

# Relativistic Turbulent Reconnection and Application to Jet Acceleration

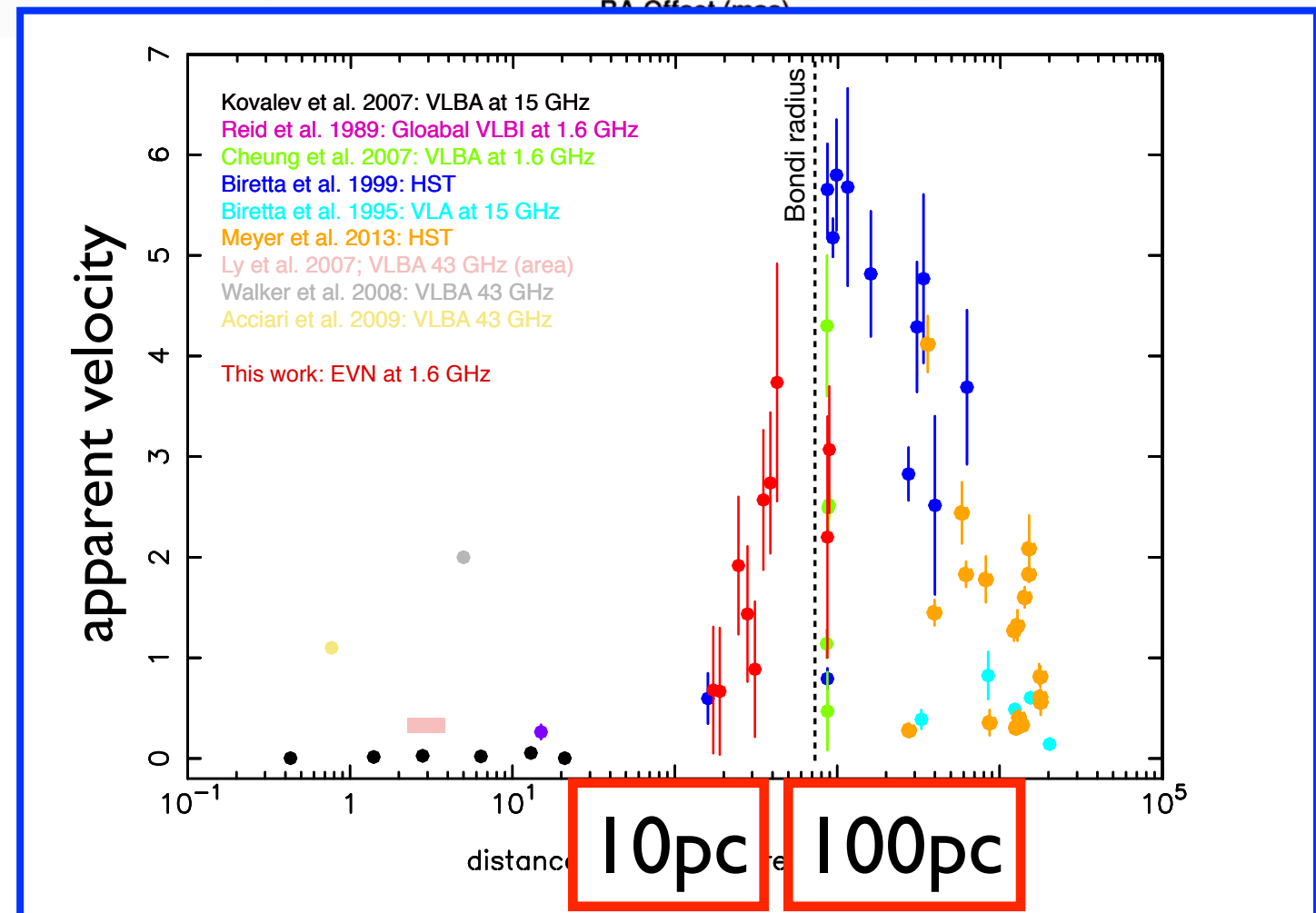
