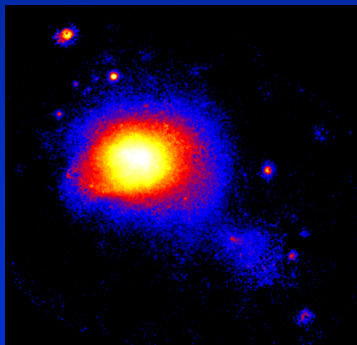


# MHD Turbulence and the problem of Viscosity.

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# Cluster Parameters



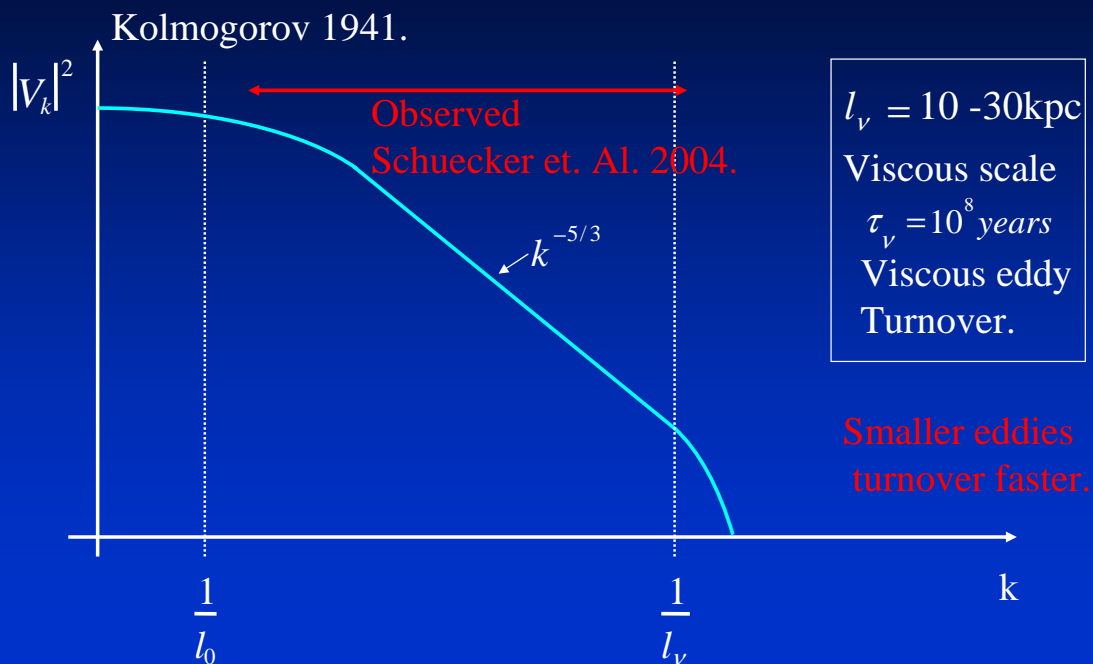
- Size  $l_0 \sim 1-3 \text{ Mpc}$ .
- Turbulent Flow  $u_0 \leq C_s$ . Perhaps from mergers.
- $T \sim 1-10 \text{ keV}$ .
- $n \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .
- $l_0/u_0 \sim 10^9 \text{ years}$ .
- Reynolds #,  $Re \sim 10^2 - 10^3$ .
- Magnetic Reynolds #,  $Rm \sim 10^{29}$ .
- $B \sim 1 - 10 \mu\text{G}$ .

LABORATORY FOR MHD  
 TUBULENCE?

