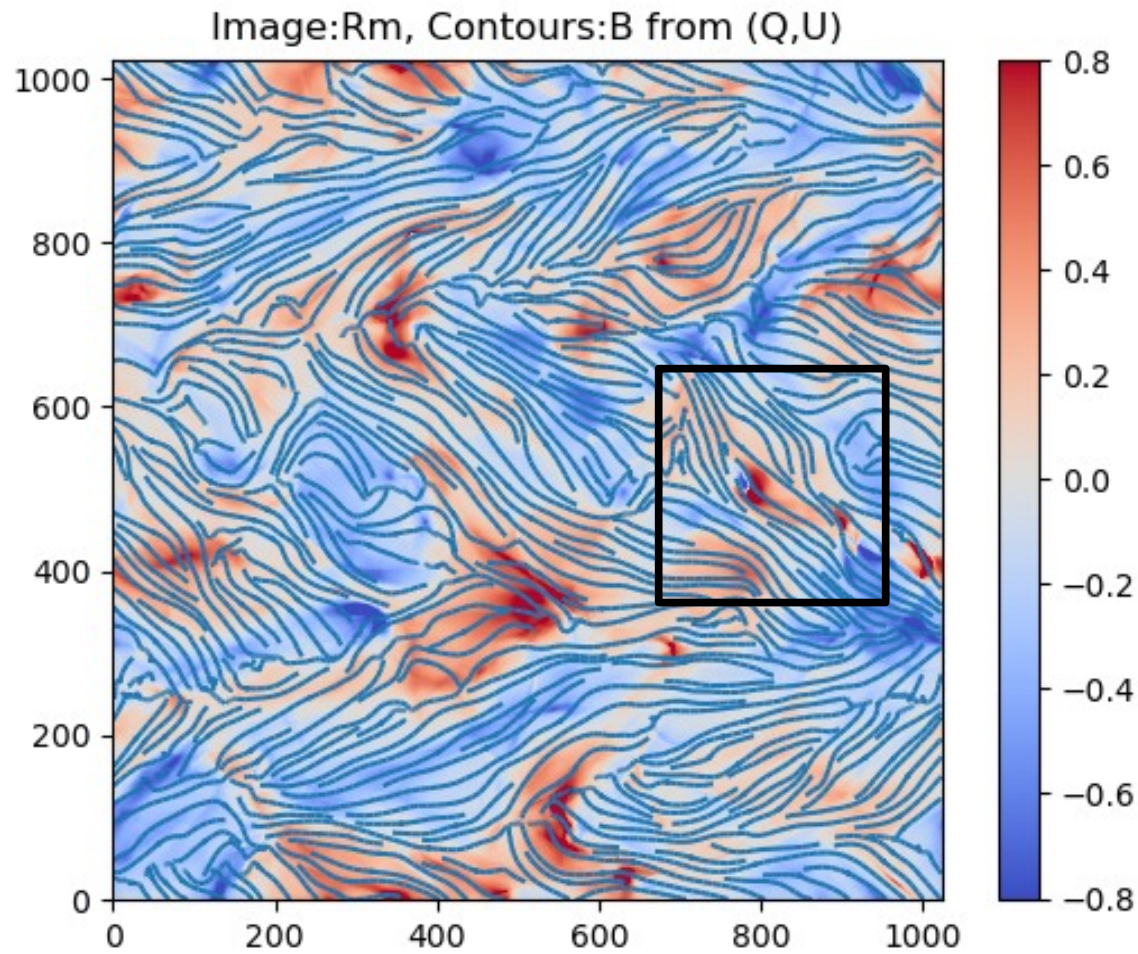
# B field is mostly parallel to structures

Thibaud Richard



# Projection over simulations

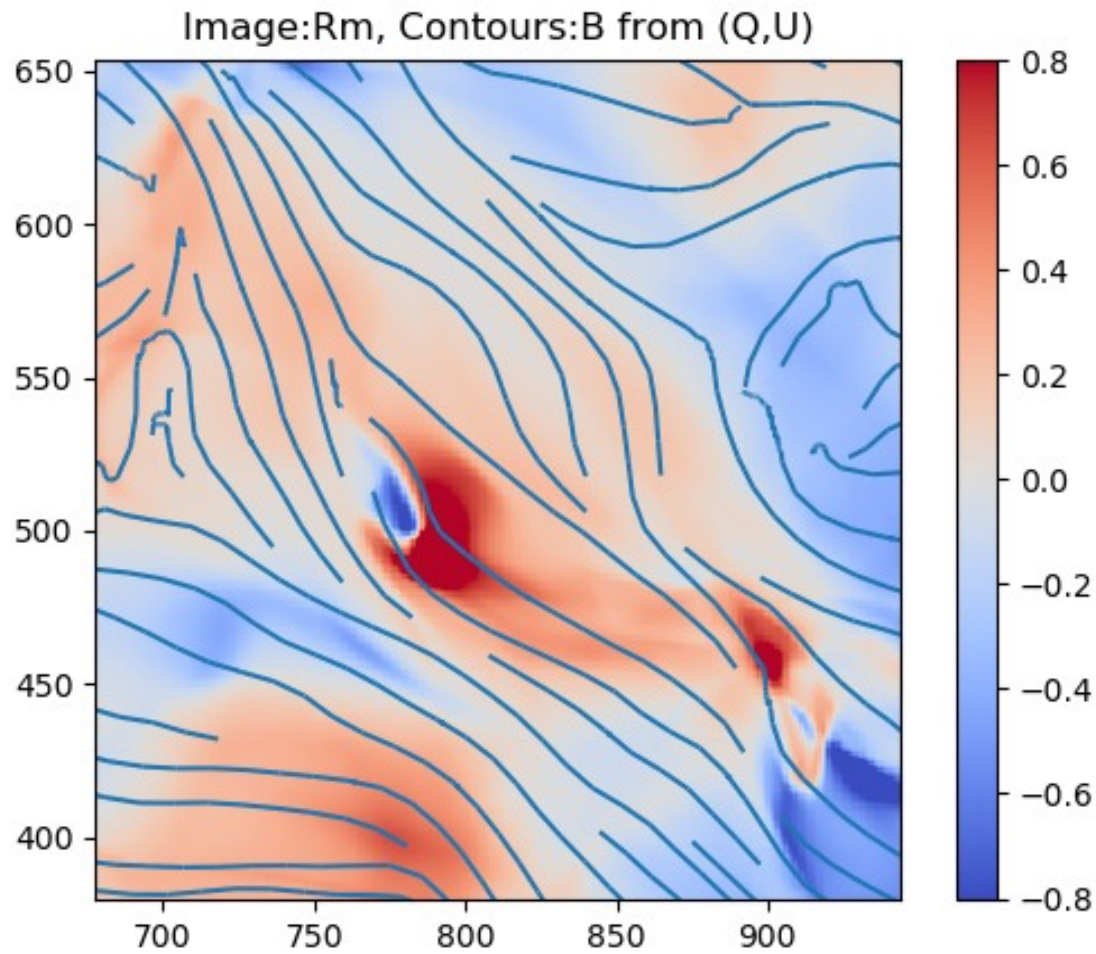
Rotation measure overlayed with p.o.s. B field direction



