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Impact of asymmetries on transport in tokamak plasmas

(flux driven gyrokinetic simulations)

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■ Basics & critical issues of transport in tokamak plasmas

- Transport & confinement
- Transverse drifts & gyrokinetic framework

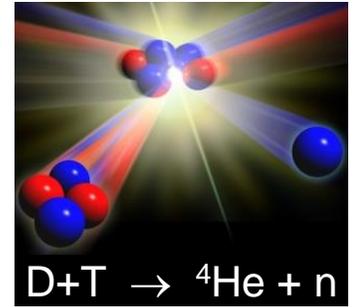
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- Impact on collisional impurity transport

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■ Fusion viability (self-heating) → Lawson criterion



$$n_i \tau_E > F(T)$$



Energy

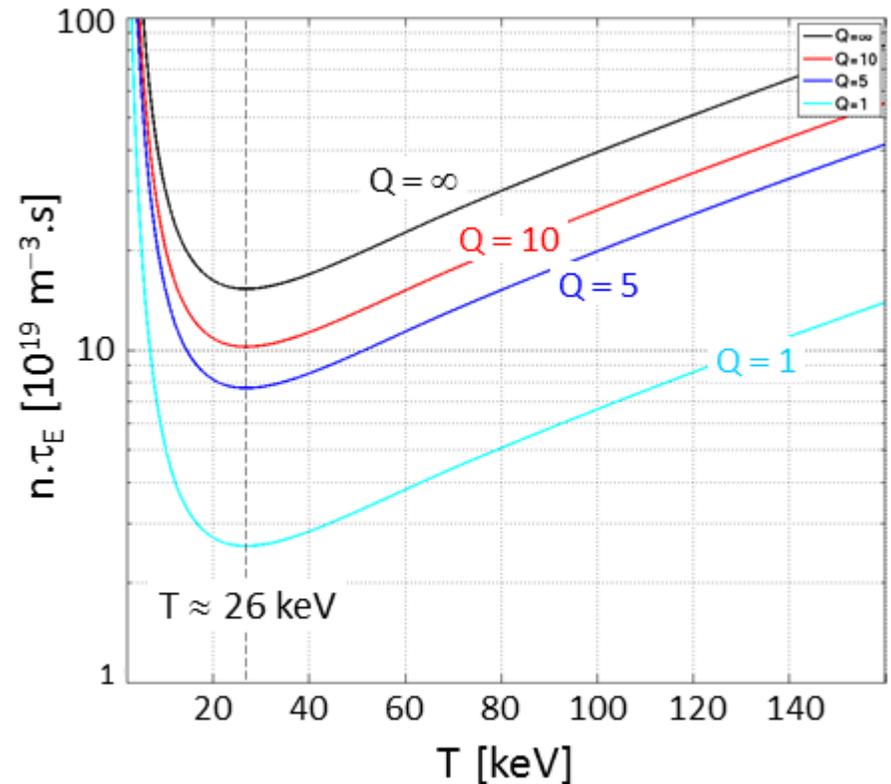
confinement time:

$$\tau_E = \frac{\text{Energy Content}}{\text{Lost Power}}$$

- Governed by reaction rate $\langle \sigma v \rangle$
- Depends on temperature T only
- Minimal at $T \approx 26 \text{ keV}$

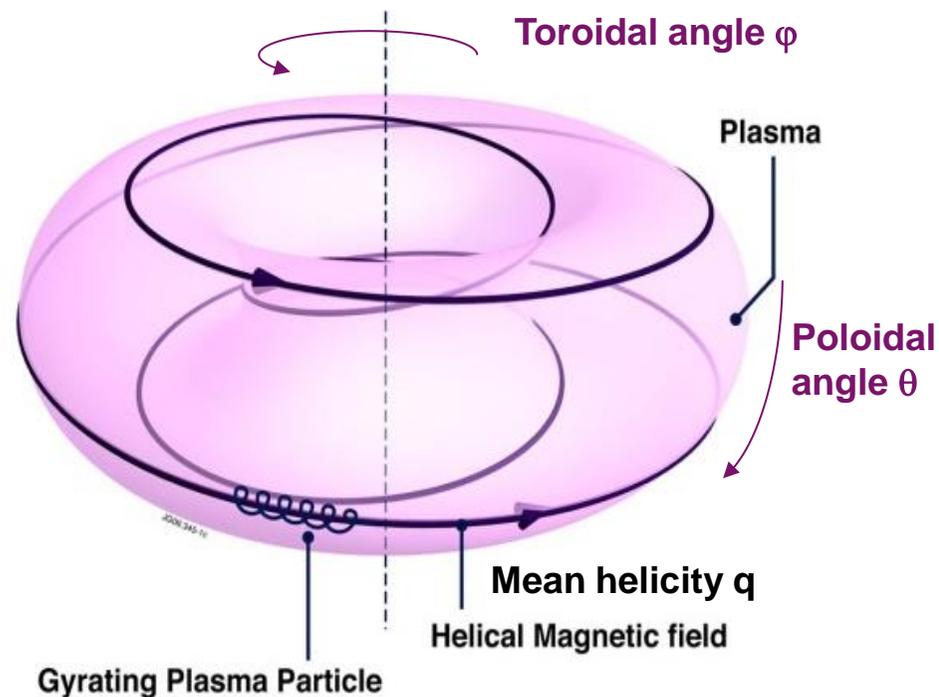
■ Magnetic confinement:

- Aim = maximizing τ_E ($\approx 5 \text{ s}$)
- $n_i \approx 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$ constrained by macroscopic instabilities



■ Tokamak

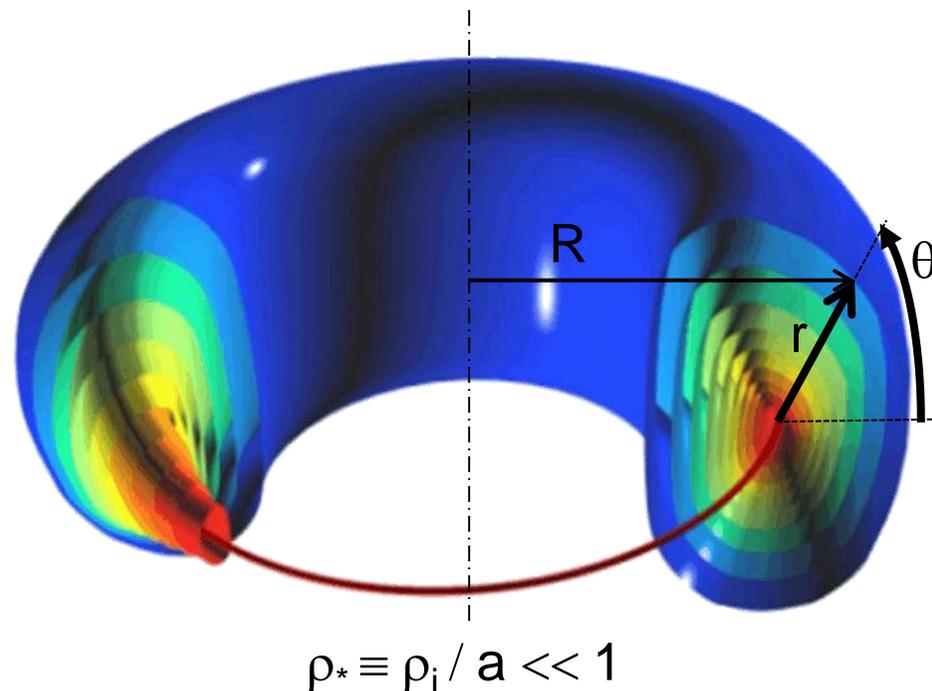
- Helical magnetic field lines on nested toroidal surfaces $\psi = \text{cst}$
- Constant \mathbf{j} , P on magnetic surfaces ($\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} = \nabla P \leftrightarrow$ **Geostrophic balance**)



$$\rho_* \equiv \rho_i / a \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-3} \ll 1$$

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- Helical magnetic field lines on nested toroidal surfaces $\psi = \text{cst}$
- Constant \mathbf{j} , P on magnetic surfaces ($\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} = \nabla P \leftrightarrow$ **Geostrophic balance**)
- Intrinsic in/out asymmetry $B(r, \theta) \propto R^{-1} \Rightarrow$ passing & trapped orbits



■ 3 motion invariants + 3 periodic directions \Rightarrow confinement

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|---|---|---------------------------|
| ■ If axisymmetry: $P_\phi = -e\psi + mRv_\phi$ | \rightarrow Broken by Turbulence | } \Rightarrow Transport |
| ■ If steady \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} fields: \mathcal{E} | \rightarrow Broken by Collisions | |
| ■ If collisionless: $\mu = \mathcal{E}_\perp / B$ | | |

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{e_s}{m_s} \{ \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}(t), t) + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}(t), t) \}$$



□ **Adiabatic limit** framework:

Magnetic field evolves slowly with respect to ω_{ci} and ρ_s

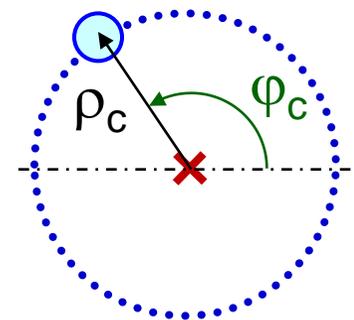
$$\partial_t \log B \sim \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \log B \ll \omega_c \Rightarrow \frac{\rho_s}{R} \sim \frac{mv_{\parallel}}{eBR} \sim \frac{mv_{\perp}}{eBR} \ll 1$$

□ **Scale separation:** gyro-average = average over fast time scale

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_G + \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \\ \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_G + \tilde{\mathbf{B}} \\ \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_G + \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad \langle \tilde{\mathbf{y}} \rangle \doteq \oint \frac{d\varphi_c}{2\pi} \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = 0$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}} / \mathbf{B}_G \ll 1$$

$\mathbf{B} \otimes$



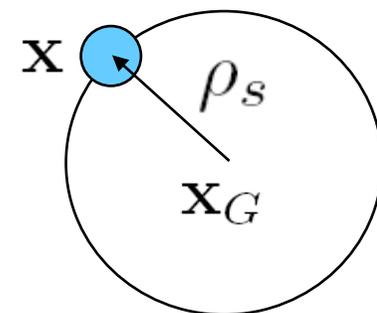
□ **Perturbation theory** – Solving at leading orders in

$$\epsilon = \rho_s / R \ll 1$$

$$\rho_* = \rho_i / a \ll 1$$

- Fast motion → cyclotron motion ($\mathbf{B}_G \approx \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}_G)$):

$$\frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{v}}}{dt} = \frac{e}{m} \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \times \mathbf{B}_G \longrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{e}{m} \boldsymbol{\rho}_s \times \mathbf{B}_G \doteq \mathbf{v}_c$$



- Slow motion → transverse drifts:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_G}{dt} = \frac{e}{m} \left\{ \mathbf{E}_G + \mathbf{v}_G \times \mathbf{B}_G + \underbrace{\langle \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \times \tilde{\mathbf{B}} \rangle}_{= -\frac{\mu}{e} \nabla B_G} \right\}$$

with $\tilde{\mathbf{B}} \simeq (\boldsymbol{\rho}_s \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}_G$

$$\mathbf{E}_G = \langle e^{\boldsymbol{\rho}_s \cdot \nabla} \rangle \mathbf{E}$$

Gyro-average $J(k_{\perp} \rho_s)$

$$= -\frac{\mu}{e} \nabla B_G$$

Adiabatic invariant $\mu = \frac{mv_c^2}{2B}$

Projection on \perp plane:

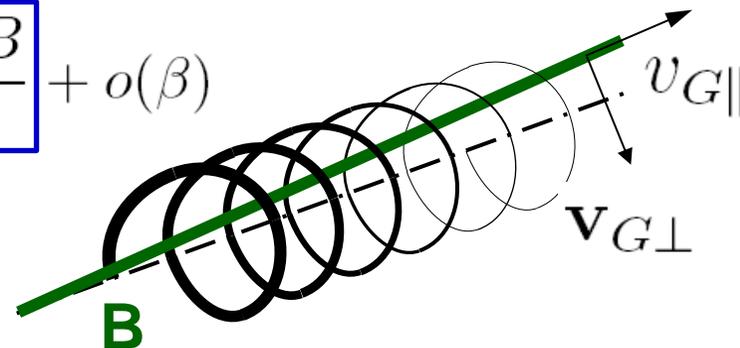
$$\mathbf{v}_{G\perp} \simeq \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla \langle \phi \rangle}{B^2}}_{\mathbf{v}_E} + \underbrace{\frac{mv_{G\parallel}^2 + \mu B}{eB} \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla B}{B^2}}_{\mathbf{v}_d} + o(\beta)$$