## Some Questions.

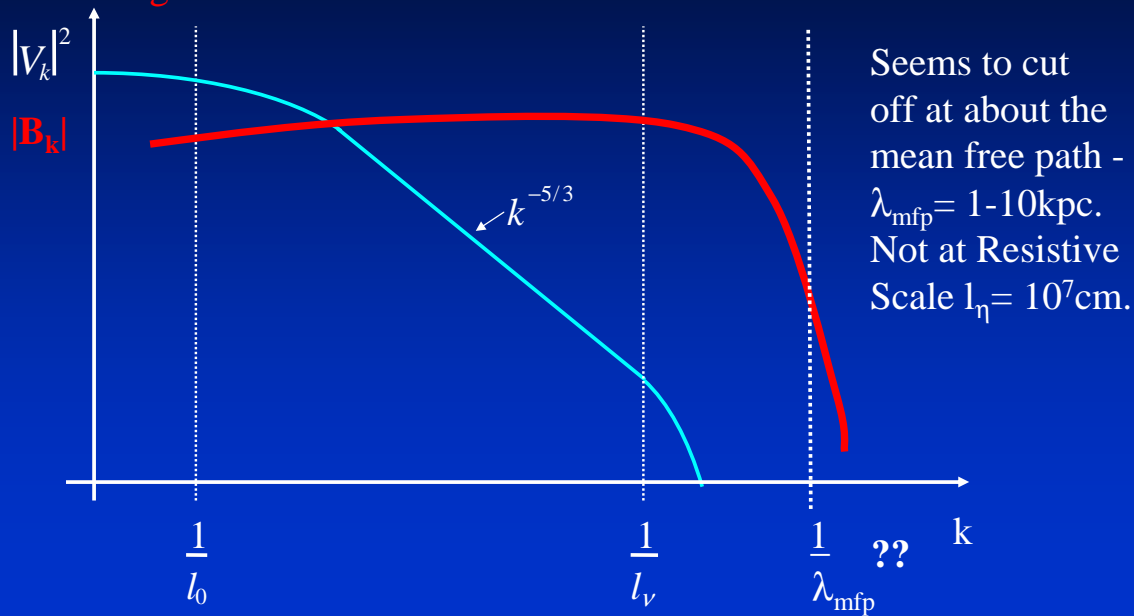
1. Can magnetic fields be amplified by the Turbulence in clusters to the size and spectrum seen in observations?
2. What is the small scale structure of the Magnetic field and is this universal in MHD?
3. How do the collisionless scales affect the Dynamics?
4. When the turbulence is created by MRI in discs are the small scales different? Where does the energy go?

## Velocity Spectrum



## Observed Magnetic Spectrum

Vogt and Emsslin 2003.

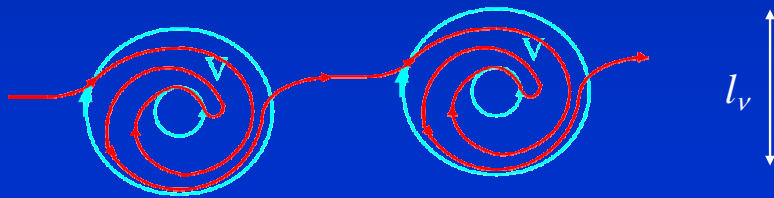


## Homogeneous Dynamo -- History

- MHD invented ~ WWII (Alfven, etc.).
- First turbulent dynamo. *Batchelor 1950, Proposed that Homogeneous turbulence will amplify magnetic field.*
- MHD turbulence should (?) give equipartition,  $|B_k|^2 = |V_k|^2$  *Bierman and Schluter 1951. Alfven waves at small scale Kraichnan, Goldreich, Montgomery, Mattheus etc.*
- By late 1950s helical dynamos proposed *Parker, Zeldovich, Krauss, Radler .....*
- Homogeneous dynamo does not exist? *Moffatt, 1963, 1978.....*
- Delta correlated dynamo, *Kazantsev 1967, Vainstein 1970, Kulsrud and Anderson 1990. Is it relevant?*
- Numerical homogeneous dynamo does exist, *Meneguzzi and Poquet 1982 ( $Pr = 1$  and  $64^3$ ) Kinney, Chandran, Maron, Schekochihin, Cowley, McWilliams, (1999 -- .... Mostly  $Pr \gg 1$ .)*
- Homogeneous Dynamo depends crucially on magnetic Prandtl number,  $Pr = \nu/\eta$ .