Mach 4, ABC

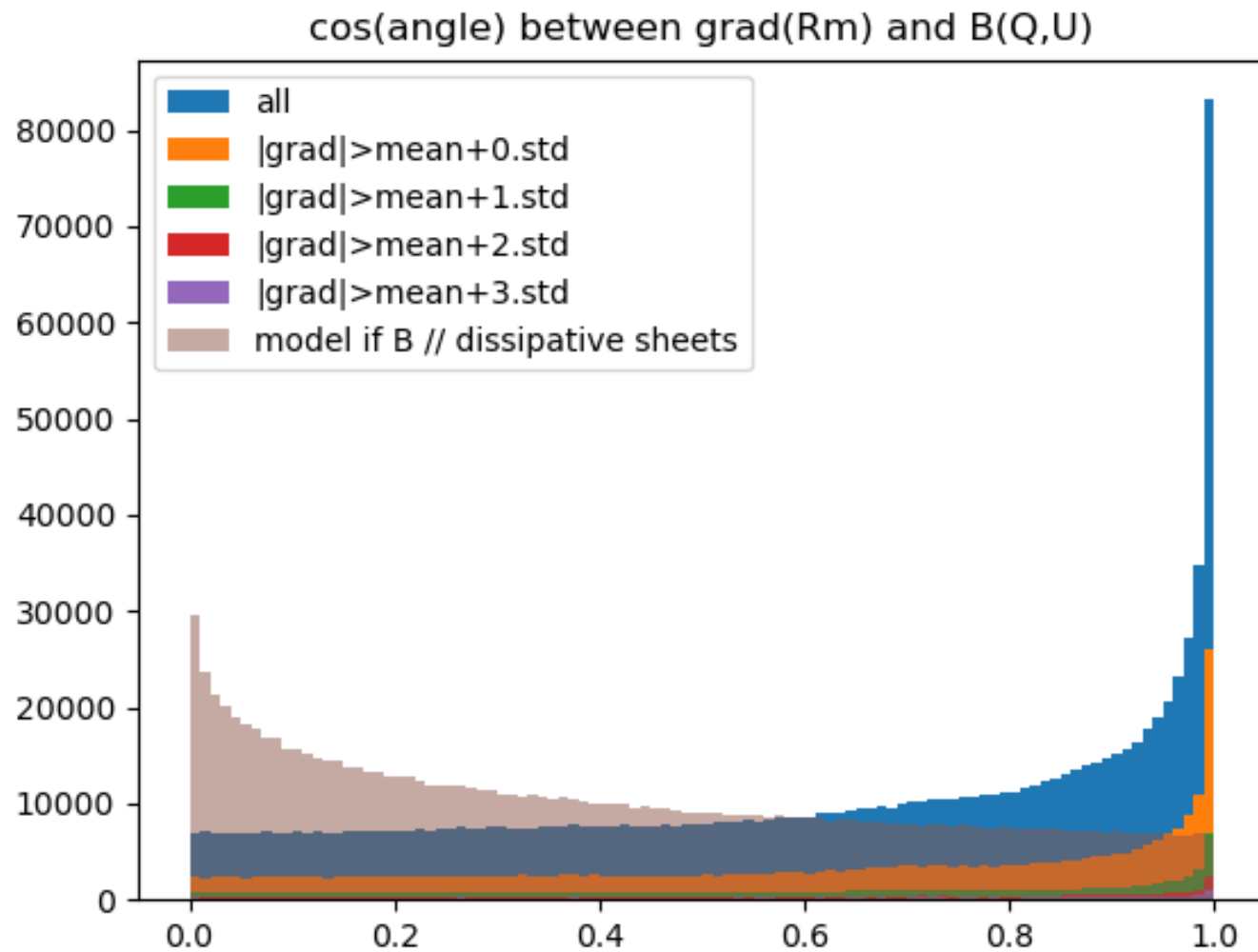
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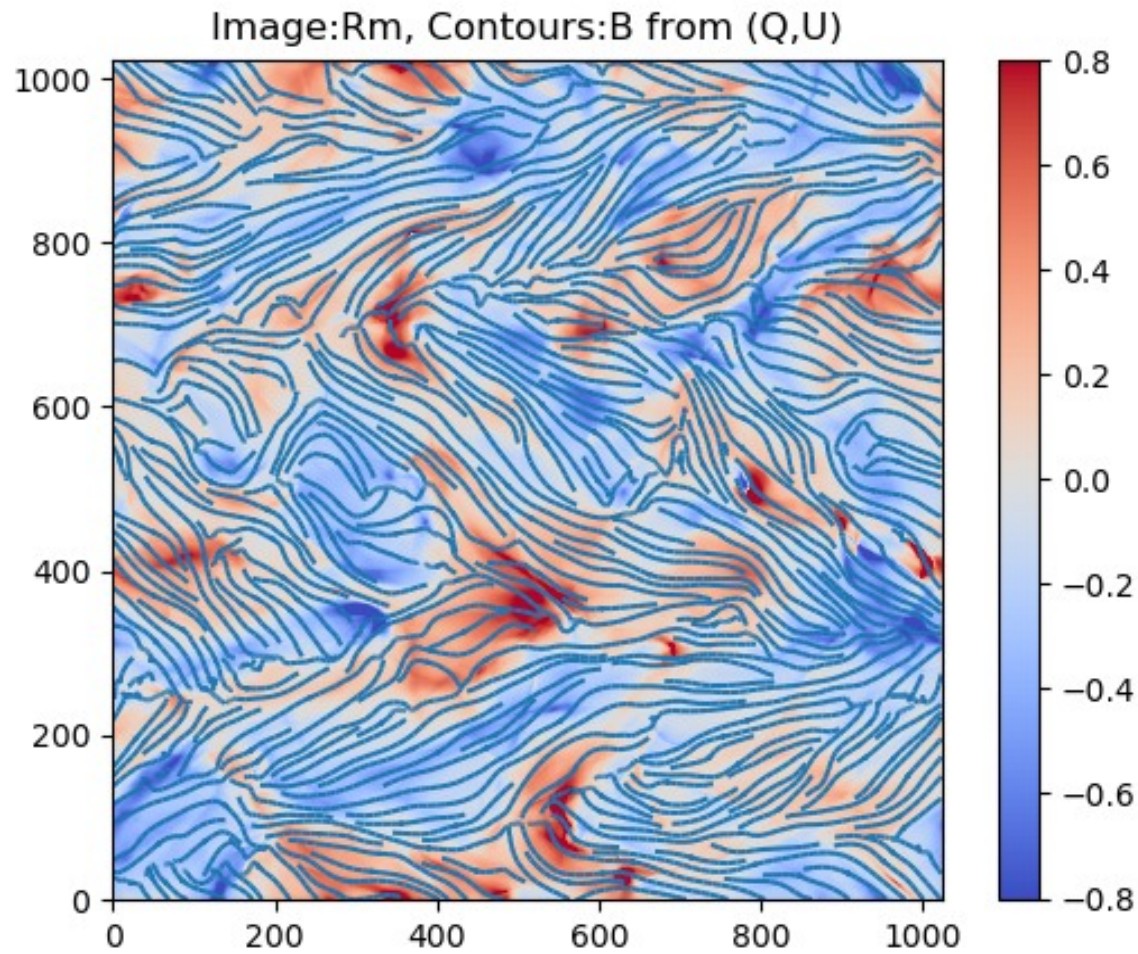
# Orientation statistics