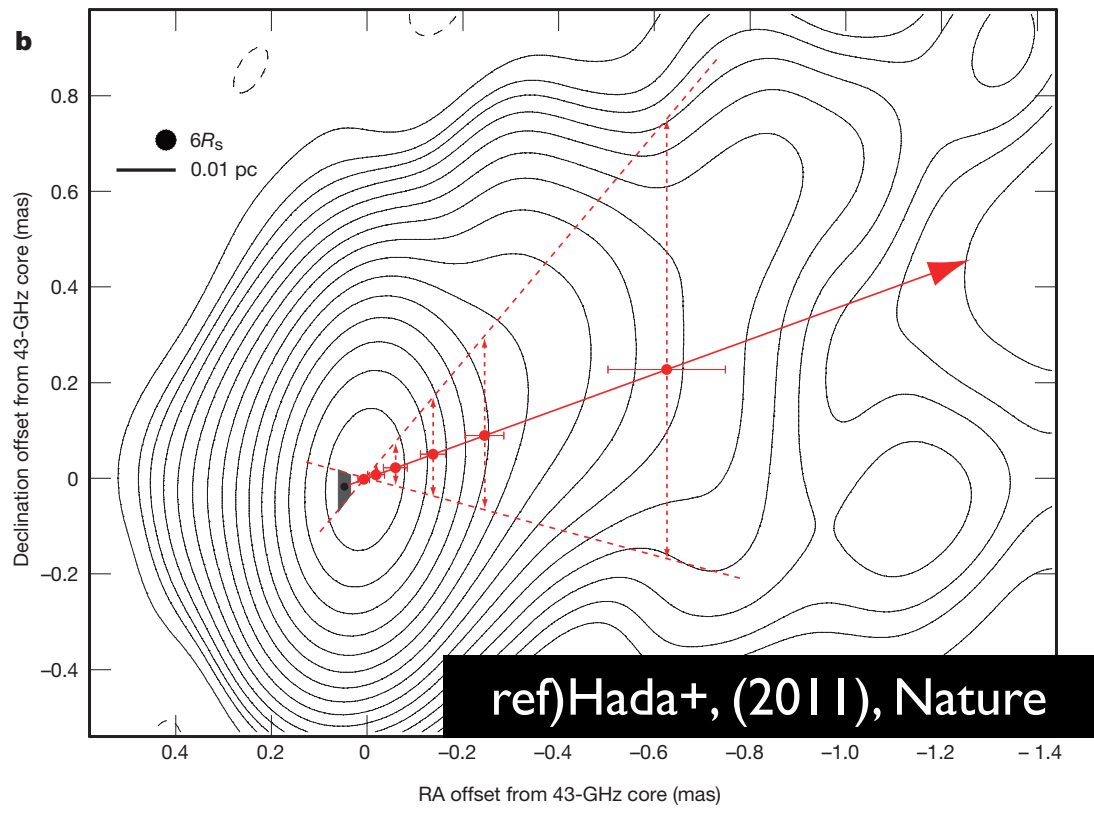
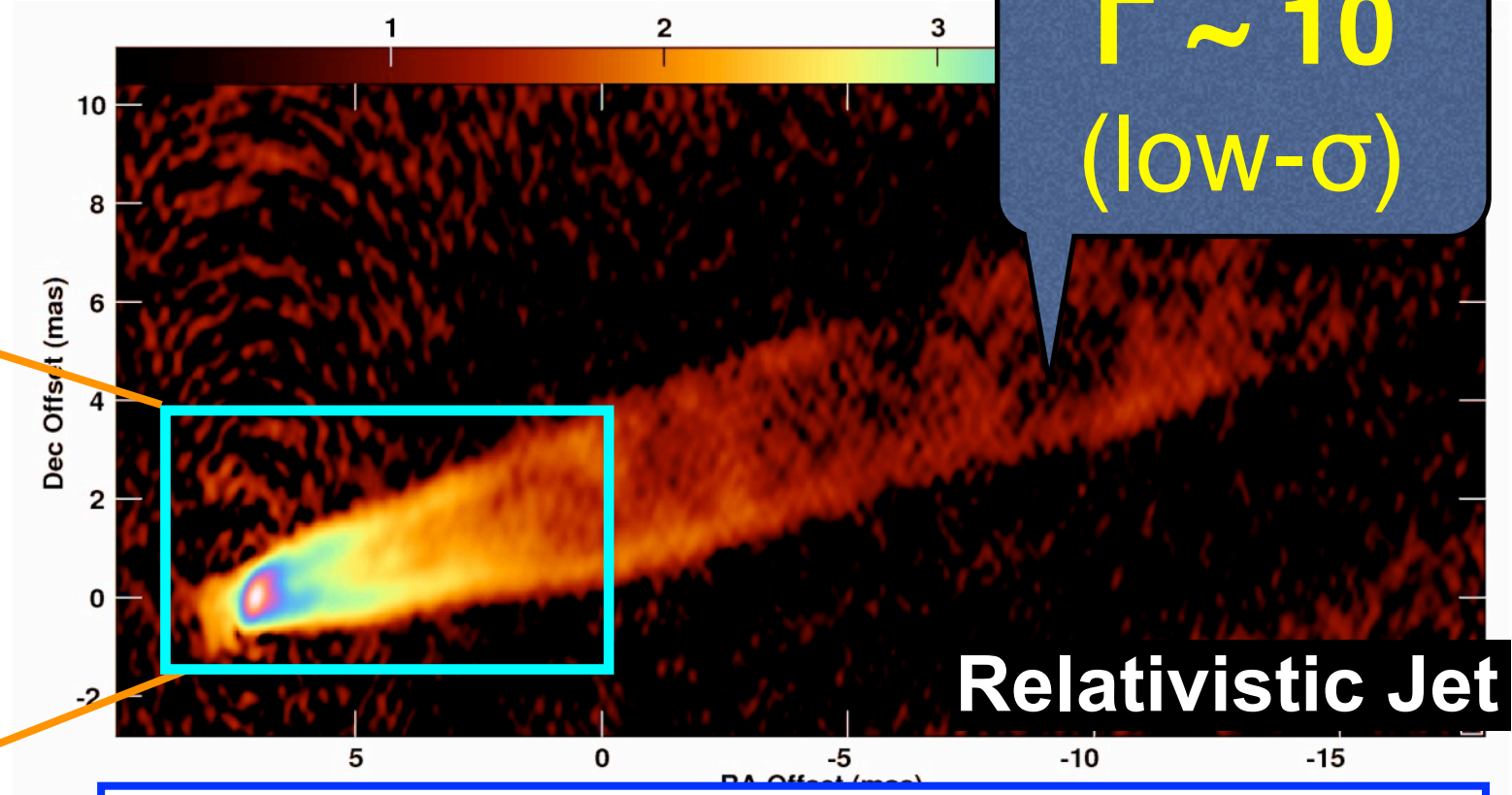