electric drift

\mathbf{v}_E

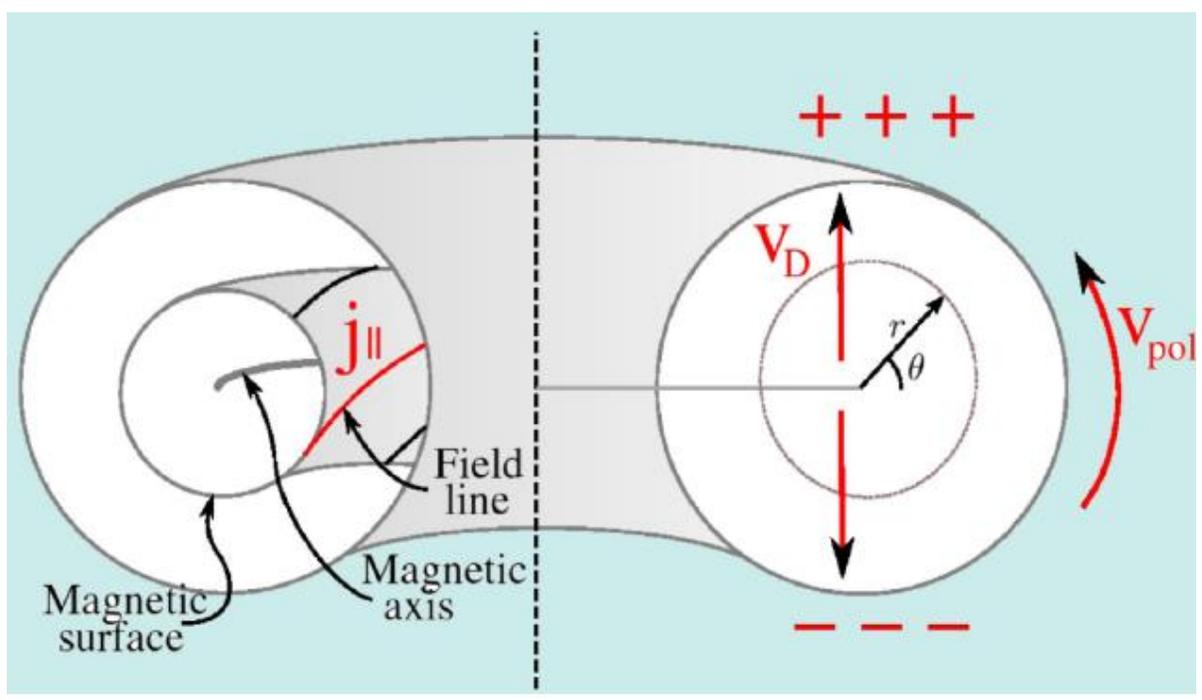
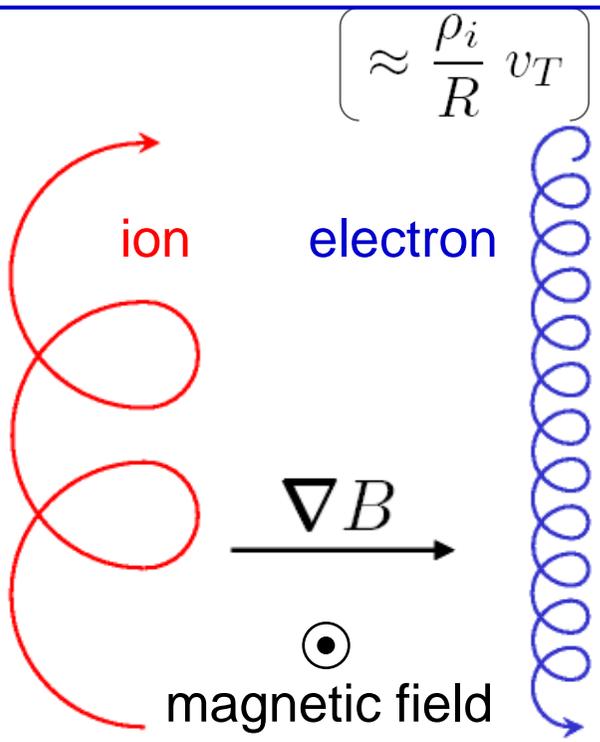
curvature & ∇B drifts

\mathbf{v}_d



$$\mathbf{v}_d = \frac{mv_{G\parallel}^2 + \mu B}{eB} \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla B}{B^2} + \frac{mv_{G\parallel}^2}{eB} \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{B} \Big|_{\perp}$$

\Rightarrow Vertical charge separation (poloidal asymmetry)



- Return currents:
 - parallel electron current (Pfirsch-Schlüter)
 - polarization ion current

$$\mathbf{v}_E = \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla \langle \phi \rangle}{B^2} \Rightarrow \text{Turbulent transport}$$

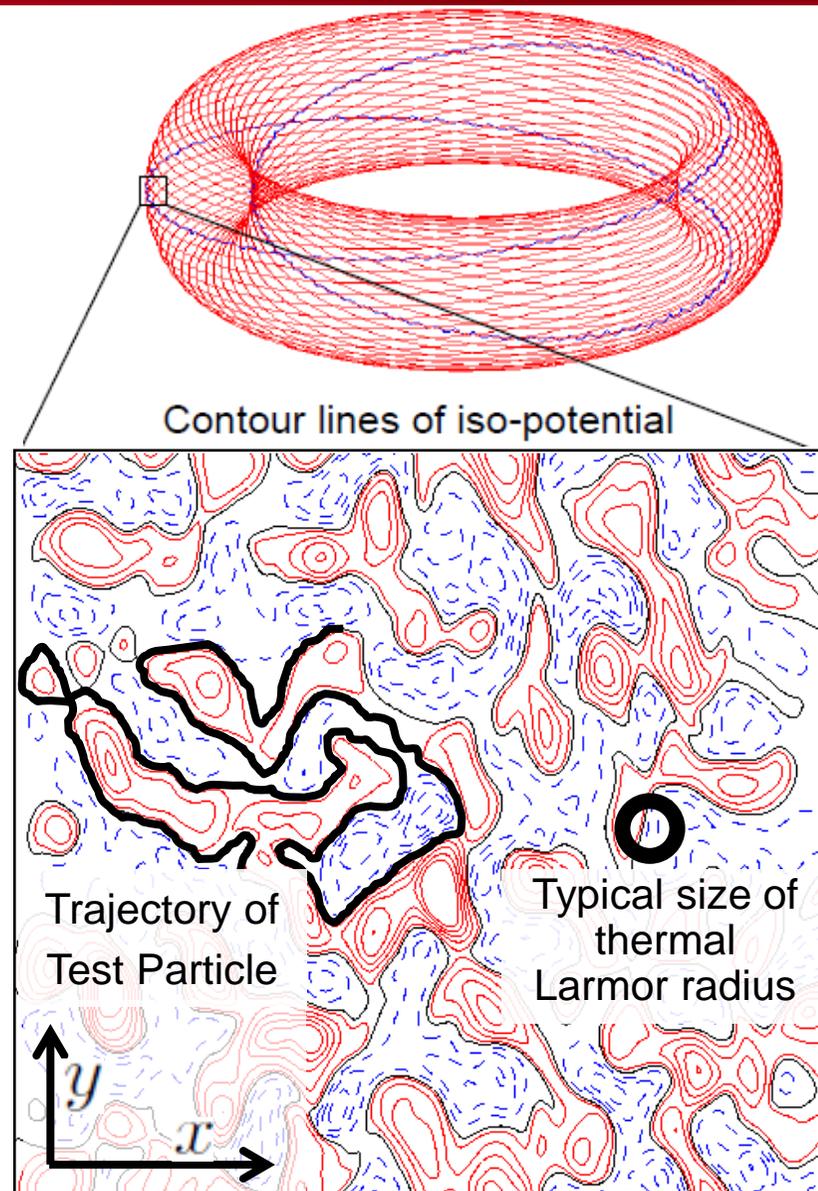
$$\left(v_E \approx (k_{\perp} \rho_i) \frac{e\phi}{T} v_T \right)$$

- ϕ analogous to stream function in neutral fluid dynamics
- At leading order, particles move at $\phi = c^{st}$ (if $\partial_t \phi = 0$ & $B = C^{st}$)

$$d_t \mathbf{x}_{\perp} = \mathbf{v}_E$$

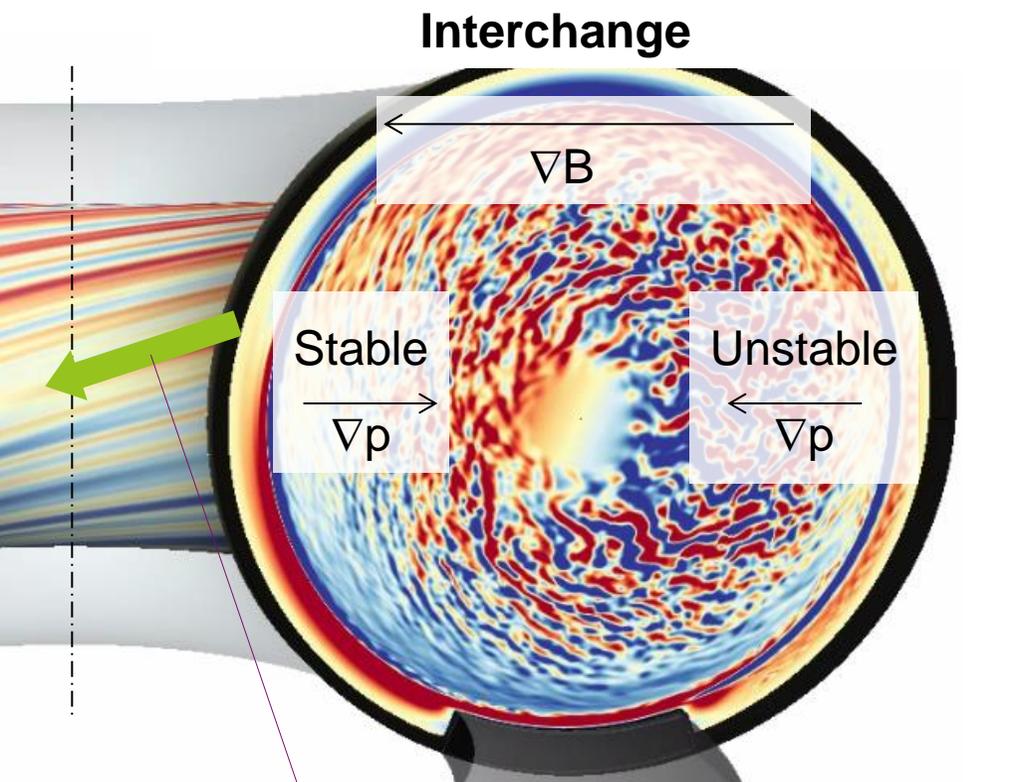


(y, x) are canonically conjugated for the Hamiltonian $H = \phi/B$



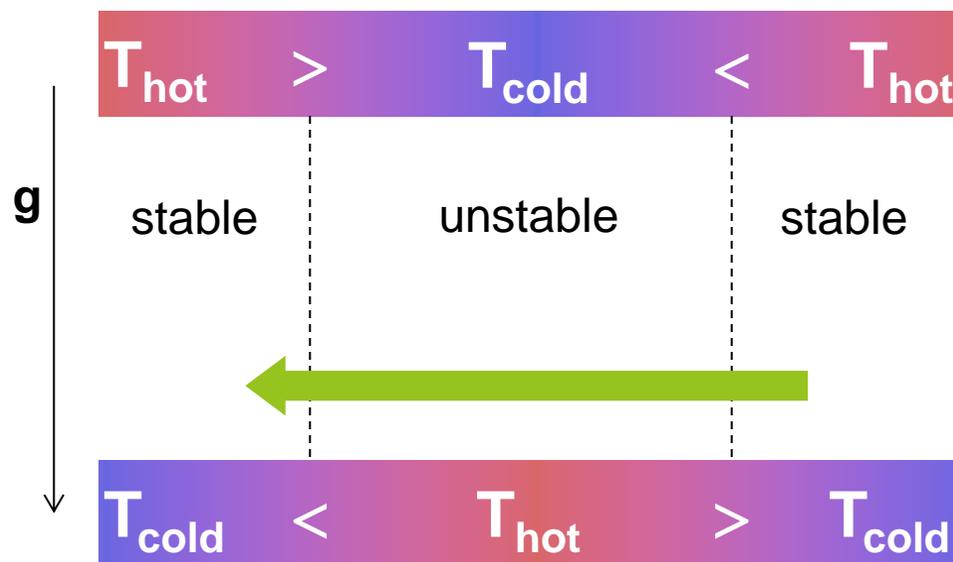
■ Pressure gradient + Field line curvature \Rightarrow instabilities \Rightarrow micro-turbulence

- Interchange: instability if $\nabla p \cdot \nabla B > 0$
- Fluctuations of **E** & **B** fields



Stable/unstable coupling through // current

Rayleigh-Bénard



■ Tokamak plasma turbulence

■ **Ballooned: in/out asymmetry**

■ **Anisotropic turbulence (quasi-2D):**

$$k_{\parallel} qR \sim k_{\perp} \rho_i < 1$$

■ **Small \perp scale: $\rho_* \ll 1$ ($\lambda_{\text{corr}} \sim a \rho_*$)**

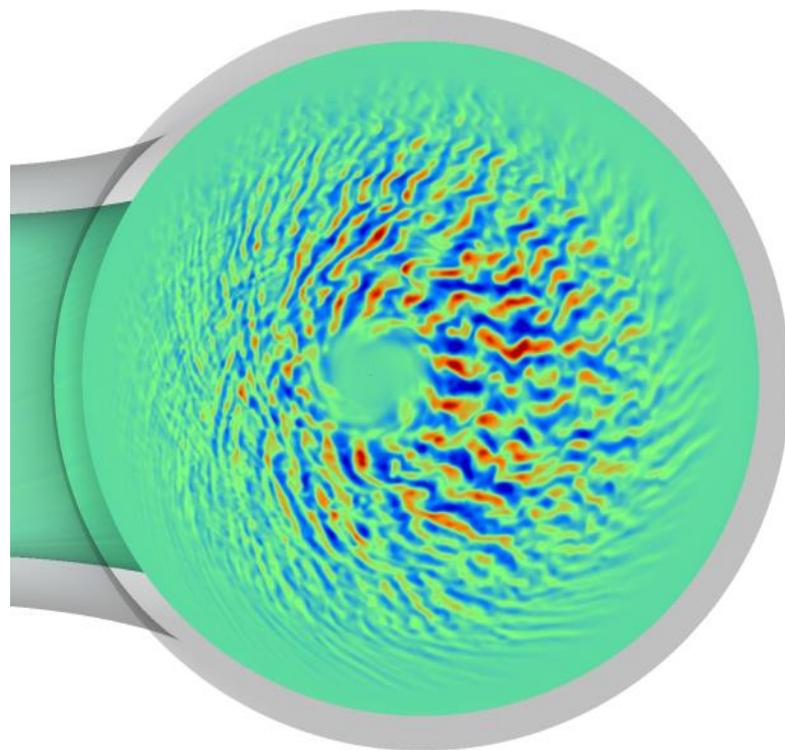
Fluid analogue: **Rossby** $Ro = U / \Omega_0 L \ll 1$