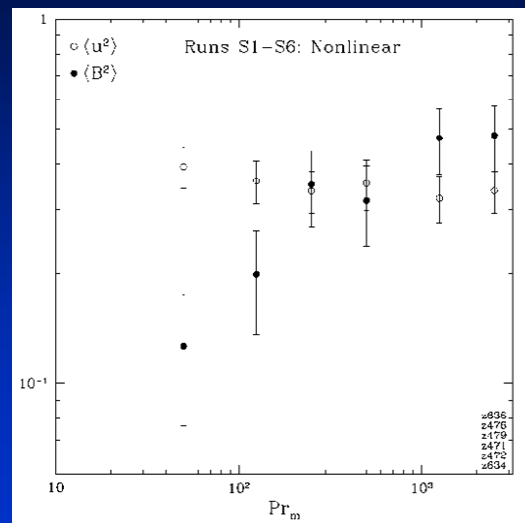
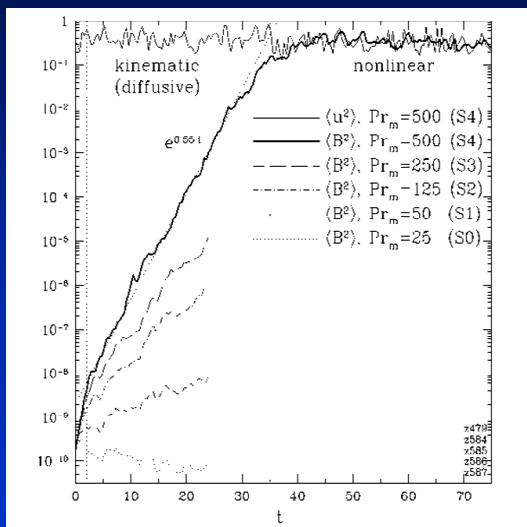
## The Large Prandtl Number Case: Galaxies, Clusters, Hot Discs.

- Magnetic Prandtl number =  $Pr = \nu/\eta$ .
- On the turnover time of the viscous eddies the “seed field” grows. The field develops structure below the viscous scale down to the resistive scale  $l_\eta = Pr^{-1/2} l_\nu$



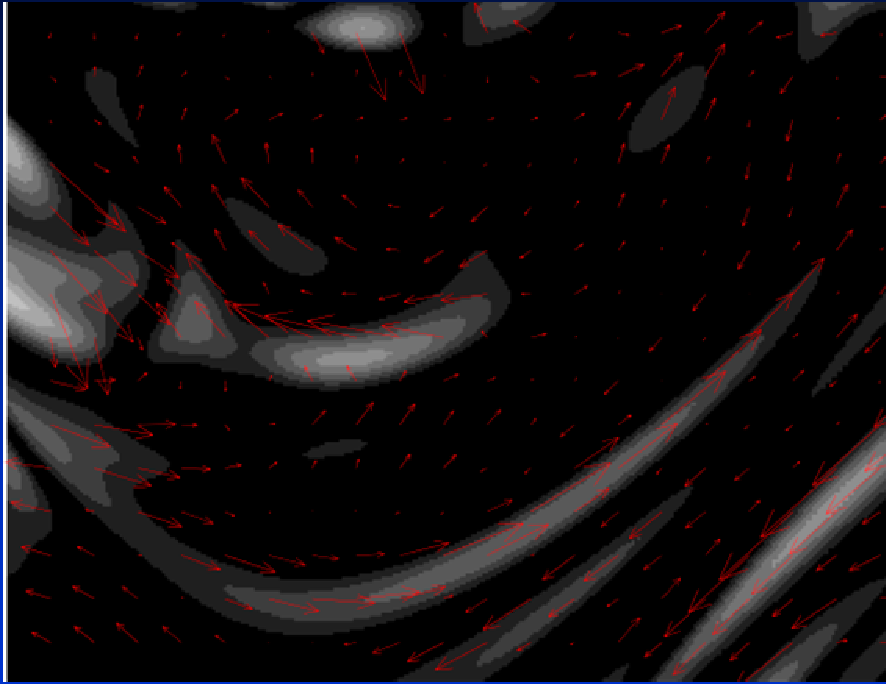
## Large Pr Dynamo: Numerical.

Schekochihin, SCC, McWilliams, Maron Ap. J. 2004.