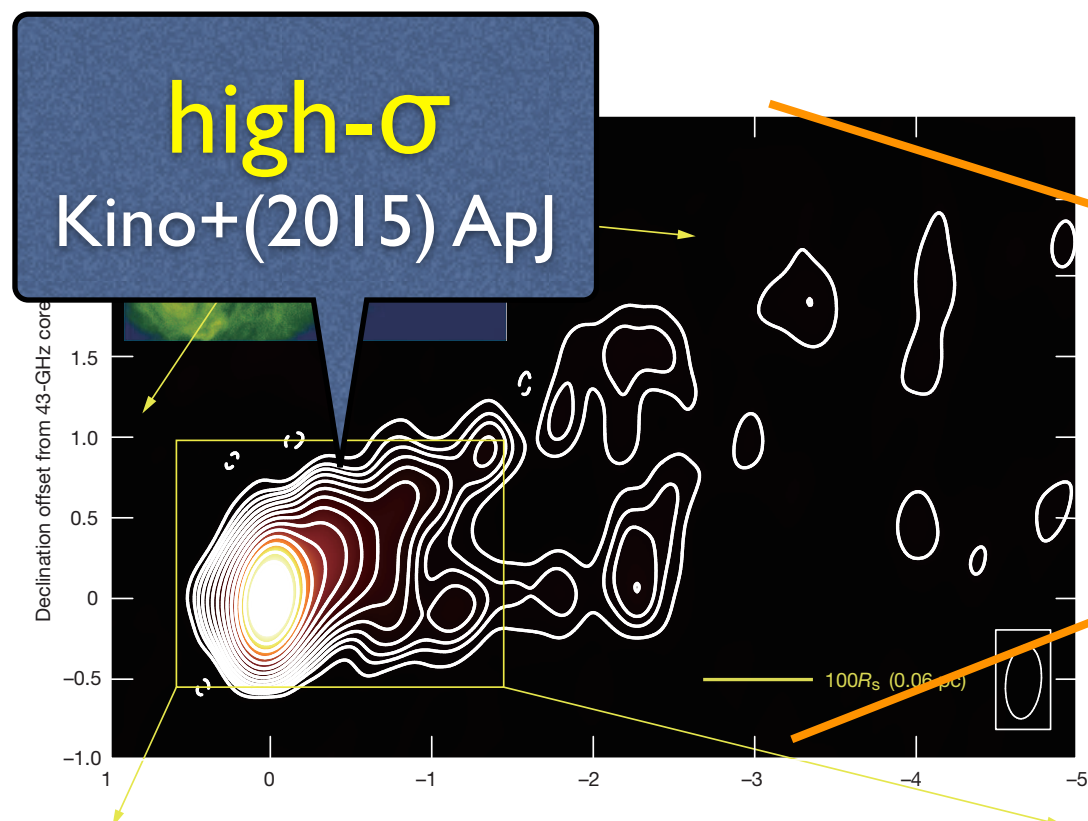
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# I. Recent Observations of M87