# Projection over simulations

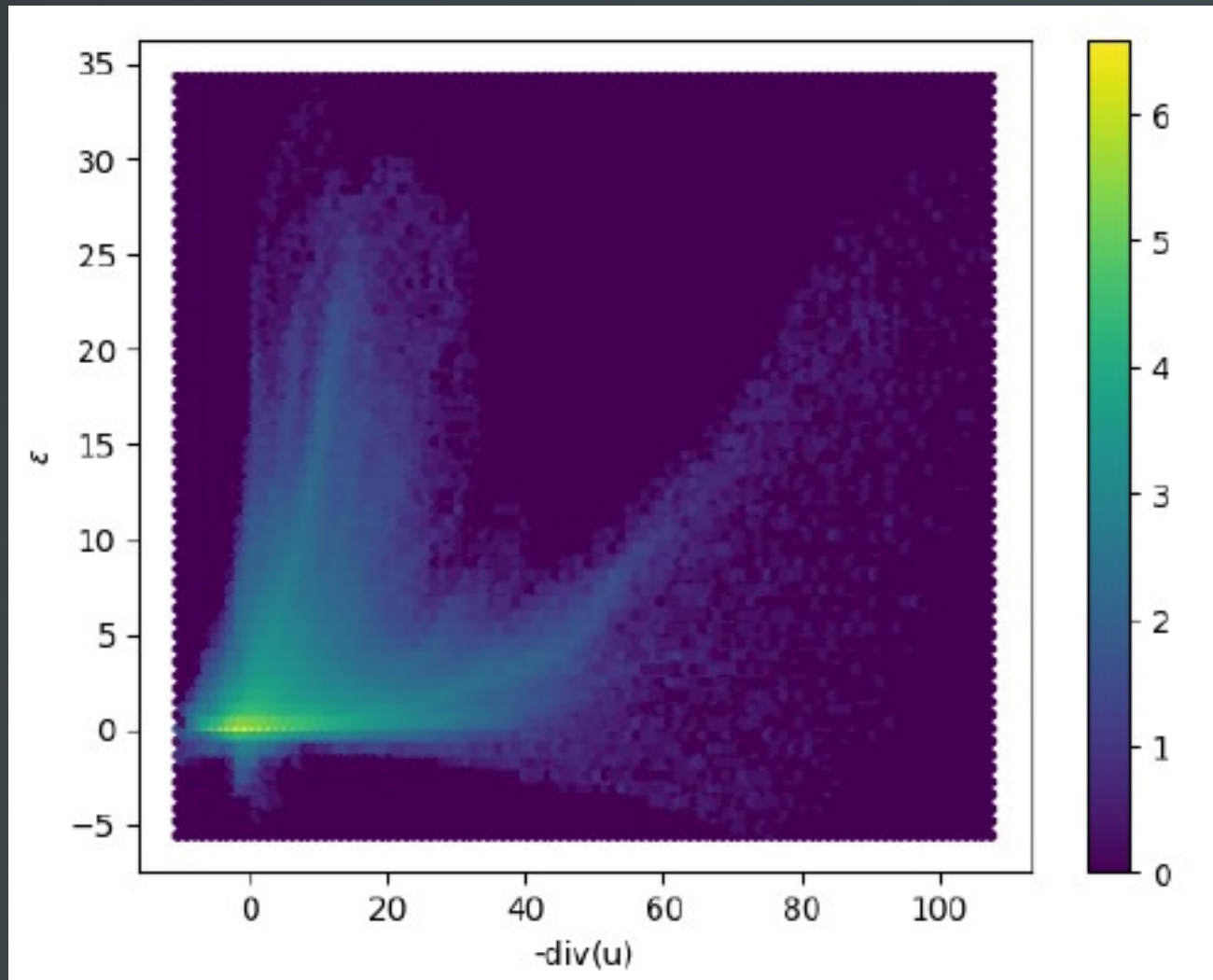
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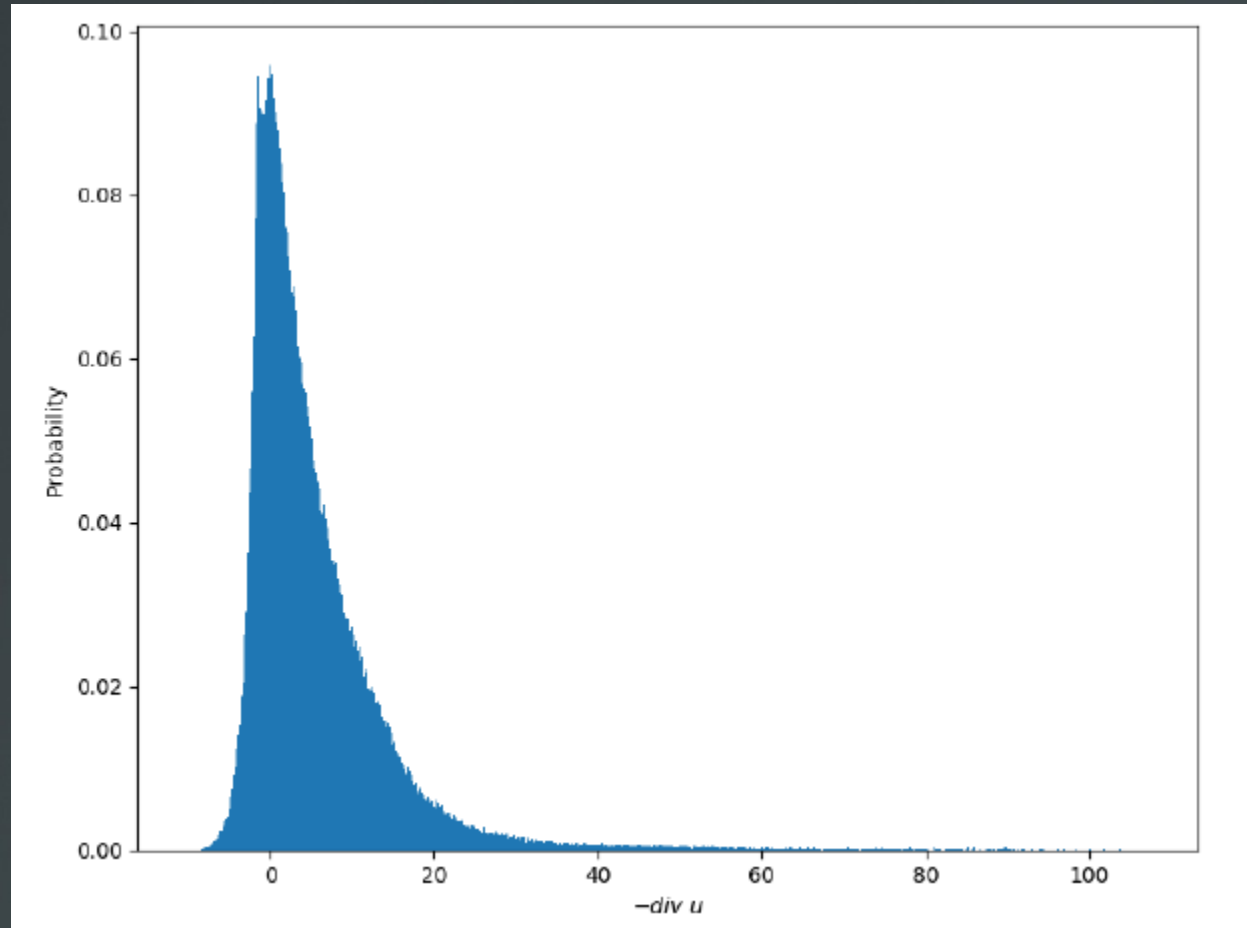
# Dissipation is mostly incompressible

Volume fraction occupied by bins of (dissipation.convergence)



# Dissipation is mostly incompressible

Fraction  
Of the total  
Dissipation



Convergence (unitless)