■ **Time scale:**

$$\nu_{\text{coll}} \approx 10^3 \ll \omega_{\text{turb}} \approx 10^5 \ll \omega_{\text{ci}} \approx 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Governs **heat** (& particle, momentum) **transport**
(effective diffusivity $\approx 1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$)

Fluctuations of electric potential
GYSELA
[Grandgirard CPC 2016]



Core plasma **weakly collisional** ($\lambda_{mfp} \sim 10^4$ m)

Trapped electron turbulence

\Rightarrow **Kinetic description** mandatory

Fluid assumes long wavelength $k_{\perp} \rho_s \ll 1$

[Littlejohn PoF 1981; Brizard-Hahm RMP 2007; Tronko-Brizard PoP 2015]

From **6D kinetics** to **5D gyrokinetics** via **phase space reduction**

Particle \rightarrow Gyro-center

Vlasov $f(\mathbf{x}, v_{\parallel}, \mu, \varphi_c, t) \rightarrow$ Gyrokinetic equation $f_G(\mathbf{x}_G, v_{G\parallel}, \mu, t)$

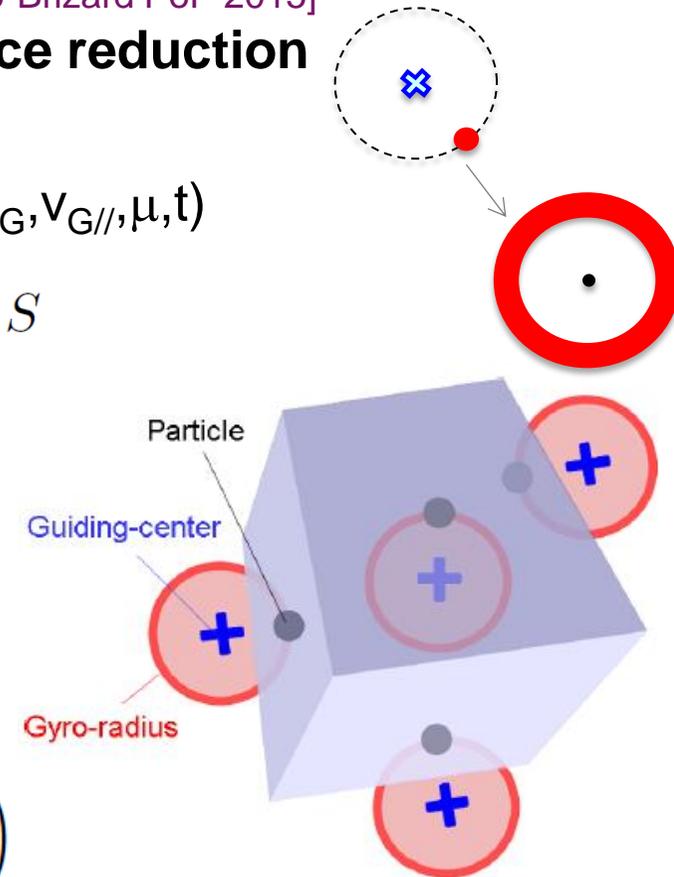
$$\frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}_{G\perp} + \mathbf{v}_{G\parallel}) \cdot \nabla \bar{f} + \frac{dv_{G\parallel}}{dt} \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial v_{G\parallel}} = C(\bar{f}) + S$$

Maxwell's eqs involve PARTICLE density & current

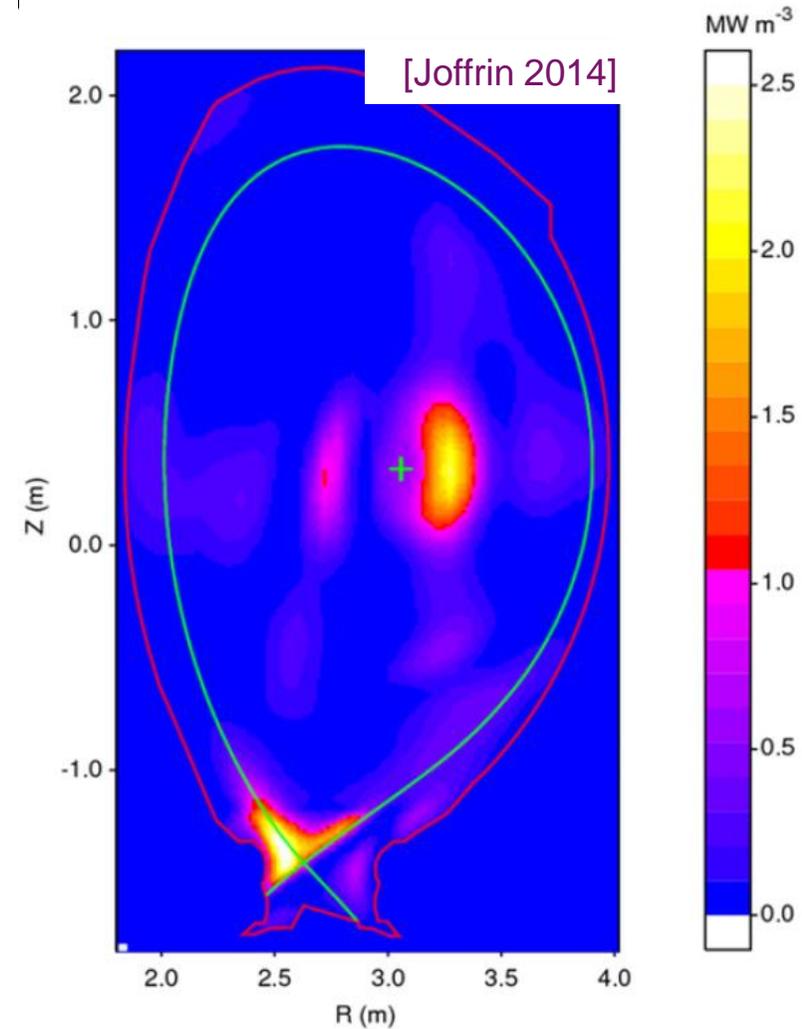
Requires non-trivial link between f & f_G

Quasi-neutrality $n_e(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_i Z_i n_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$

$$\int d^3v f_{Ge} = \int d^3v J \cdot f_{Gi} + n_{pol} \simeq n_{eq,s} \rho_s^2 \nabla_{\perp}^2 \left(\frac{e_s \phi}{T_s} \right)$$



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 - Dilution at low Z
 - Radiation at large Z (tungsten)
- ⇒ Synergy turbulent/collisional transport: role of poloidal asymmetries?

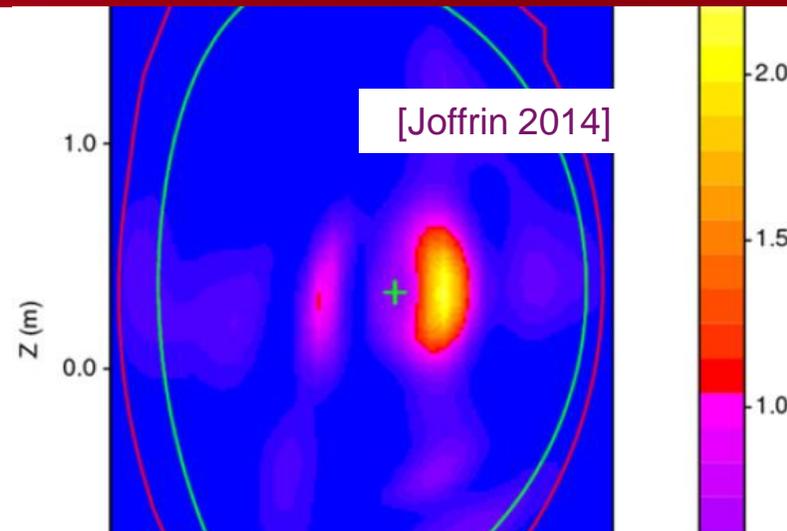


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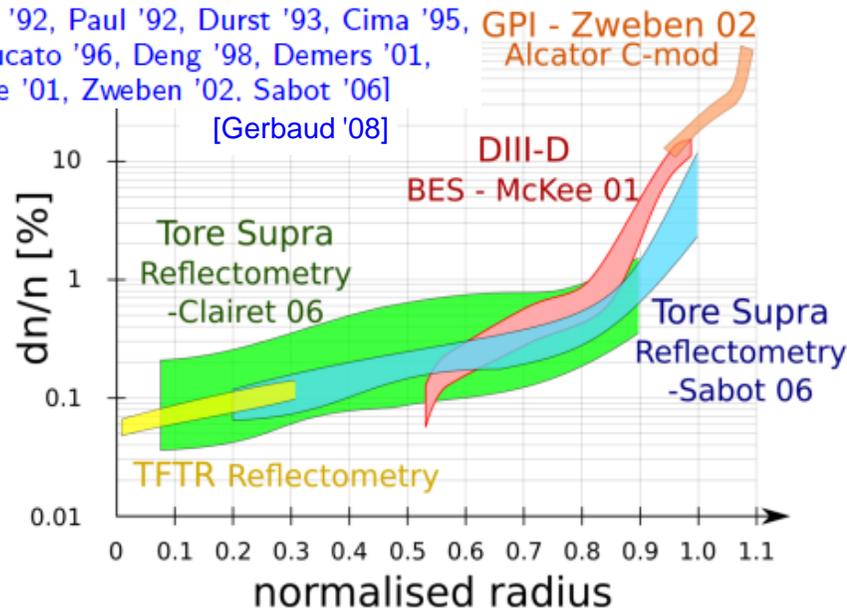
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[Liewer '85, Ritz '89, Bravenec '92, Fonck '92, Paul '92, Durst '93, Cima '95, Mazzucato '96, Deng '98, Demers '01, McKee '01, Zweben '02, Sabot '06]



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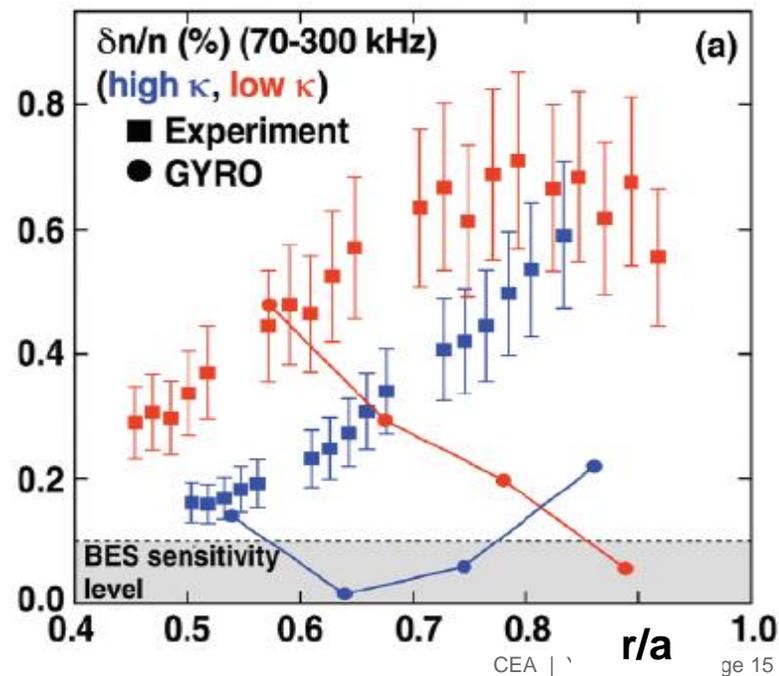
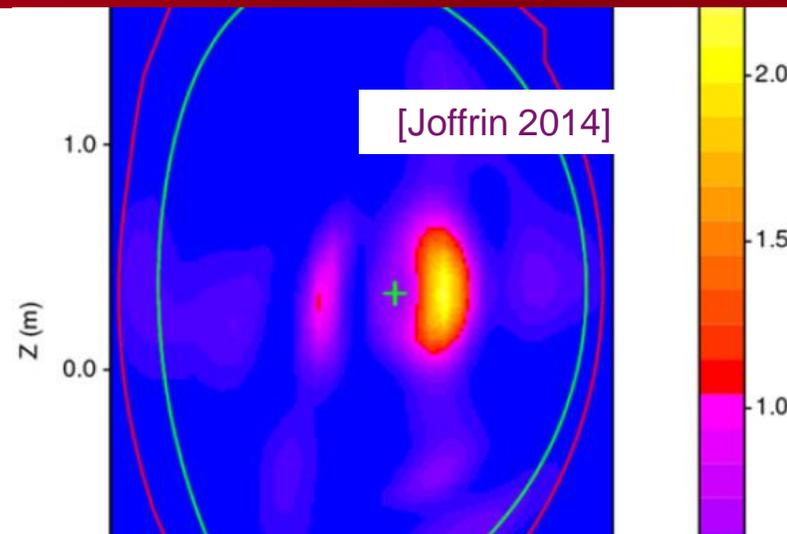
- Local gyrokinetic models fail...
... unless invoking large error bars

[Holland PoP 2011, Goerler PoP 2014, Waltz APS 2017]

⇒ Role of **asym. flows** in unconfined region?

⇒ Role of **turbulence spreading** core→edge
and/or SOL→edge?