ref)Asada+, (2014), ApJL

We need a **very efficient**  
**magnetic field dissipation process**  
**to accelerate jets!!**

# 2. Magnetic Reconnection

ref) Sweet, (1958)  
Parker, (1957; 1963)

Assumptions: steady flow and uniform resistivity  
(Sweet-Parker model)

Reconnection rate:

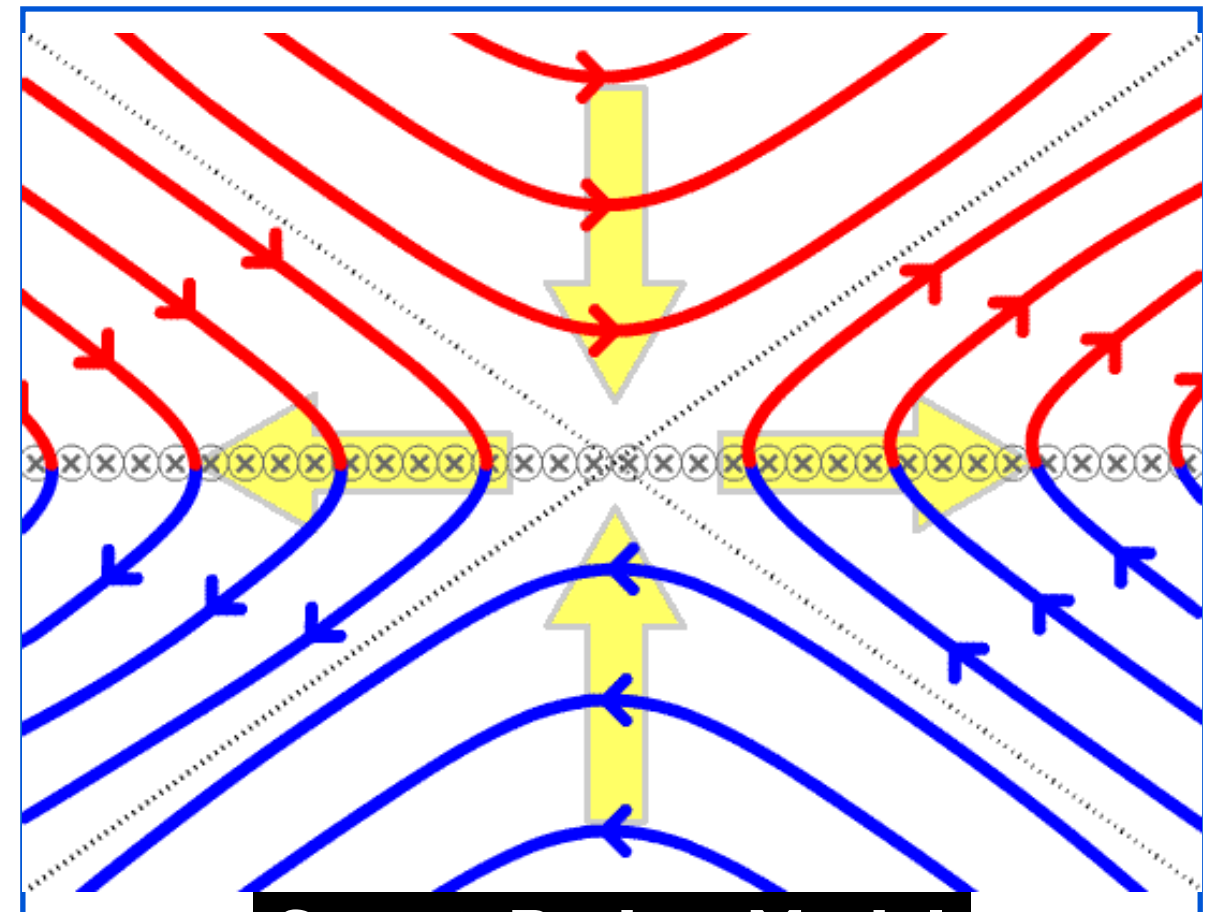
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} U_{in} \sim c_A / \sqrt{S} \\ S = L c_A / \eta \end{array} \right.$$