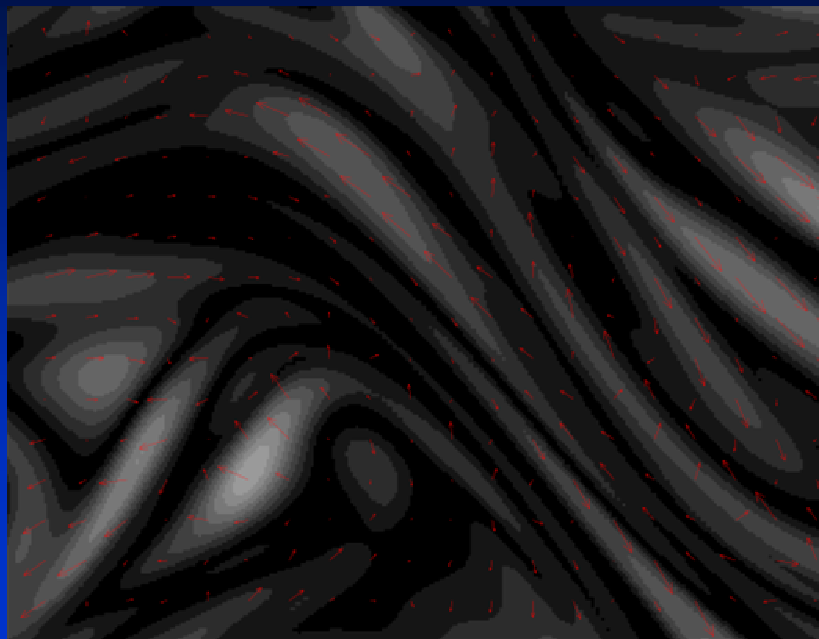


## Kinematic Stage - Intermittent Folded Structure.

Grayscale is  $|B|$ .



## Less intermittent, but still Folded saturated state.



Small box of plasma

We can think of a little bit of the field line being stretched by the flow. To preserve volume some other direction must compress making field lines get closer together. Lines align with stretching direction.

## Bending and Stretching.

Bend

Curvature and  $|B|$  anti-correlated.

Stretch

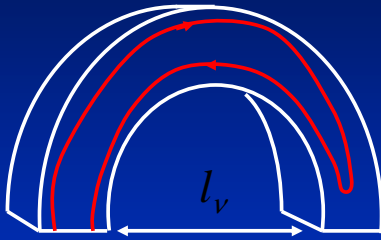
Weak B

Strong B

Compress

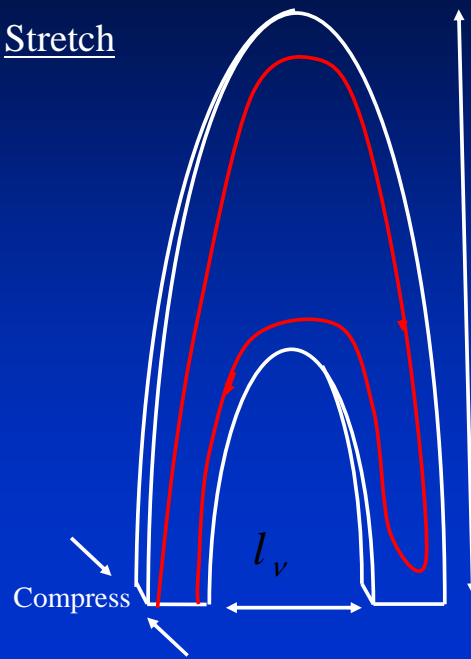
## Amplification without generating smaller scales.