[Mattor-Diamond PoP 1994, Garbet NF 1994]



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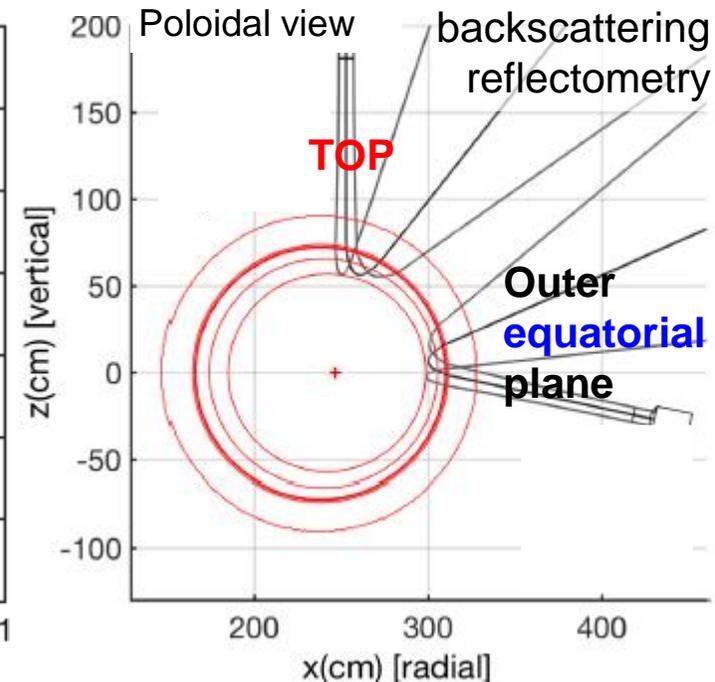
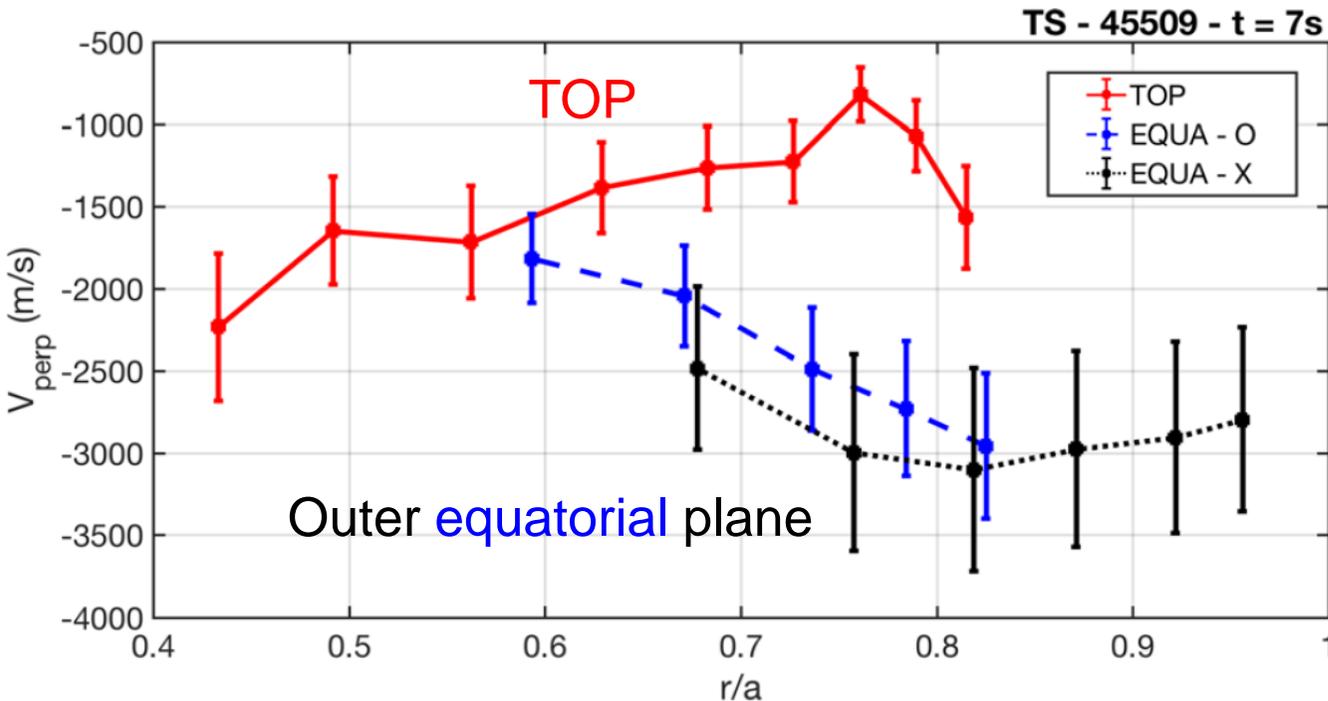
■ Faster edge poloidal rotation of turb. at outer equatorial plane than on top

Cannot be explained by B inhomogeneity $v_{E\theta} \sim \partial_r \langle \phi \rangle / B(r, \theta)$

[Vermare, PoP 2018]

Doppler

backscattering
reflectometry



■ Open issues:

- Possible origin: turbulence-driven?
- Impact on impurity transport?

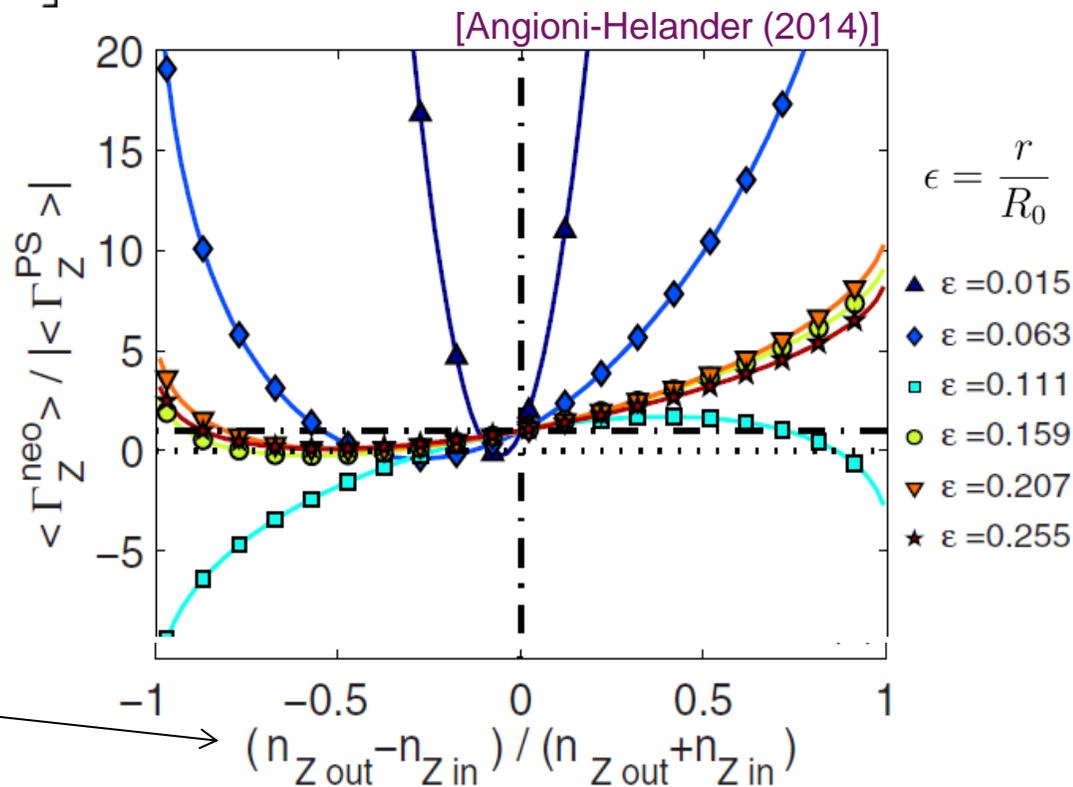
- Convective cells can lead to density asymmetry through adiabatic (Boltzmann) response of trace impurities (charge Z):

$$\frac{N_z - \langle N_z \rangle_\psi}{\langle N_z \rangle_\psi} \propto \exp \left[-\frac{eZ}{T_z} (\phi - \langle \phi \rangle_\psi) \right]$$

Poloidal asymmetry

- Asymmetric density
⇒ neoclassical prediction of impurity flux strongly modified

Ratio of neoclassical impurity flux with & without n_z asymmetry



- **Convective cells:** large scale ($m=\pm 1$) axisymmetric ($n=0$) modes of electric potential *at intermediate to low frequencies* ($\omega \ll \omega_{GAM} \sim c_s/R$)

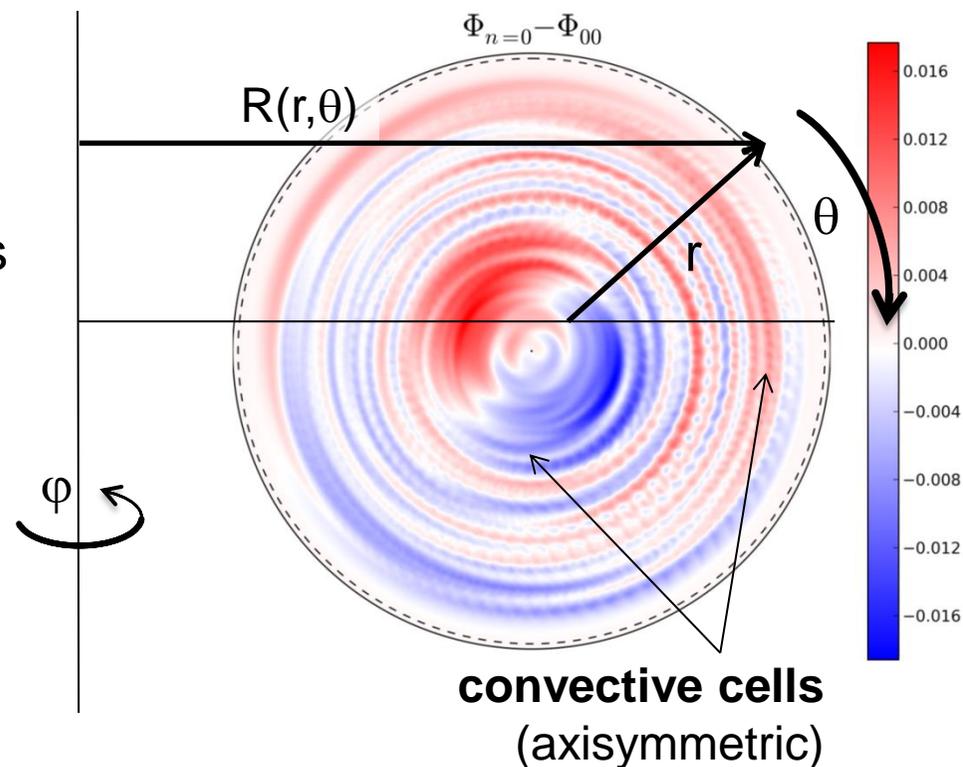
$$\phi = \sum \phi_{m,n} \exp\{i(m\theta + n\varphi)\} \longrightarrow \phi_{CC} = \phi_{CC0}(r, t) \sin(\theta + \theta_{CC})$$

- Possible **origins of poloidal asymmetries**

- Asymmetric heat sources
- **B-field inhomogeneity:** $B \sim 1/R(r, \theta)$
 - At equilibrium \rightarrow motion invariants
 - In **turbulent regime** \rightarrow transport

- Open issues:

- Amplitude?
- Phase θ_{CC} (sin. vs cos)?
- Frequency?



- Turbulence \rightarrow **ZFs**, **GAMs** & low freq. **Convective Cells**
 $(m \neq 0, n \neq 0)$ $(0, 0)$ $(m = 0 \pm 1, 0)$ $(m = \pm 1, 0)$

- Conservation of **Potential Vorticity** $\Omega = \phi - \langle \phi \rangle - \rho_i^2 \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi$ (at constant density n)

- Neglecting // dynamics and B-inhomogeneity

$$\partial_t \Omega + \mathbf{v}_E \cdot \nabla \Omega = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \partial_t \langle v_{E\theta} \rangle = \langle v_{Er} \Omega \rangle = -\nabla_r \langle \tilde{v}_{Er} \tilde{v}_{E\theta} \rangle$$

Zonal Flows PV flux Reynolds' force

[Taylor 1915,
McIntyre "Festival book" 2013]

- **Tokamak plasmas: // dynamics + vertical drift** (B inhomogeneity)

$$(\partial_t + v_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel} + \mathbf{v}_D \cdot \nabla) \Omega = -\mathbf{v}_E \cdot \nabla \Omega$$

Landau damping

\perp compression

Turbulent nonlinear source

$$\mathbf{v}_D \cdot \nabla \sim v_{D0} \left(\sin \theta \partial_r + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \partial_{\theta} \right) \Rightarrow \text{poloidal coupling}$$

Matrix form for $(m,n)=(0\pm 1,0)$ components of gyro-averaged potential $\bar{h} = e\mathcal{J}\phi$

$$\frac{N_{\text{eq}}}{T_{\text{eq}}} \begin{pmatrix} E_a & -iE_c & E_d \\ iE_c & E_b & -iE_c \\ E_d & iE_c & E_a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{h}_{-1,\Omega} \\ \bar{h}_{0,\Omega} \\ \bar{h}_{1,\Omega} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\Omega} \begin{pmatrix} S_{1,0} + i(S_{0,-1} - S_{2,-1} - S_{2,1}) \\ -iS' - S_{1,-1} + S_{1,1} + 2iS_{2,0} \\ -S_{1,0} + i(S_{0,1} - S_{2,-1} - S_{2,1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear operator
(Time evol. + advection)

Convective Cells & ZF

Nonlinear source terms (turbulence)

[Donnel PPCF 2019(a)]

$$E_a = 1 + \tau + L_0(\Omega) - L_2(\Omega)$$

$$E_b = \langle 1 - \mathcal{J}^2 \rangle_v + 2L_2(\Omega)$$

$$E_c = L_1(\Omega)$$

$$E_d = -L_2(\Omega),$$

$$L_j(\Omega) = \left\langle \frac{\Omega^2 - j\Omega_D^j}{\Omega_+ \Omega_- + 2\Omega_D^2} \mathcal{J}^2 \right\rangle_v$$

$$S' = \int \mathcal{J}[\tilde{v}_E \cdot \nabla \tilde{g}]_{0,\Omega} d^3v$$

~ Symmetric Reynolds' stress

$$S_{j,M} = \int \frac{\Omega^2 - j\Omega_D^j}{(\Omega_+ \Omega_- + 2\Omega_D^2)} \mathcal{J}[\tilde{v}_E \cdot \nabla \tilde{g}]_{M,\Omega} d^3v$$