# Pierre (+Thibaud, Andrew, Ben)

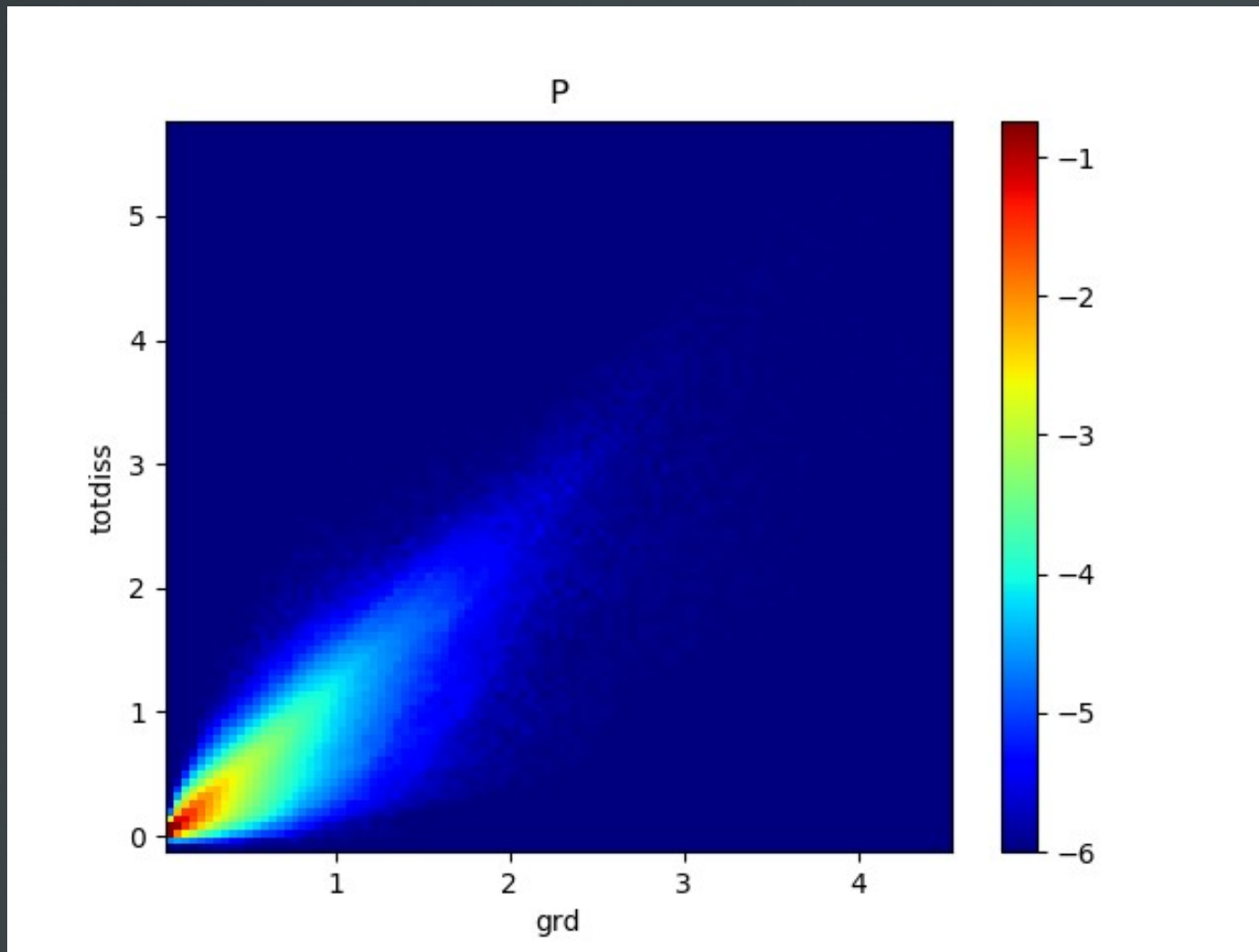
- Look at MHD variables:  $w=(\rho, u, b)$  and search for direction of max gradient of  $w$ .
- Large gradients have a well determined orientation (meaning: plane-parallel is OK)
- Decompose gradients in fast/intermediate/slow waves
- Result: OK for single planar shocks, messy in compressible turbulence...

TODO: get shocks and parameters, measure stats, shock collisions ?