Bend

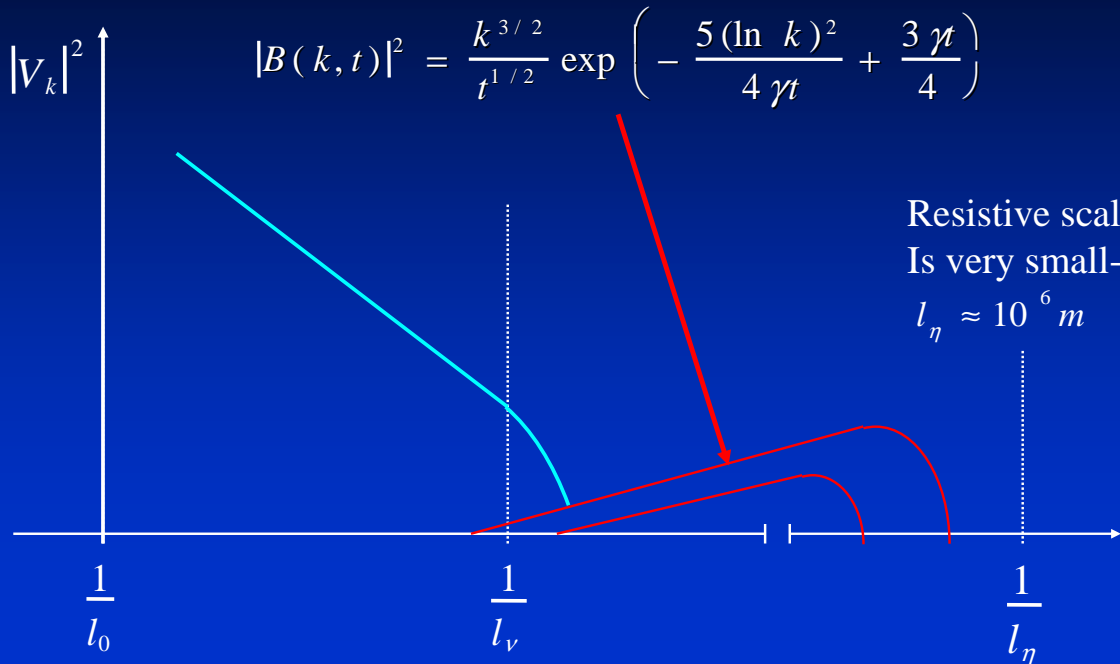


Compress in the direction along which **B** doesn't change. Only some of the random motions do this.

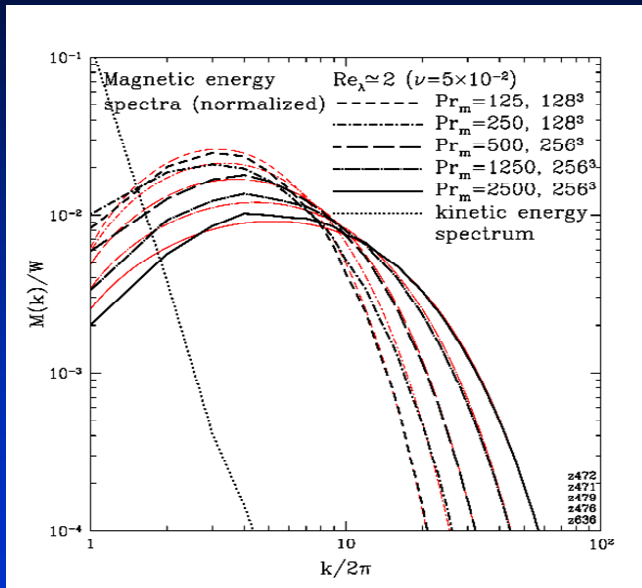
Stretch



## Kinematic Large Pr Dynamo



## Saturated Energy Spectra: Simulation and Theory



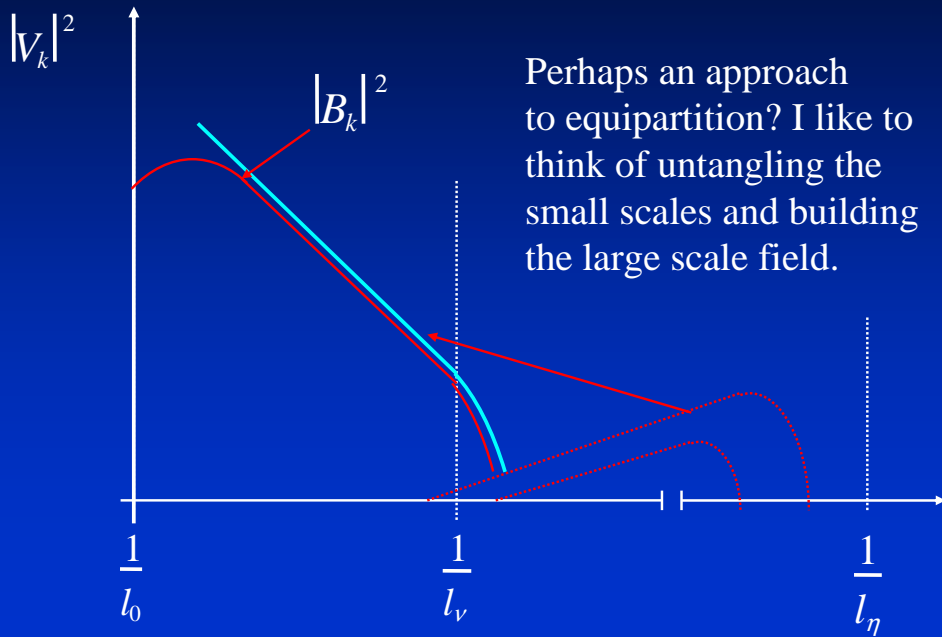
- Fit using same parameters for all  $Pr$ .
- If  $Pr$  becomes very large  $M(k) \sim k^{0.23}$ .
- Magnetic field small scale dominated.