In many astrophysical objects,

$$S = L c_A / \eta \sim L / l_{mfp} \gg 1$$

➔  $U_{in} \sim c_A / \sqrt{S} \ll c_A$

very slow ....

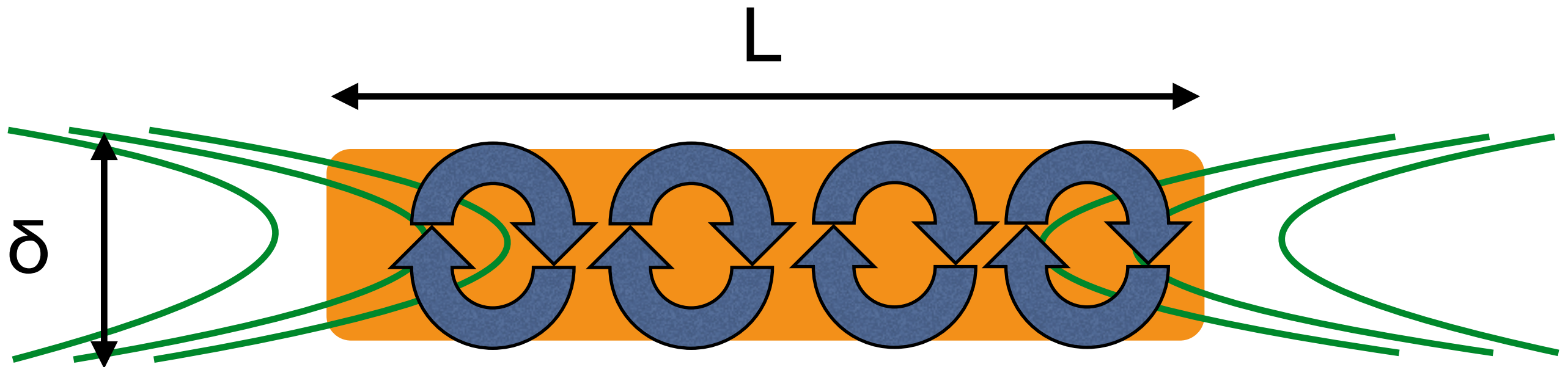


$$\delta / L = 1 / \sqrt{S} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{too thin...}$$