~ Ballooned Reynolds' stress

// and v_D dynamics

[Donnel PPCF 2019(a)]

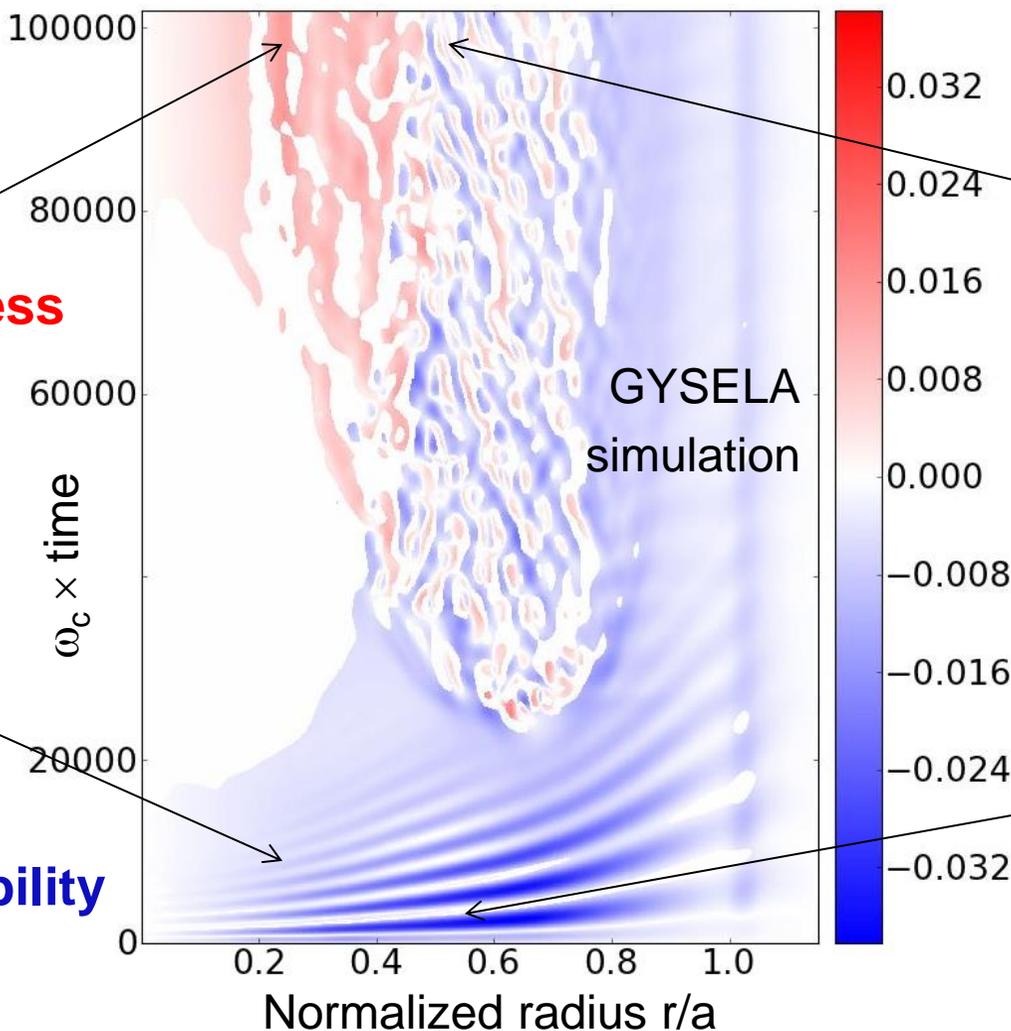
In-out asymmetry
 ($|\theta| < 20^\circ$)

Reynolds stress ballooning

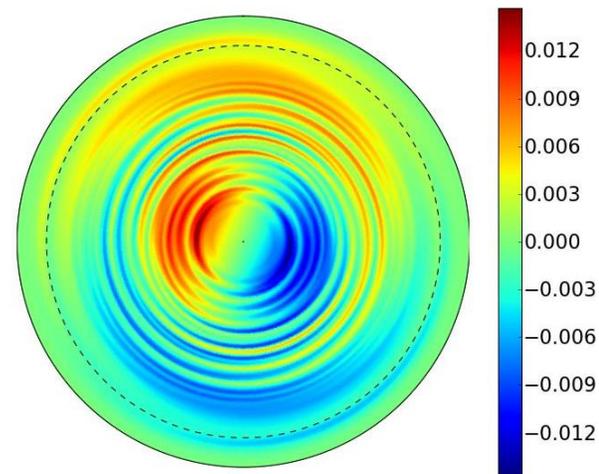
Up-down asymmetry
 ($\theta = 90^\circ \pm 20^\circ$)

⊥ Compressibility

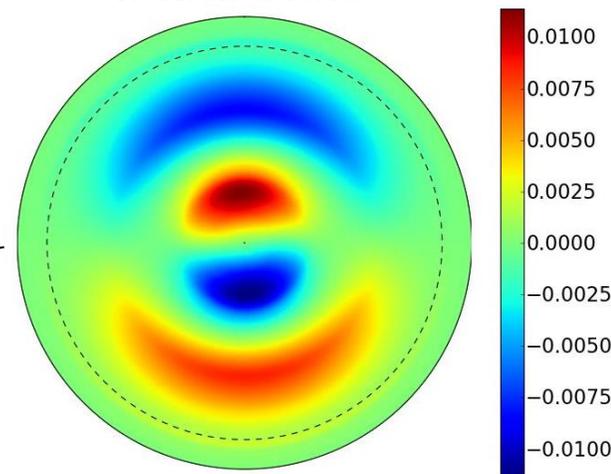
Phase of Convective Cells



Final state



Initial state



GYSELA simulation with Tungsten

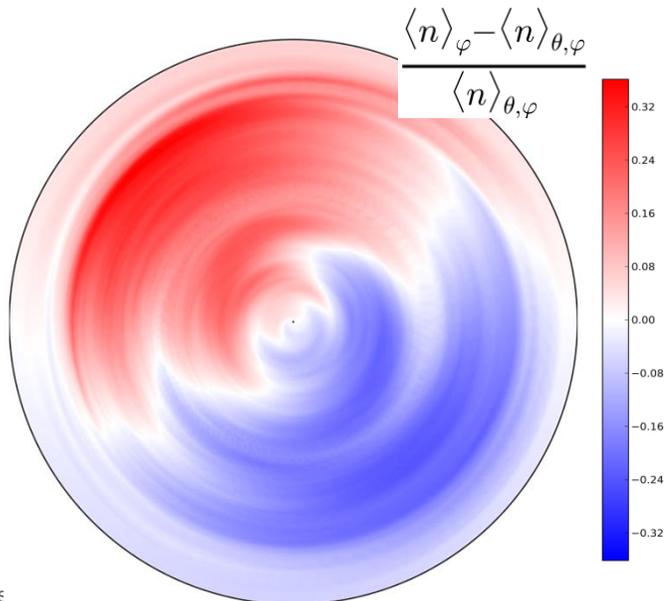
D+W (Z=40), $\rho_* = 1/190$, trace limit ($\alpha = \frac{Z^2 N_z}{N_i} \approx 10^{-3}$)

no torque injection, isotropic heat Source

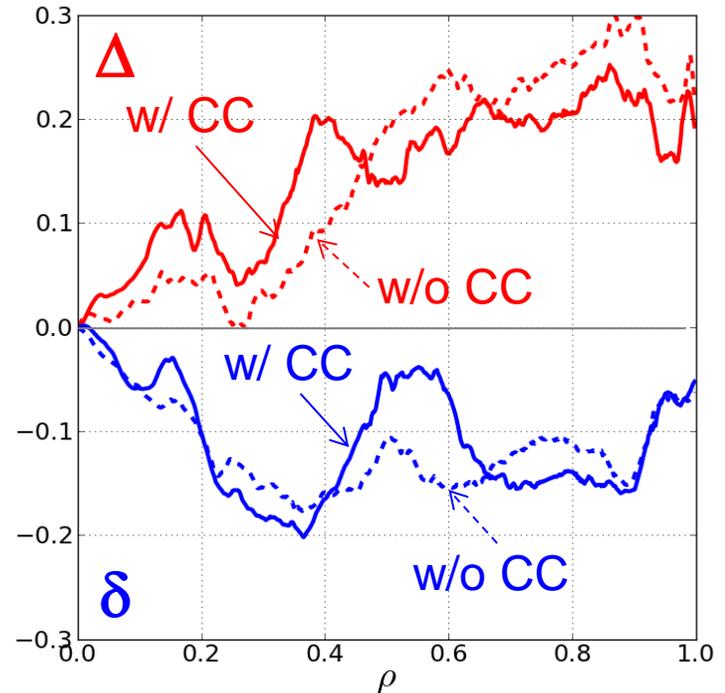
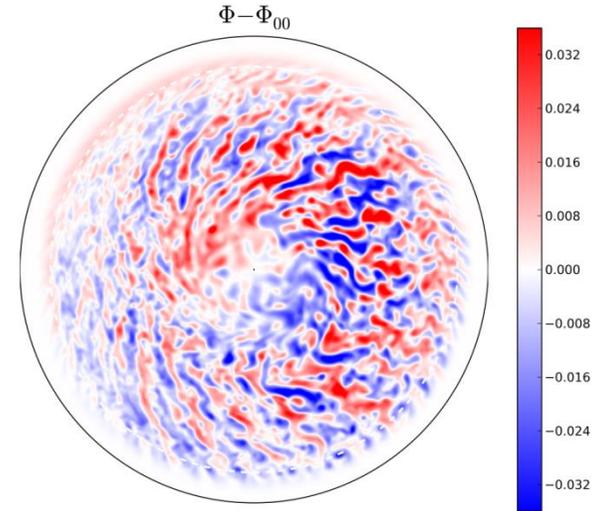
Poloidal asymmetry of n_z ...

Parametrized by δ & Δ :

$$\frac{n_z - \langle n_z \rangle}{\langle n_z \rangle} = \delta \cos \theta + \Delta \sin \theta$$



... Marginally due to convective cells



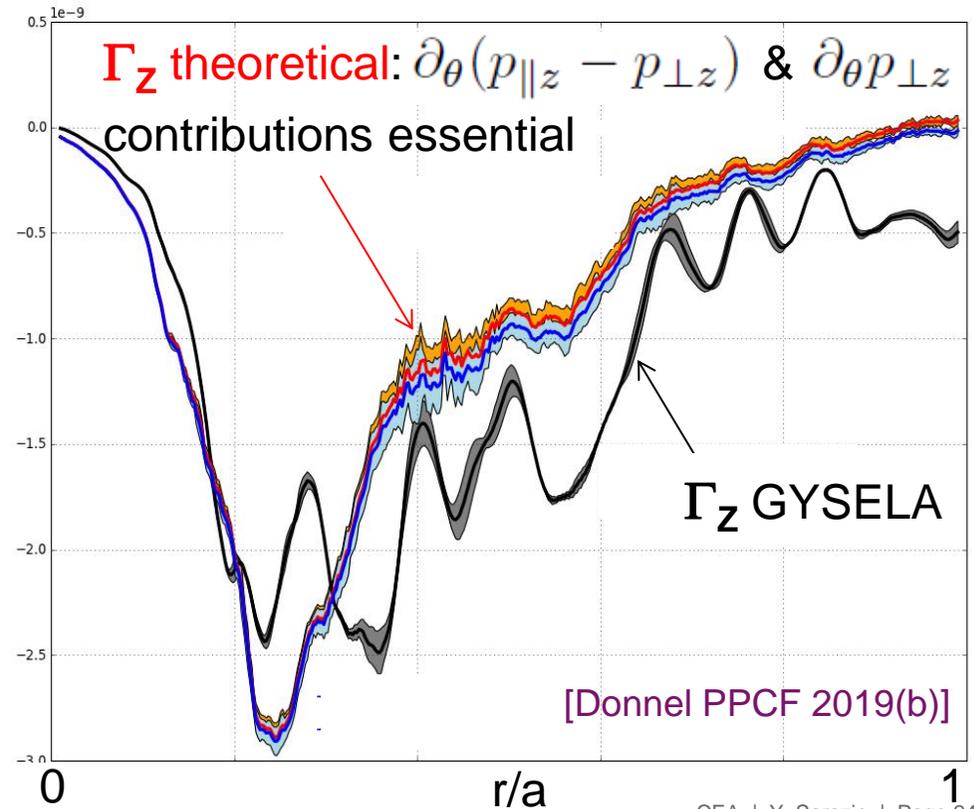
- Convective Cells NOT sufficient to account for Experimental flow asymmetry
- GYSELA asymmetry of n_z

■ **Generalization:** same analysis for non-adiabatic part g of $f = \left(1 - \frac{e\phi}{T}\right) f_{eq} + g$

$$(\partial_t + v_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel}) g_{m,0} + [\mathbf{v}_D \cdot \nabla g]_{m,0} = \frac{f_{eq}}{T_{eq}} \partial_t (e\phi_{m,0}) - [\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_E \cdot \nabla \tilde{g}]_{m,0}$$

⇒ Poloidal asymmetry possible even without Convective Cells

- Governs **asymmetric pressure anisotropy** (CGL pressure tensor)
 - Effective contribution to impurity flux (in ITER relevant low collisionality regime)
 - Consistent with GYSELA results