## $Re \gg 1, Pr \gg 1$ the nonlinear dynamo.

- At  $Re \gg 1$  the first sign of nonlinearity is when  $B^2 \sim V_v^2$  the energy of the viscous eddies.
- Saturation does not occur at this stage magnetic energy grows to be of order the total kinetic energy.



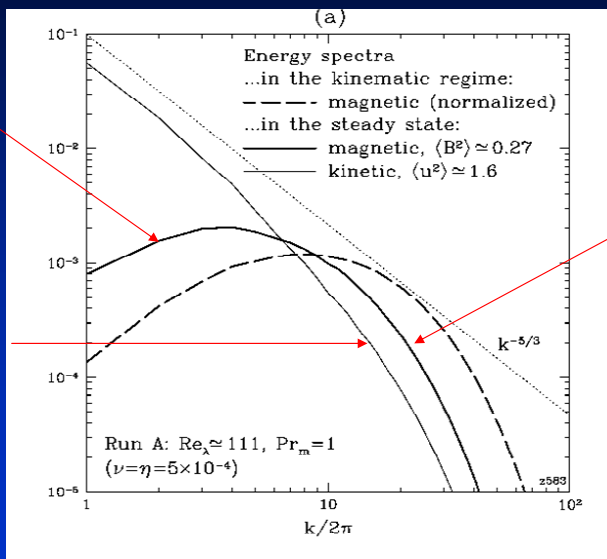
# The Inverse Cascade?



# No Numerical evidence for equipartition.

Stirring scale still folding Field lines.

Alfven waves on folded field lines?



Folded field lines - small scale energy.

Mean Field, Alfven waves  
 Maron and Goldreich.

QuickTime™ and a TIFF (LZW) decompressor are needed to see this picture.

## Magnetized Viscosity.

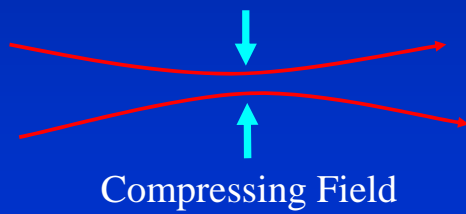


$$\mu = \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{B} = \text{constant}$$

Collisionless particle motion restricted to being close to field line and conserving  $\mu$ .

$$\mathbf{P} = P_{\perp}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) + P_{\parallel}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} \quad P_{\perp} = \langle \frac{1}{2} m_i v_{\perp}^2 \rangle \quad P_{\parallel} = \langle m_i v_{\parallel}^2 \rangle$$

Anisotropic pressure tensor.



Compressing Field

$$\frac{1}{B} \frac{dB}{dt} \sim \frac{1}{\langle v_{\perp}^2 \rangle} \frac{d \langle v_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{dt}$$

Collisionless. Relaxed by Collisions.

$$P_{\perp} - P_{\parallel} \sim \frac{1}{\nu B} \frac{dB}{dt}$$

## Incompressible Braginski MHD.

$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right] = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot [(P_{\perp} - P_{\parallel})\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}] + \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

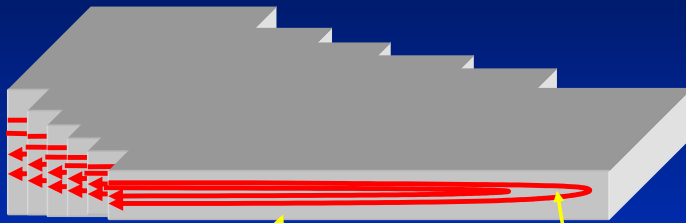
$$P_{\perp} - P_{\parallel} = \frac{p}{\nu} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \frac{p}{\nu B} \frac{dB}{dt}$$

This viscosity does not damp alfvén waves and therefore allows velocities below the viscous cutoff. Can these velocities unwind the small scale field?