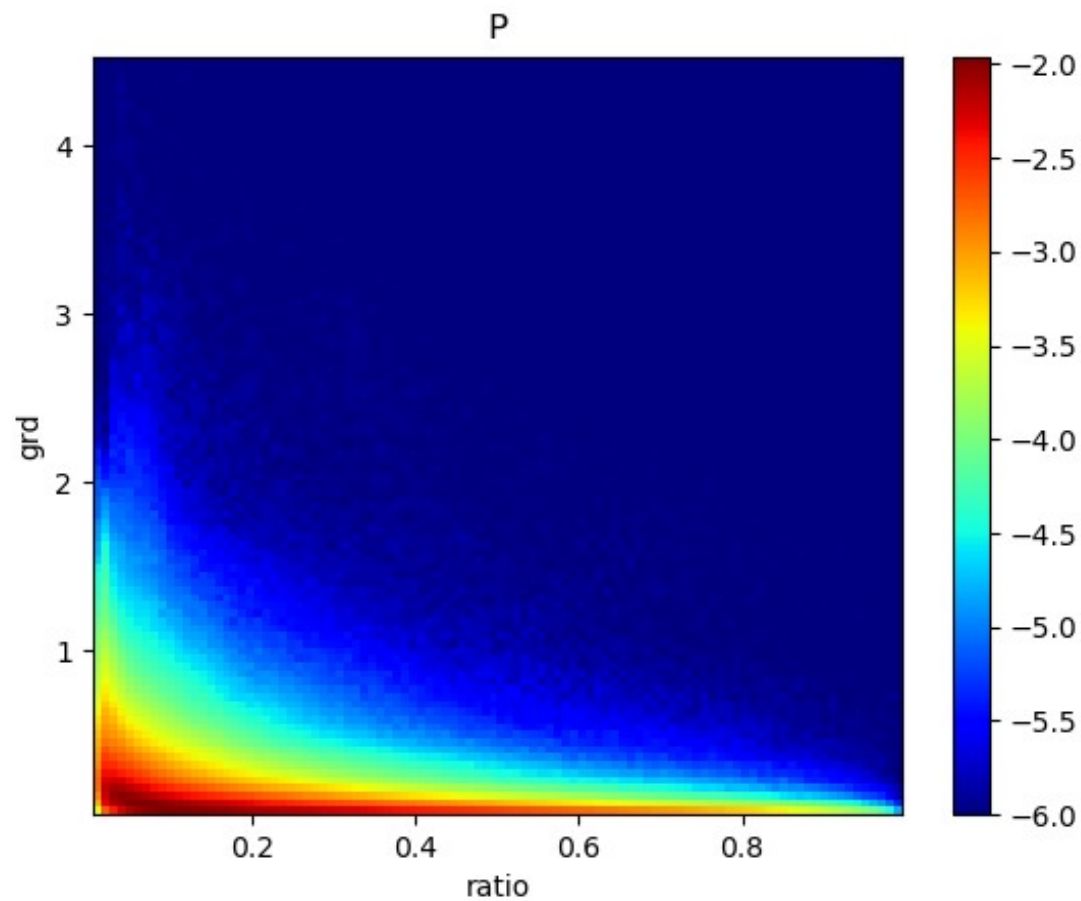




# Total Dissipation vs Gradient



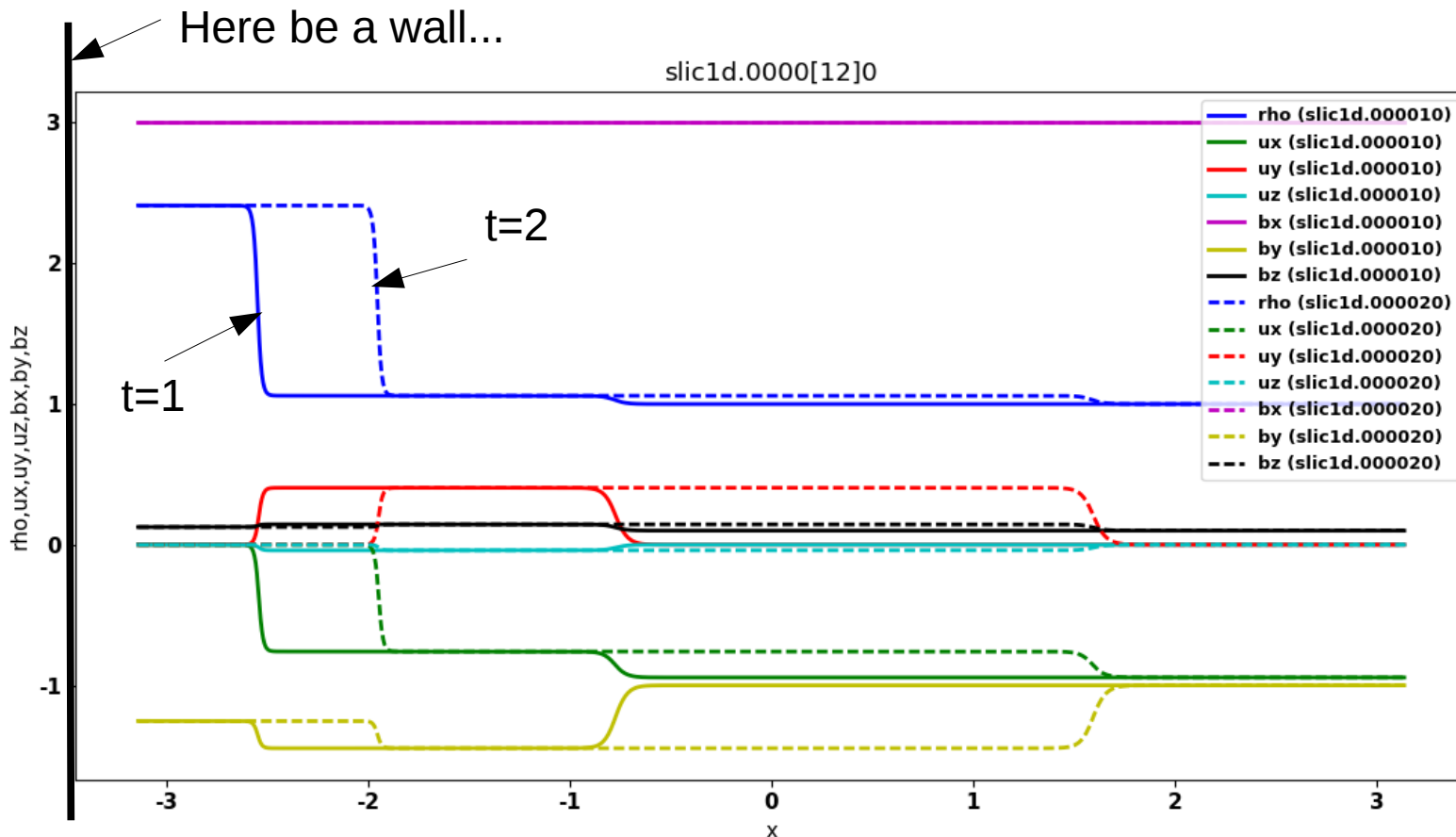
# Isotropy ( $a_2/a_3$ ) vs Gradient



# Test Slow & Fast shock

Gas flows from right onto a wall on the left. 2 snapshots shown.