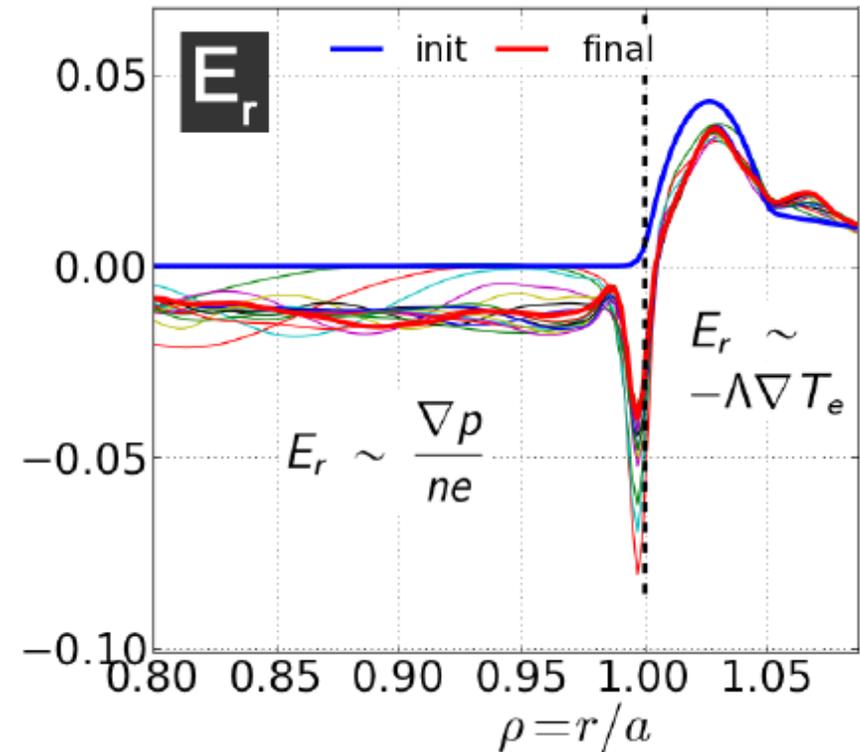
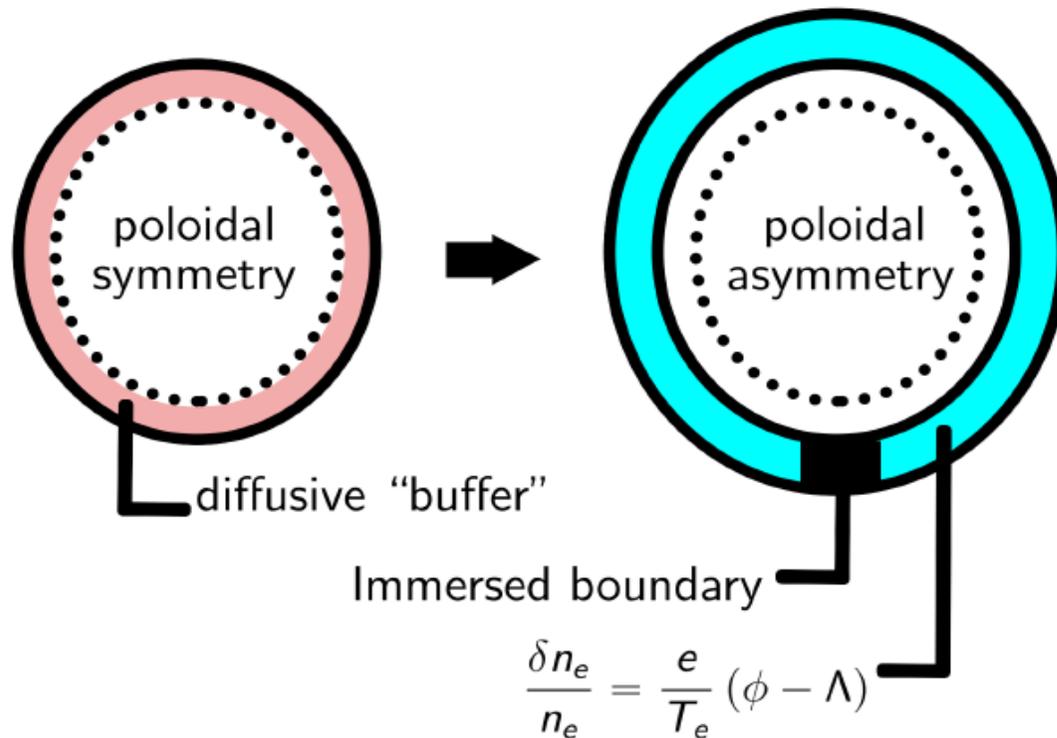
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SOL = Scrape-Off Layer:

- Region where magnetic surfaces are open
- Field lines intercept the wall \Rightarrow parallel boundary condition governed by different electron-ion mobility $\Rightarrow \phi = T_e \Lambda / e$ (Bohm criterion)



■ Ion orbit drift efficiently contribute to the establishment of E_r well at separatrix:

■ E_r strongly negative when v_{Di} towards limiter

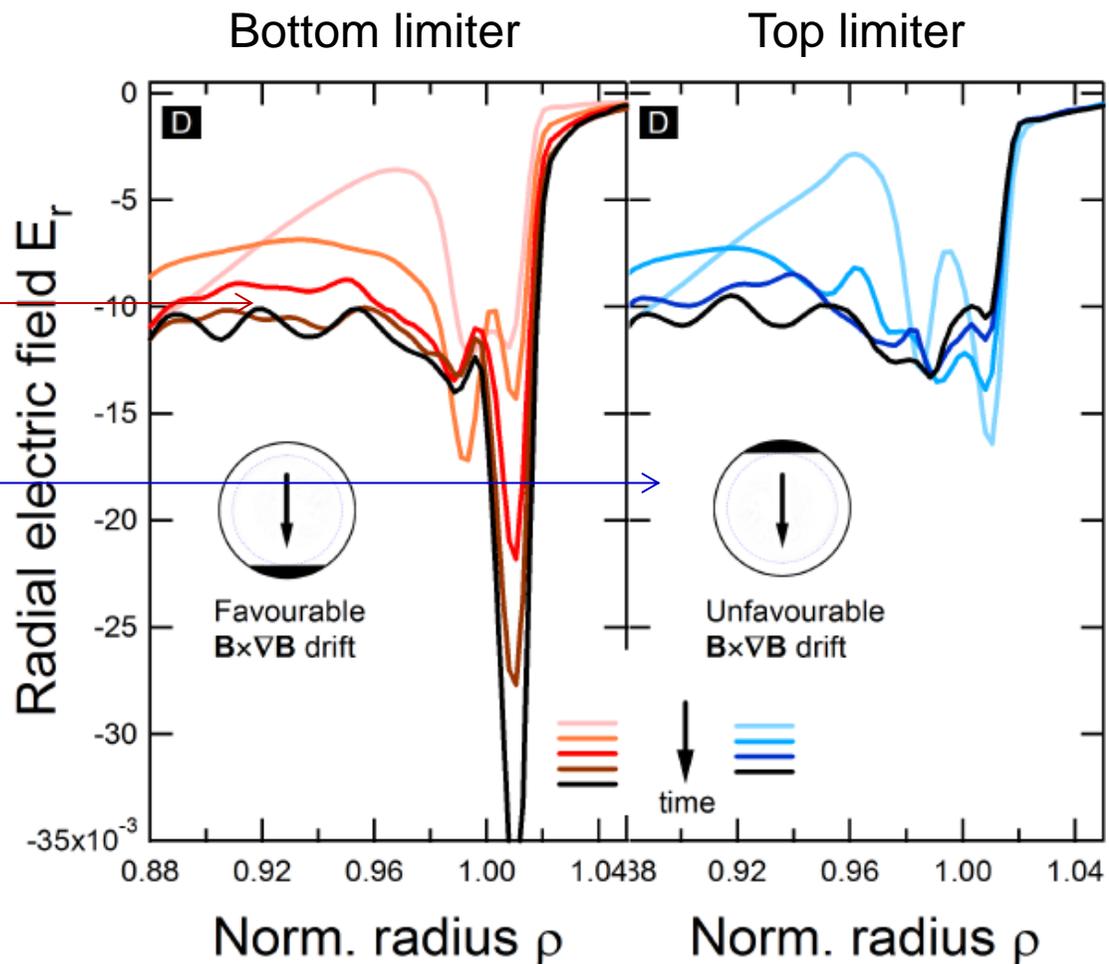
The opposite holds when v_{Di} away from limiter



Consistent with L-H power threshold lower (~ 3) in "favorable grad-B drift"

[ASDEX NF 1989; Carlstrom PoP 1996; Labombard NF 2004; Meyer NF 2006]

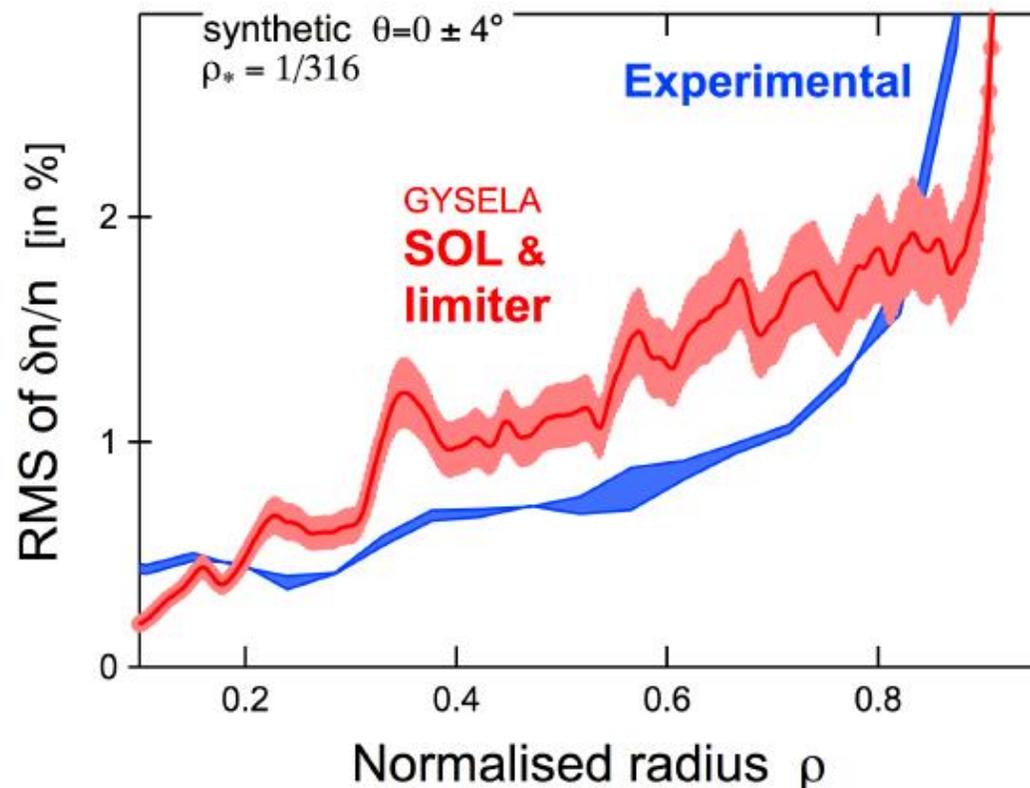
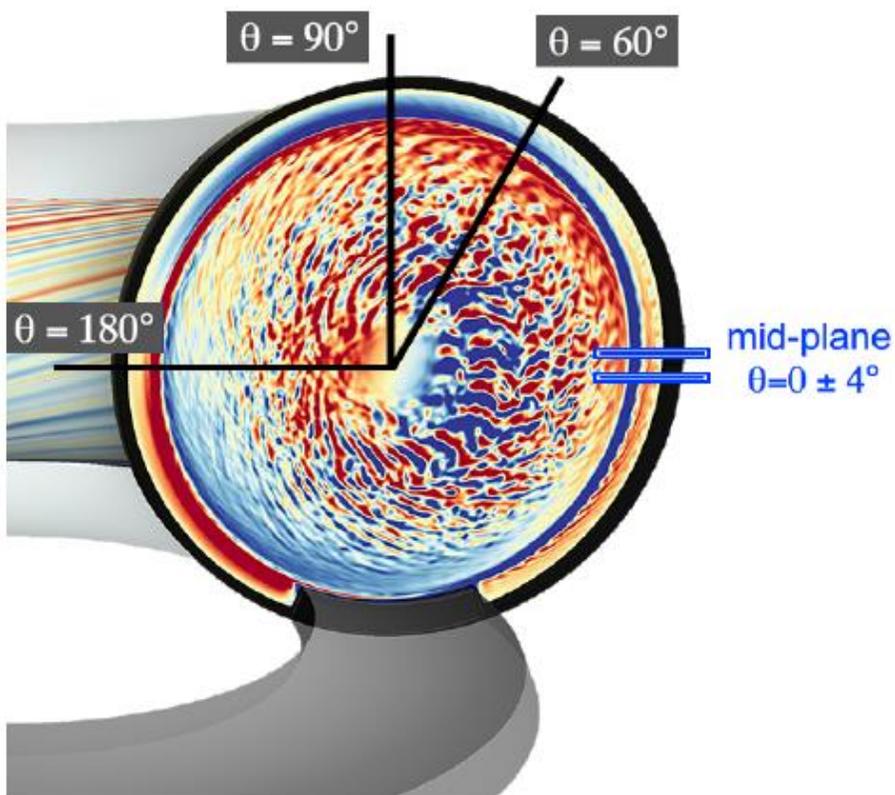
■ Top / bottom limiter: governs poloidal asymmetry of fluctuations (caveat: still not at steady state)



- Highly resolved fast-swept reflectometry measurement of density fluctuation profile in Tore Supra (#45511)

[Clairet RSI 2011]

- Mimic exp. conditions in simulation: $T_e \neq T_i$, n_e , q , s , v_* , S_{heat} , 75% ρ^*
Synthetic diagnostic $\theta=0 \pm 4^\circ$



■ Inclusion of **asymmetric SOL-like boundary condition** is key:

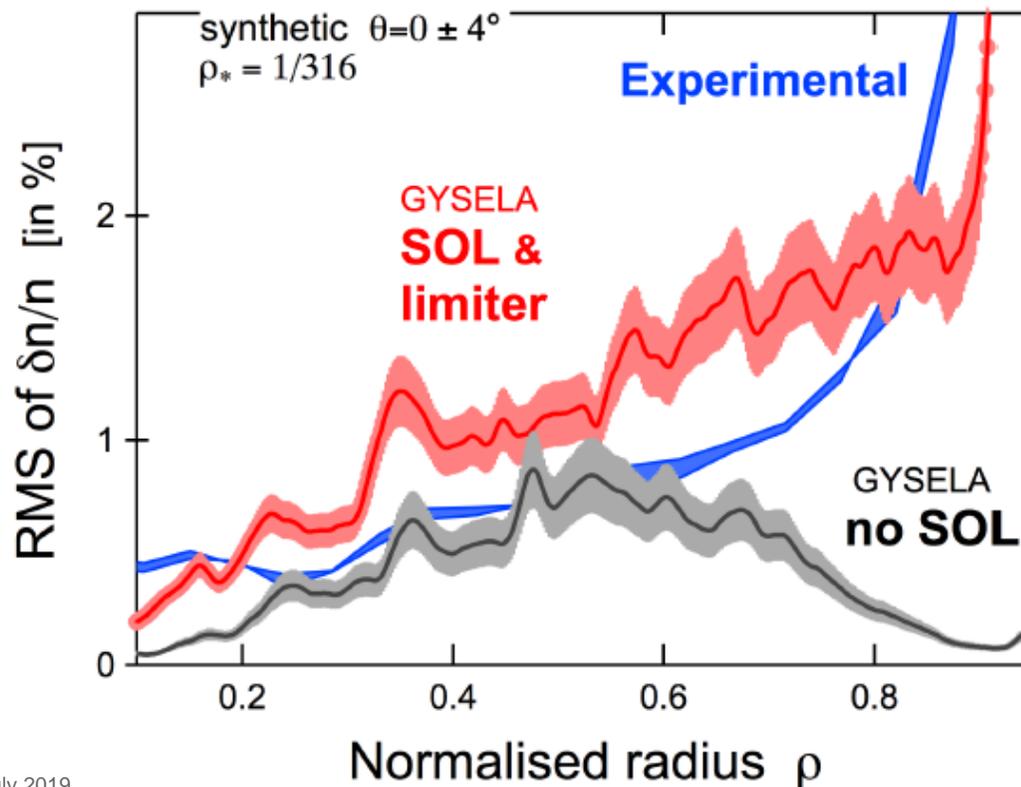
No SOL \Leftrightarrow No fluctuation increase at the edge

→ **Beach effect**** reveals **insufficient**

[Mattor-Diamond PoP 1994;
Gürçan NF 2013]

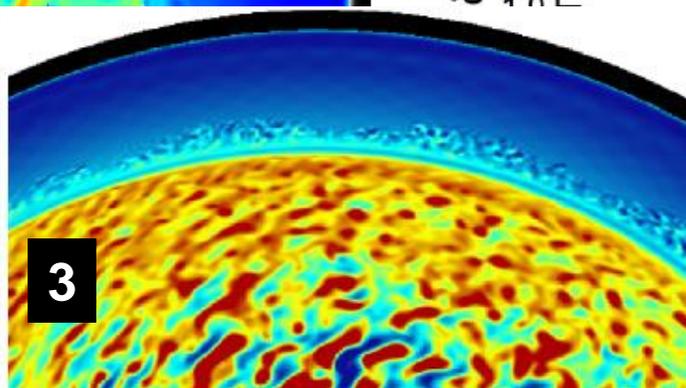
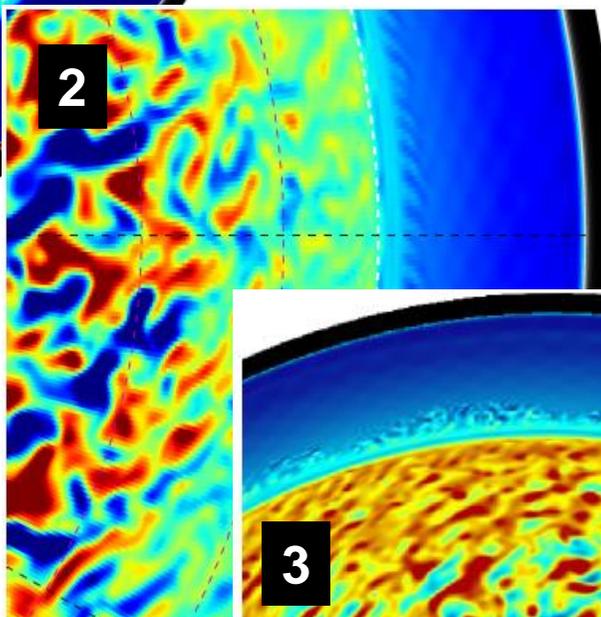
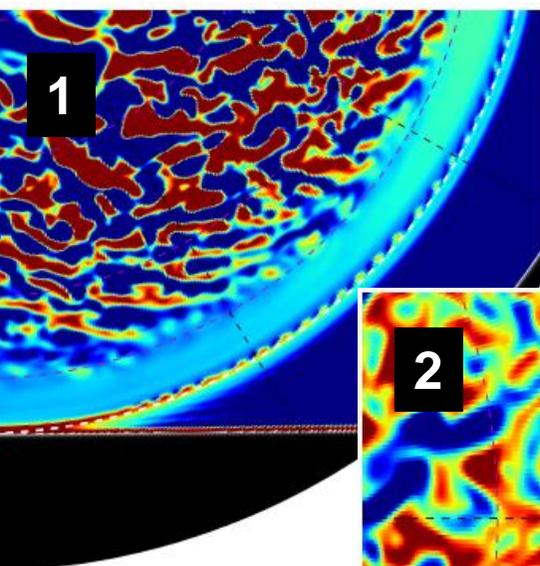
** Conservation of generalized vorticity $\Omega \rightarrow$ **beach effect**

Long wavelength approx.: $\Omega \sim n \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi \Rightarrow \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi \uparrow$ when $n \downarrow$ (edge)

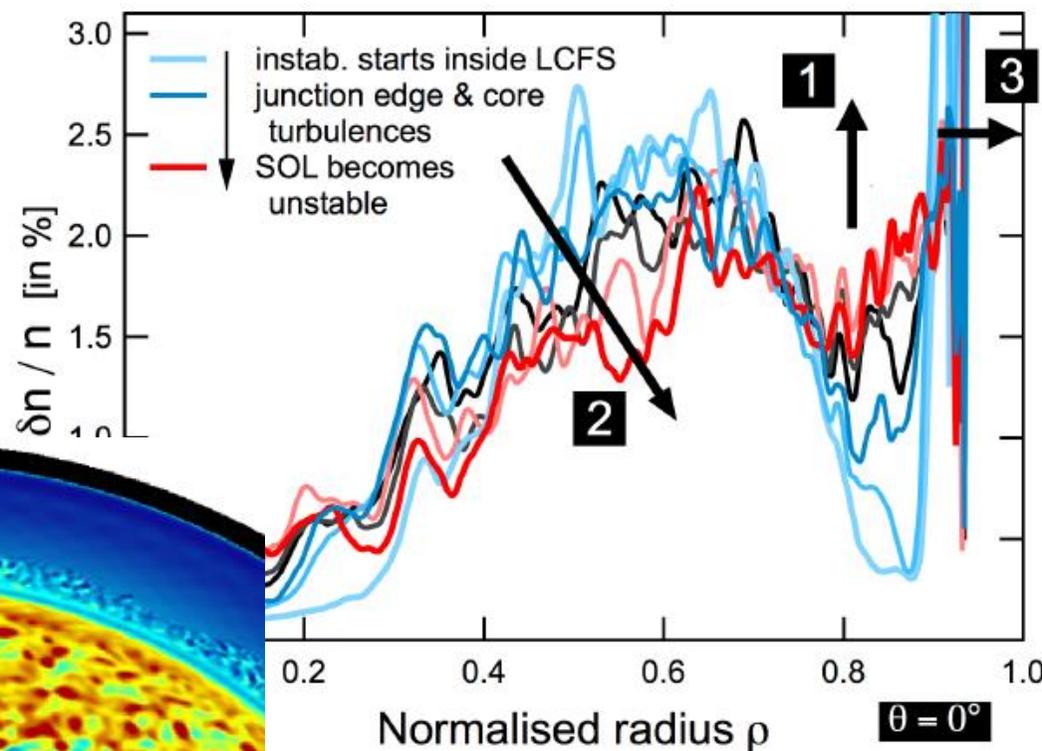


- Initially: weak / No turbulence at the edge
 - Then: **instability develops at separatrix** (Kelvin-Helmholtz in this case)
- ⇒ Complex spreading pattern – mostly inward

[Kadomtsev 1965; Garbet NF 1994;
Hahn PoP 2005]



- Final state: edge & core turb. meet → **spreading in & out**

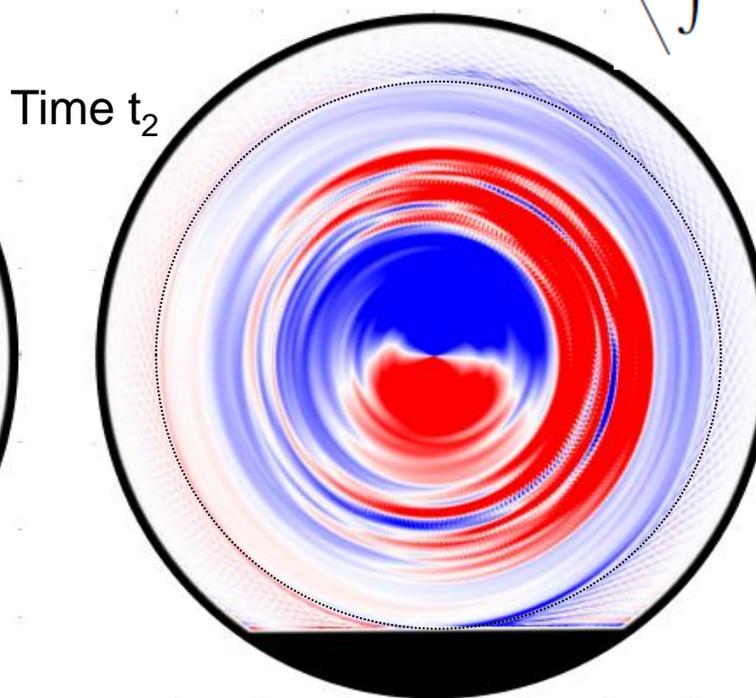
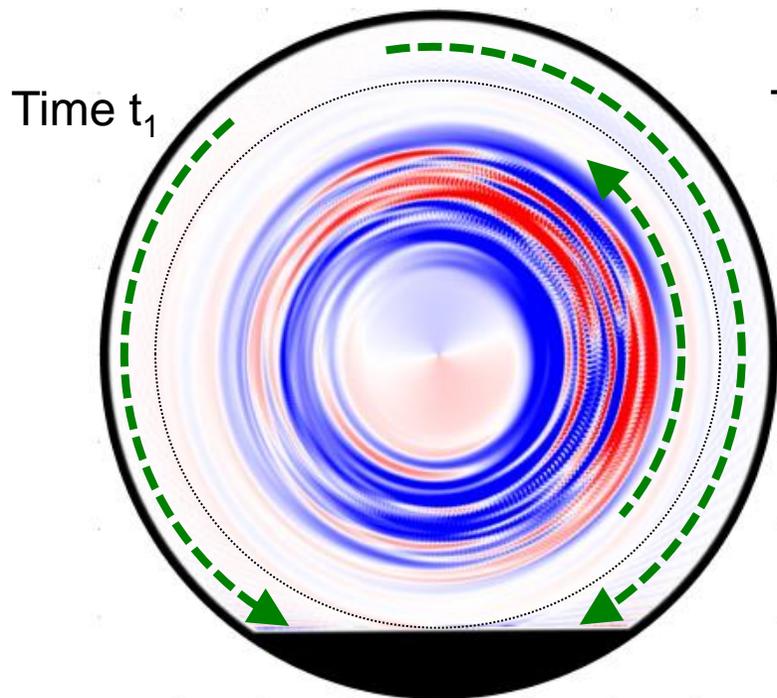


- Drift & limiter → poloidal asymmetry (+ K-H instability in certain regimes)
- Symmetric & asymmetric poloidal flows → advection of fluctuations
- Transport of turbulent intensity (~ fluctuation entropy) into marginally stable edge:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{E,\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) [nl] + \nabla \cdot \Gamma = \text{Inj} - \text{Diss.}$$

[Mattor PRL 1994; Gürçan NF 2013]

$$\Gamma(r, \theta, t) \equiv \langle \mathbf{v}nl \rangle = \left\langle \int \mathbf{v}_{E \times B, r} \frac{\tilde{f}^2}{F_M} \right\rangle$$



Radial flux of
turbulent intensity
 $\Gamma(r, \theta, t) - \Gamma(r, \theta, t_0)$

red ≡ outwards

blue ≡ inwards

■ Core confinement & performance → Gyrokinetic modelling

- Dominant drift wave instabilities
- Complemented by reduced models (large fluctuations & gradients; edge / SOL)

■ Impurity contamination → Turbulence-driven asymmetries

- Source = turbulent "Reynolds' stress" + ballooning or \perp flow compression
- Asymmetric flows are only part of the (not the whole) story
- General theory for pressure asymmetry & anisotropy → consistent with GYSELA impurity flux ++ likely important to predict ITER W transport

■ Wall heat flux → SOL asymmetry (limiter configuration – simplified modelling)

- Critical to recover experimental increase of $\delta n/n$ at the edge
- Poloidal entrainment + inward/outward spreading are keys

Back-up slides

■ Polarity (cos vs sin) of Convective Cells changes with time scale:

■ Intermediate freq. $\Omega \leq \Omega_D \rightarrow \frac{\phi_{1,\Omega}}{B_{eq}} = -\frac{\phi_{-1,\Omega}}{B_{eq}} = -K_r \rho_i \frac{\Pi_{RS,0}(\Omega)}{(1 + \tau) \frac{v_T}{R_0}}$
 \Rightarrow up-down (sin θ) asymmetry

Main drive = transverse compressibility of the flow

■ Low freq. $\Omega \leq \Omega_D K \rho_i \rightarrow \frac{\phi_{1,\Omega}}{B_{eq}} = \frac{\phi_{-1,\Omega}}{B_{eq}} = -i K_r^2 \rho_i^2 f_{bal} \frac{\Pi_{RS,0}(\Omega)}{(1 + \tau) \Omega}$
 \Rightarrow in-out (cos θ) asymmetry

Main drive = ballooned character of Reynolds' stress

[Donnel PPCF 2019(a)]

■ **GYSELA simulation:** Polarity of Convective Cells changes from up-down to in-out when turbulence develops

\Rightarrow Qualitatively consistent with theoretical predictions

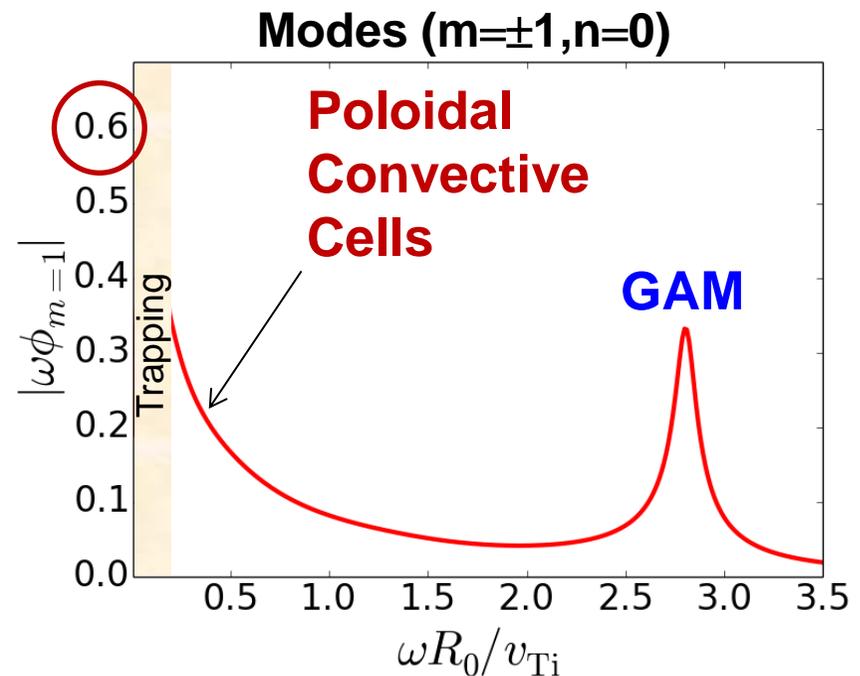
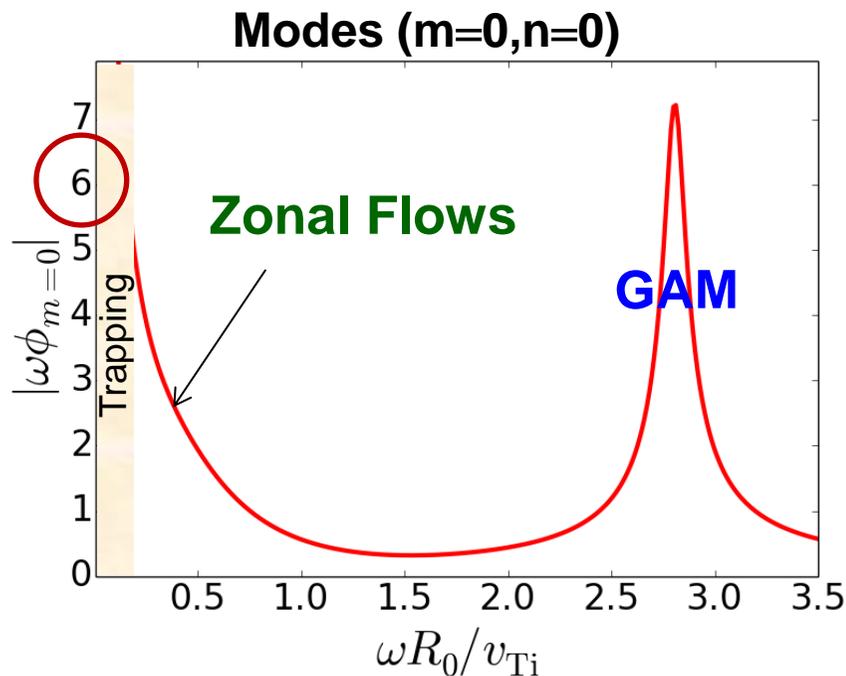
■ Fourier decomposition: $\phi = \sum \phi_{m,n} \exp\{i(m\theta + n\varphi)\}$

Turbulence \rightarrow **ZFs**, **GAMs** and low freq. **Convective Cells**
 ($m \neq 0, n \neq 0$) (0,0) ($m=0 \pm 1, 0$) ($m = \pm 1, 0$)

■ Assuming Lorentzian spectrum of turbulence ($\Delta\omega = 0.1 v_{Ti}/R_0$)

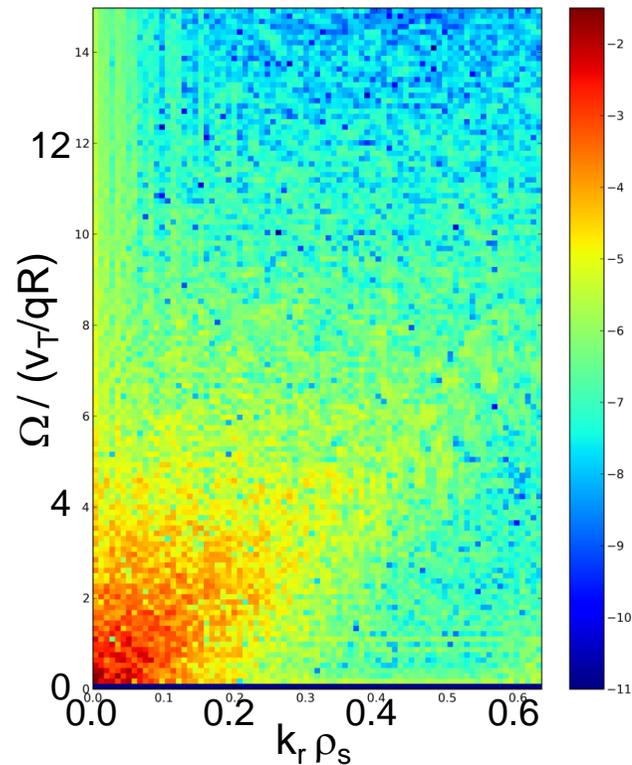
\Rightarrow Generation of Convective Cells can be estimated

[Donnel PPCF 2019(a)]

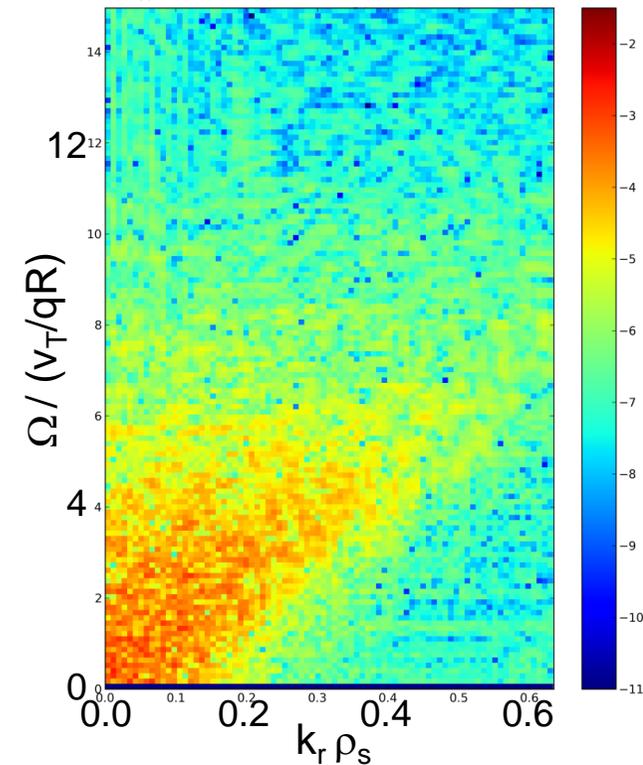


- Turbulence also found to generate asymmetric pressure anisotropy $p_{//} \neq p_{\perp}$
- $(p_{//} - p_{\perp})$ much larger than predicted by neoclassical theory...

$(p_{//} - p_{\perp})$ cosine contribution



$(p_{//} - p_{\perp})$ sine contribution



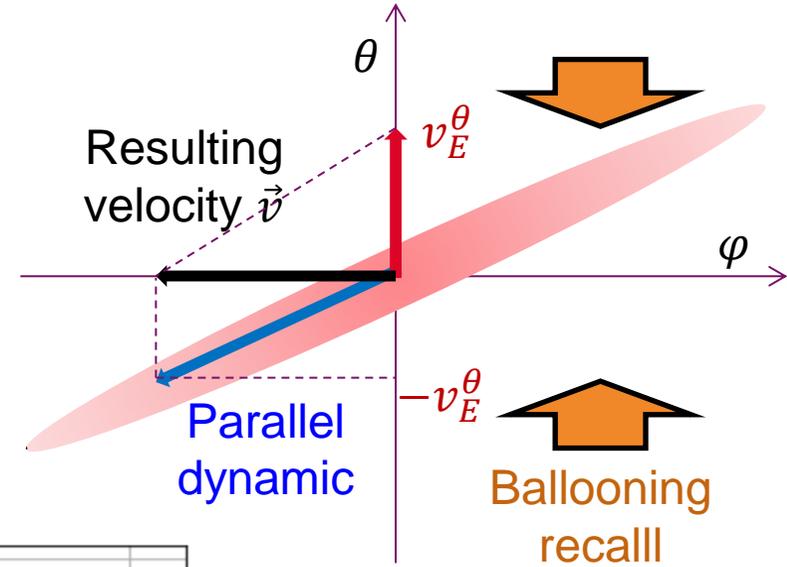
- ... which in turn drives additional transverse current:

$$\mathbf{j}_{dia} = \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla p_{\perp}}{B^2} + (p_{//} - p_{\perp}) \left(\frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla B}{B^3} + \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} \Big|_{\perp} \right)$$

cea Ballooning ensured despite mean poloidal flow

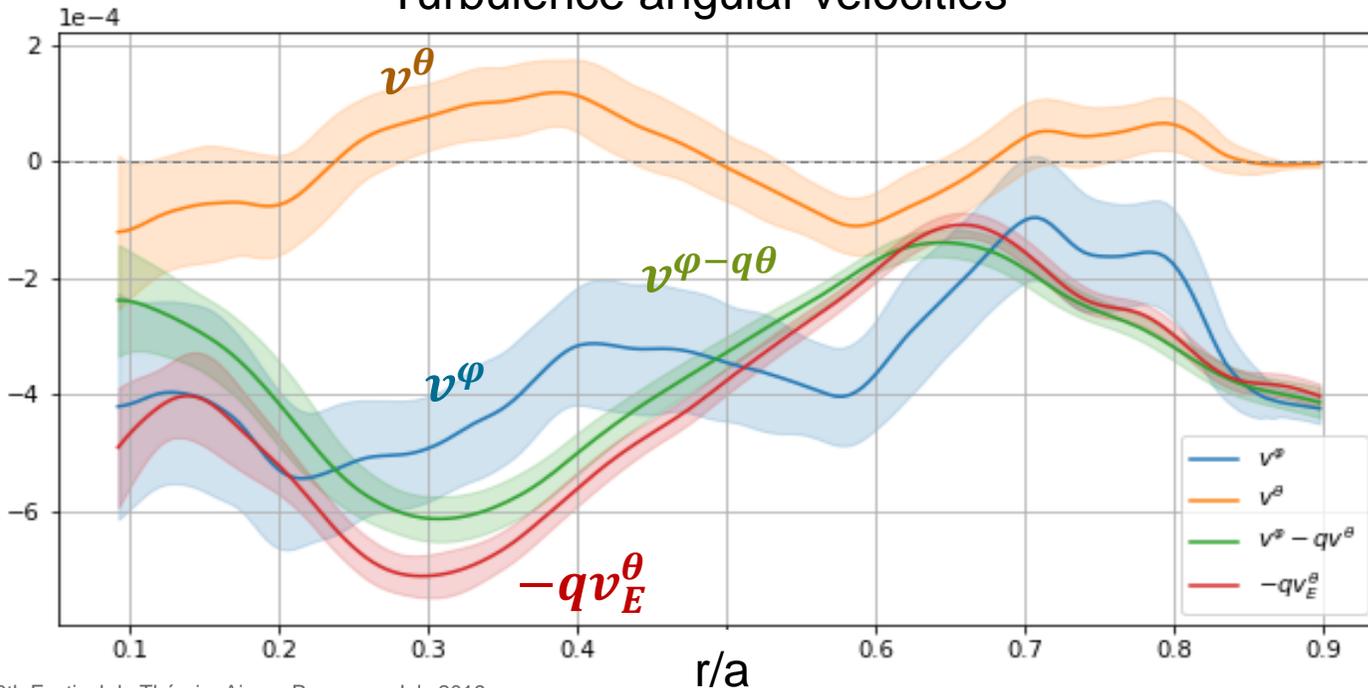
3D velocity of turbulent eddies:

- $v^r(t, r), v^\theta(t, r), v^\varphi(t, r)$
- Computed by registration of 3D snapshots
(Minimizing $\iint |\partial_t \phi + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi|^2 R d\theta d\varphi$)



⇒ Parallel motion ensures ballooning

Turbulence angular velocities



[Gillot (2019)]