Kulsrud, Cowley, Gruzinov and Sudan, 1996. Malyskin and Kulsrud 2002.

## Stretching and compressing

Stretched at the turnover rate of the viscous eddies.



Using Braginskii's Expression we get  $P_{\parallel} - P_{\perp} \sim Re^{-1/2} P$

Field increasing  
 $P_{\parallel} < P_{\perp}$  Mirror mode  
 Unstable.

Field decreasing  
 $P_{\parallel} > P_{\perp}$  Firehose  
 Unstable.

## Firehose Instability.

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) = -\nabla p - \nabla \cdot [(P_{\parallel} - P_{\perp}) \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}] + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Look at instabilities that are smaller scale than the field and growing faster than the stretching rate..  
 We take a constant unperturbed stretching and  $\mathbf{B}_0$ .

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \delta \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} \right) = -\mathbf{k}(\delta p + \delta \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{k} \cdot [(\delta P_{\parallel} - \delta P_{\perp}) \mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_0] + [B_0^2 - (P_{\parallel} - P_{\perp})] \delta(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{b}) + (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \nabla \delta B_{\parallel}) \mathbf{b}_0$$

Field still frozen to the plasma.  $\delta \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}_0 \cdot \nabla \xi_{\perp}$

For Alfvén wave Polarization.  $\xi_{\perp} \propto \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{b}_0$

$$\gamma^2 = -k_{\parallel}^2 \left[ \frac{B_0^2}{\rho} - \frac{(P_{\parallel} - P_{\perp})}{\rho} \right]$$

Unstable if:  $(P_{\parallel} - P_{\perp}) > B_0^2$   $\beta > Re^{-1/2}$

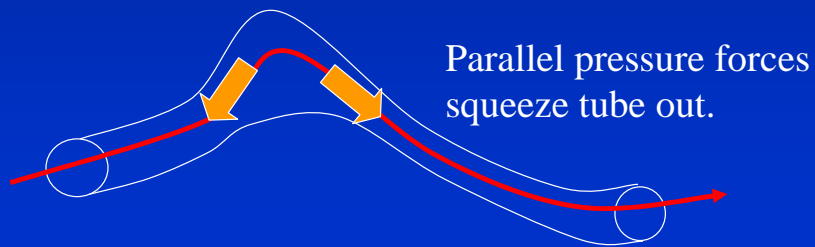
## More Firehose.

Unstable when  $B^2 < \text{energy}$  in viscous scale eddies (roughly for  $B < 5\mu\text{G}$ ). Obviously in early stages of dynamo. Since