Direction of the inflow



# Isothermal MHD equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

$$\partial_t \rho u_i + \partial_j (\rho u_i u_j + p \delta_{ij}) - \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{b}_i + \partial_j (\rho \nu S_{ij}[u]) = 0$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{b} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}) + \nabla \times (\eta \mathbf{j}) = 0$$

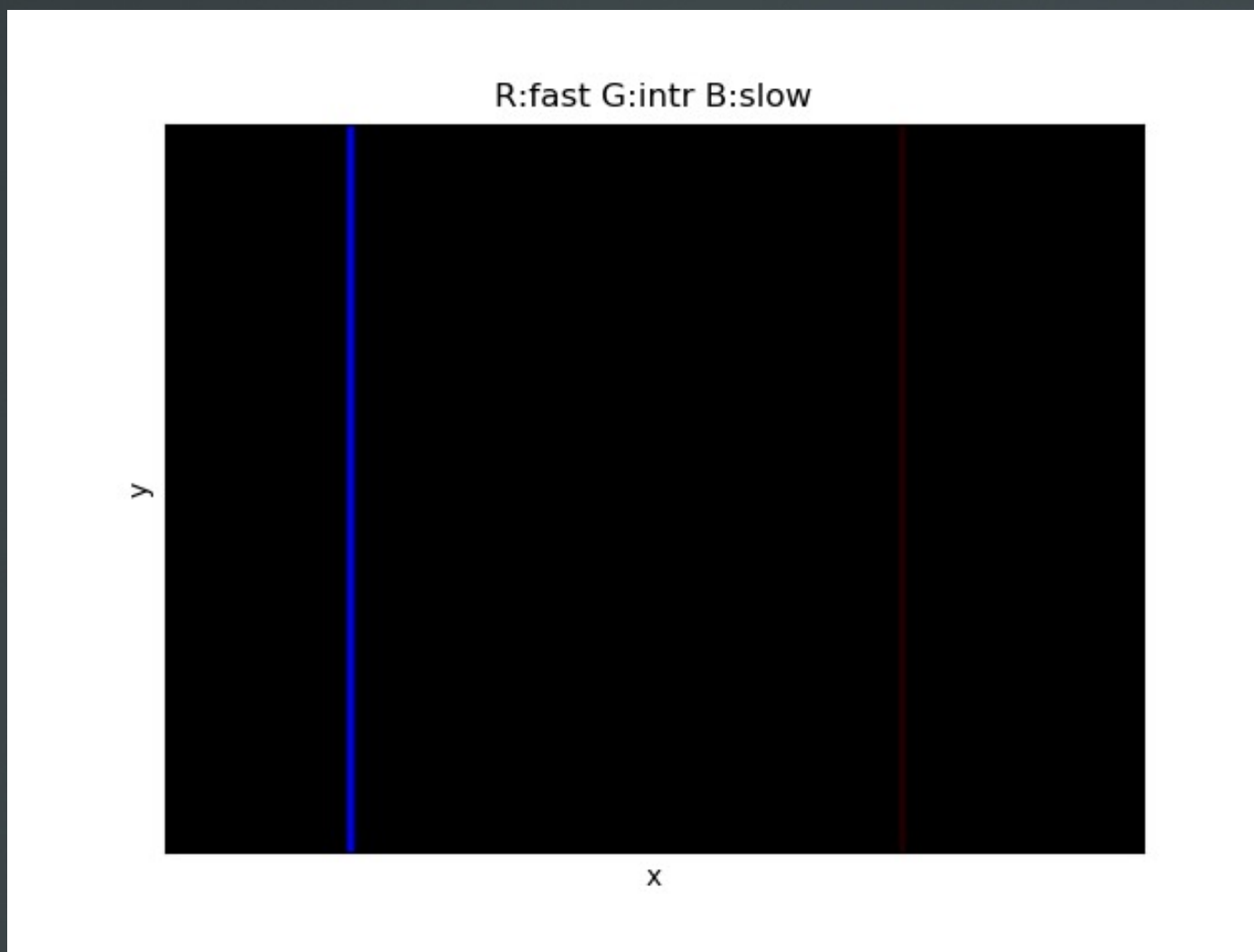
$$\mathbf{j} = \nabla \times \mathbf{b}$$

$$p = \rho c^2$$

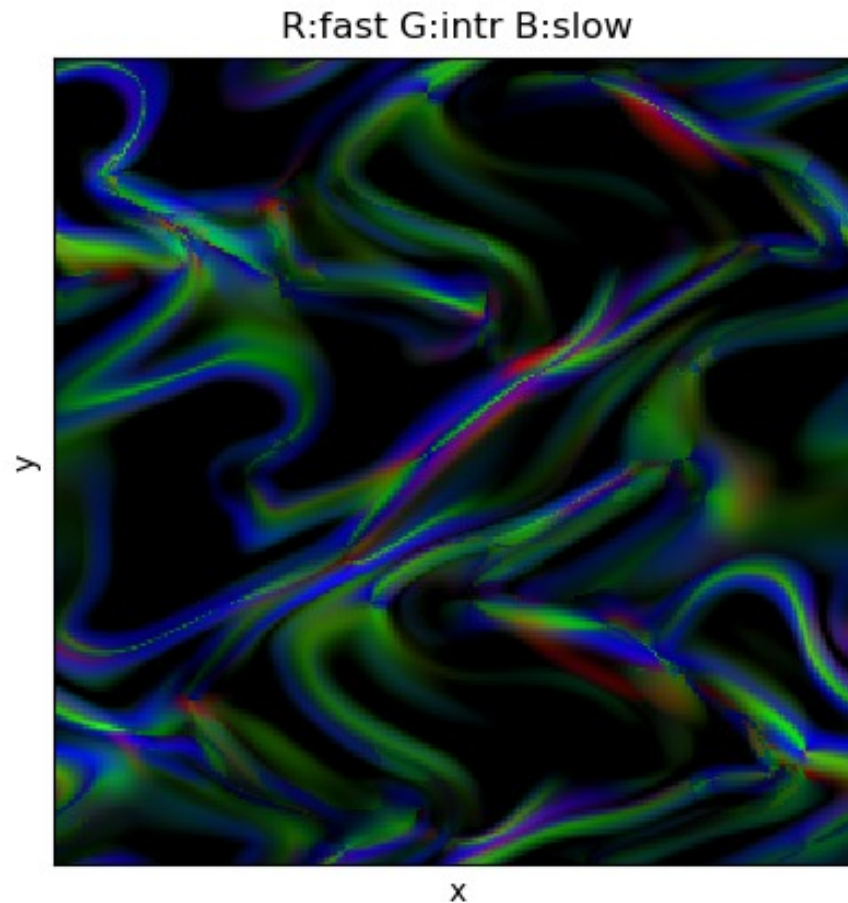
$$S_{ij}[u] = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i) - \frac{1}{3} \partial_k u_k \delta_{ij}$$