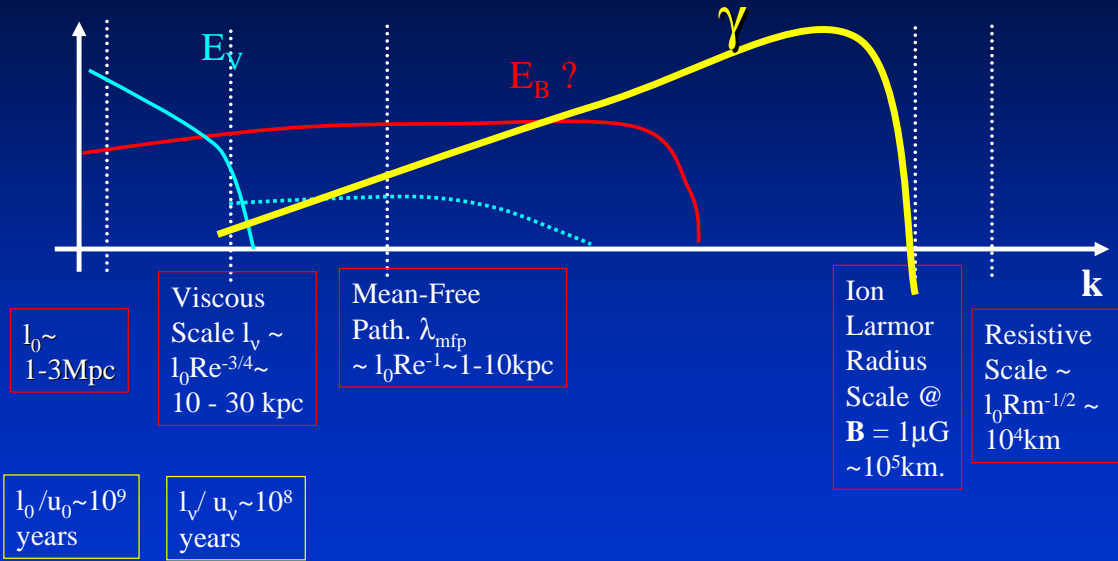
$$\gamma \sim k_{\parallel} C_{\text{sound}} (Re)^{-1/4}$$

Growth at small scales is very fast. Collisionless theory gives same growth formula down to  $k_{\parallel} \rho_i \sim (Re)^{-1/4}$  where:

$$\gamma_{\text{max}} \sim \Omega_{ci} (Re)^{-1/4}$$



## Scales



## Enhanced Scattering.

The effect of the firehose and mirror instabilities may be to scatter the particles making an effective mean free path of order  $\rho_I$

Viscosity decreased  $v_{thi} \lambda_{mfp} \square v_{thi} \rho_{ii}$  Large Re.

Has the interesting effect of increasing the initial field growth because it increases the eddy turnover rate of the viscous eddies. A key question is: how does it affect the plasma transport processes? Does it make MHD a better approximation?

## What was this talk about? Conclusions?

- **HOMOGENEOUS DYNAMO - NO MEAN FIELD.**
- Structure of the homogeneous dynamo,  $Pr \gg 1$ .  
**Folding, intermittency.**
- Sustained MHD turbulence -- no equipartition. **Folding persists, not alfvén waves on large scale field.**
- Alfvén waves and folds. **Maybe on the folds.**
- Model of saturated state. **Gives good spectrum shape with assumption of suppression of bending motions.**
- Unstable to growth of Firehose instabilities.
- Enhanced collisionality from instabilities.

## Kazantsev Model, 1967.

See also Kulsrud and Anderson 1990

- Delta correlated velocity -- lots of jitters.

$$\langle \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{u}(t', \mathbf{r}') \rangle = \delta(t - t') \kappa(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

in  $k$  space

$$\langle \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{k}}(t) \mathbf{u}(t')_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle = \delta(t - t') \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \kappa(k) (\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

note that dimensionally

$$\kappa(k) \sim \tau_c u_k^2$$

where  $\tau_c$  is the "correlation time".

## Nonlinear saturation model.

We modified the delta correlated model to make velocity correlate with magnetic field direction. We then partially suppressed bending motions but not interchange motions as  $B^2$  approaches  $V^2$  and find steady state.

$$\langle \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{k}}(t) \mathbf{u}(t')_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle = \delta(t - t') \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} [\kappa^1(k, \mu) (\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\mathbf{k}}) + \kappa^2(k, \mu) (\mathbf{b} \mathbf{b} + \mu^2 \hat{\mathbf{k}} \hat{\mathbf{k}} - \mu \hat{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{b} - \mu \mathbf{b} \hat{\mathbf{k}})]$$

with  $\mu = \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ .

## Braginskii's Viscosity.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = \nabla p + \nabla \cdot [(P_{\perp} - P_{\parallel}) \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}]$$
$$(P_{\perp} - P_{\parallel}) \sim \frac{nT}{\nu B} \frac{dB}{dt} \sim \frac{nT}{\nu} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

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With this kind of viscosity the plasma is unstable to rapidly growing instabilities at scales from the viscous to the ion larmor radius scale. Formally MHD with the correct viscosity for a fully ionized (and Magnetized) plasma is **Ill Posed** unless  $\beta < \beta_c$  everywhere.