# Gradient Decomposition



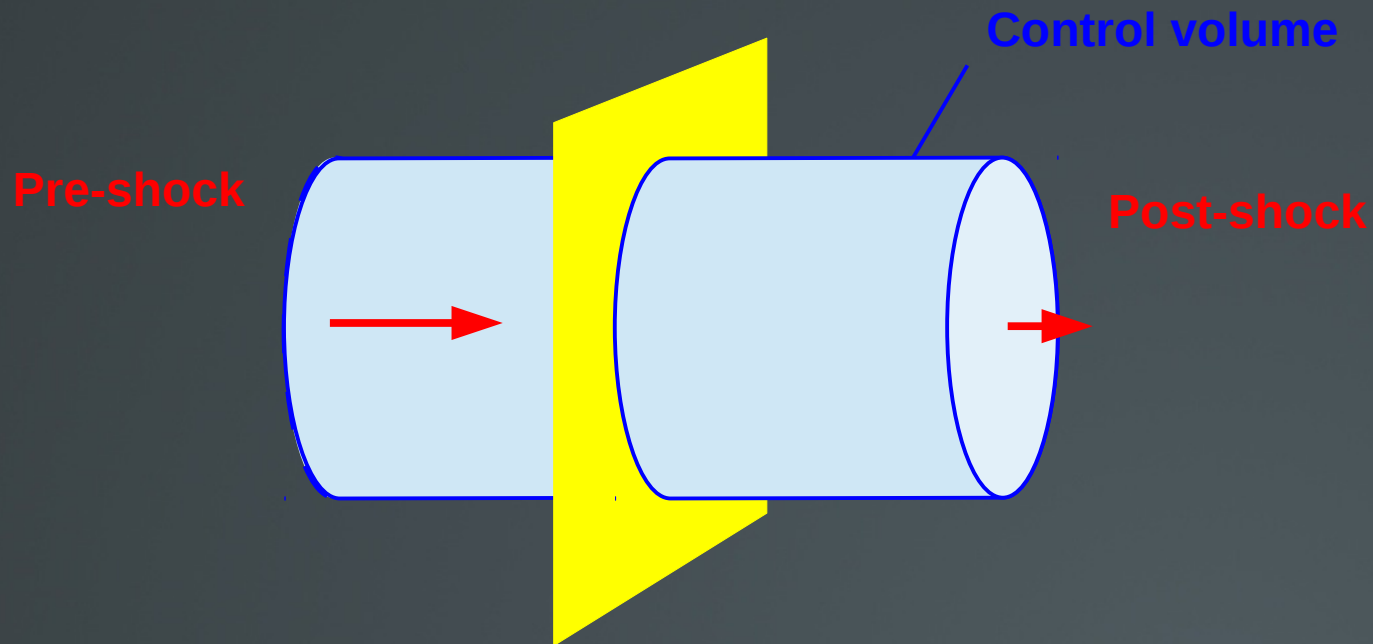
# Gradient Decomposition in MHD compressible turbulence



**Fast, Intermediate, Slow**

# Rankine Hugoniot

- Flux conservation through a *steady* planar shock



Working surface ( $u=0$  in this frame,  
one way or another, dissipation proceeds inside)

# Rankine Hugoniot

- Conservation of mass, momentum and magnetic flux *in the steady shock frame* induces relationships between pre-shock and post-shock physical conditions.

- Examples:

- \* Compression =  $\text{Mach}^2$  in an isothermal shock

- \* Max temperature  $\sim u^2$  expresses conversion of kinetic to thermal energy in a viscous front


For the molecular weight of the ISM:

$$T_{\text{max}} = 53 \text{ K } (u/1 \text{ km s}^{-1})^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ B_x \right]_{pre}^{post} &= 0 \\ \left[ \rho u_x \right]_{pre}^{post} &= 0 \\ \left[ (B \times u)_y \right]_{pre}^{post} &= 0 \\ \left[ (B \times u)_z \right]_{pre}^{post} &= 0 \\ \left[ \rho u_x u_y - B_x B_y \right]_{pre}^{post} &= 0 \\ \left[ \rho u_x u_z - B_x B_z \right]_{pre}^{post} &= 0 \\ \left[ \rho u_x^2 + P \right]_{pre}^{post} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



# Questions, ToDo

- What can we do to link to observations ?
  - Single planar shock ? Single curved shock (Tram)?
  - Link to Faraday rotation ?
  - Collection of shocks  $\leftrightarrow$  Chemistry ?
  - Focus of one structure in 3D MHD: how to reconstruct emissivity ?
  - Test SHOCK\_FIND. Improve on it ?
  - Statistic theory of shocks ?
  - Contact Discontinuity detection  $\leftrightarrow$  condensation fronts in thermal instability simulations
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- A silhouette of a tree on a hill, located in the bottom right corner of the slide, partially overlapping the last list item.

# TODO

- Color 2d histo with  $\text{div}(\mathbf{u}) / \text{curl}(\mathbf{u})$ .
- Back to obs values for  $\text{div}(\mathbf{u})$ ,  $\epsilon$ .
- Oblique shocks in Paris-Durham
- Statistics of slow / fast , convolve with Paris-Durham code  $\Rightarrow$  JWST predictions.
- Erwan: beware of scales of gradient: choose relevant ones for energy ?