# 3. Turbulent Sheets

ref ) Lazarian & Vishniac, (1999), ApJ, 517, 700.  
Kowal et al. (2009), ApJ, 700, 63.

$$\frac{v_{in}}{c_A} = \frac{\rho_{out}}{\rho_{in}} \frac{v_{out}}{c_A} \frac{\delta}{L}$$

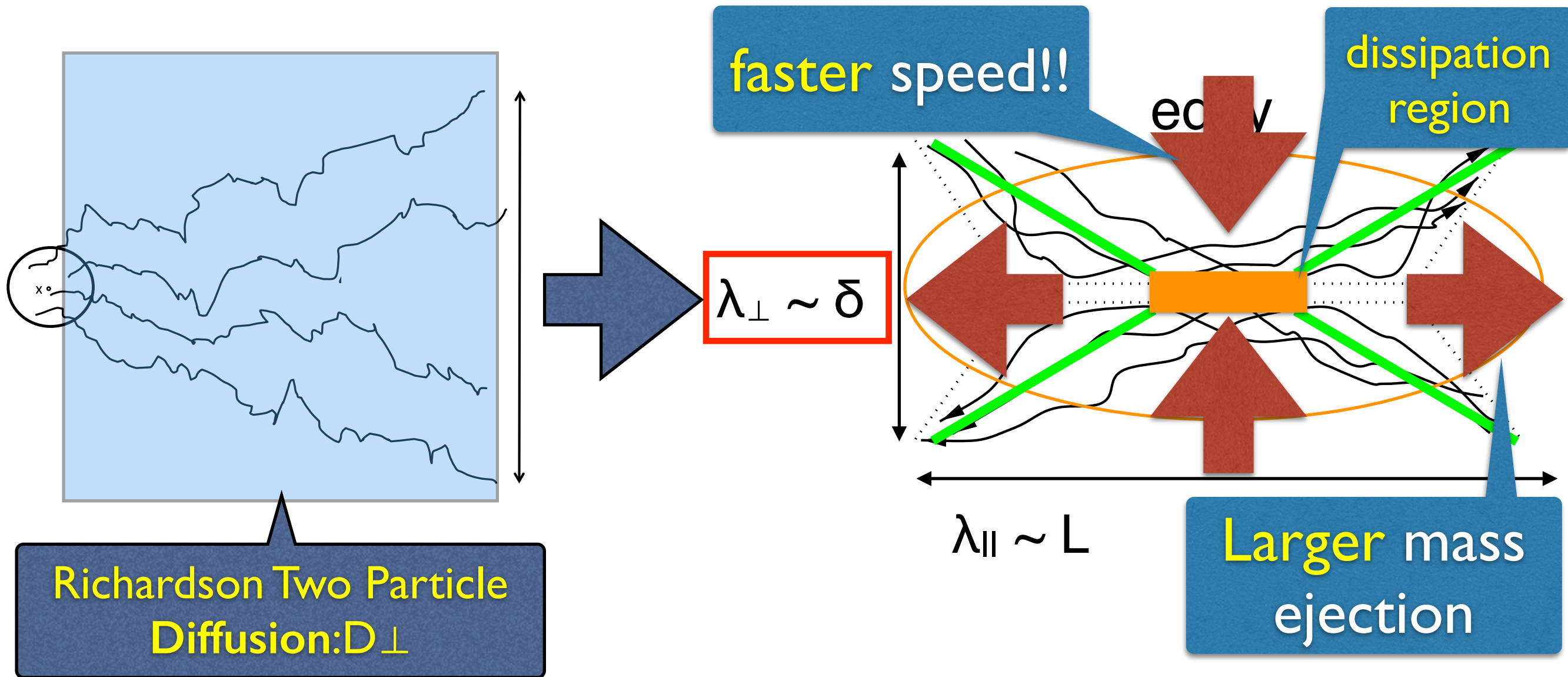


**broadened by turbulent eddies**  
**=> faster ! ( $v_R/c_A$  is independent of resistivity)**



# 4. Theoretical Explanation

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ApJ, 743, 51.



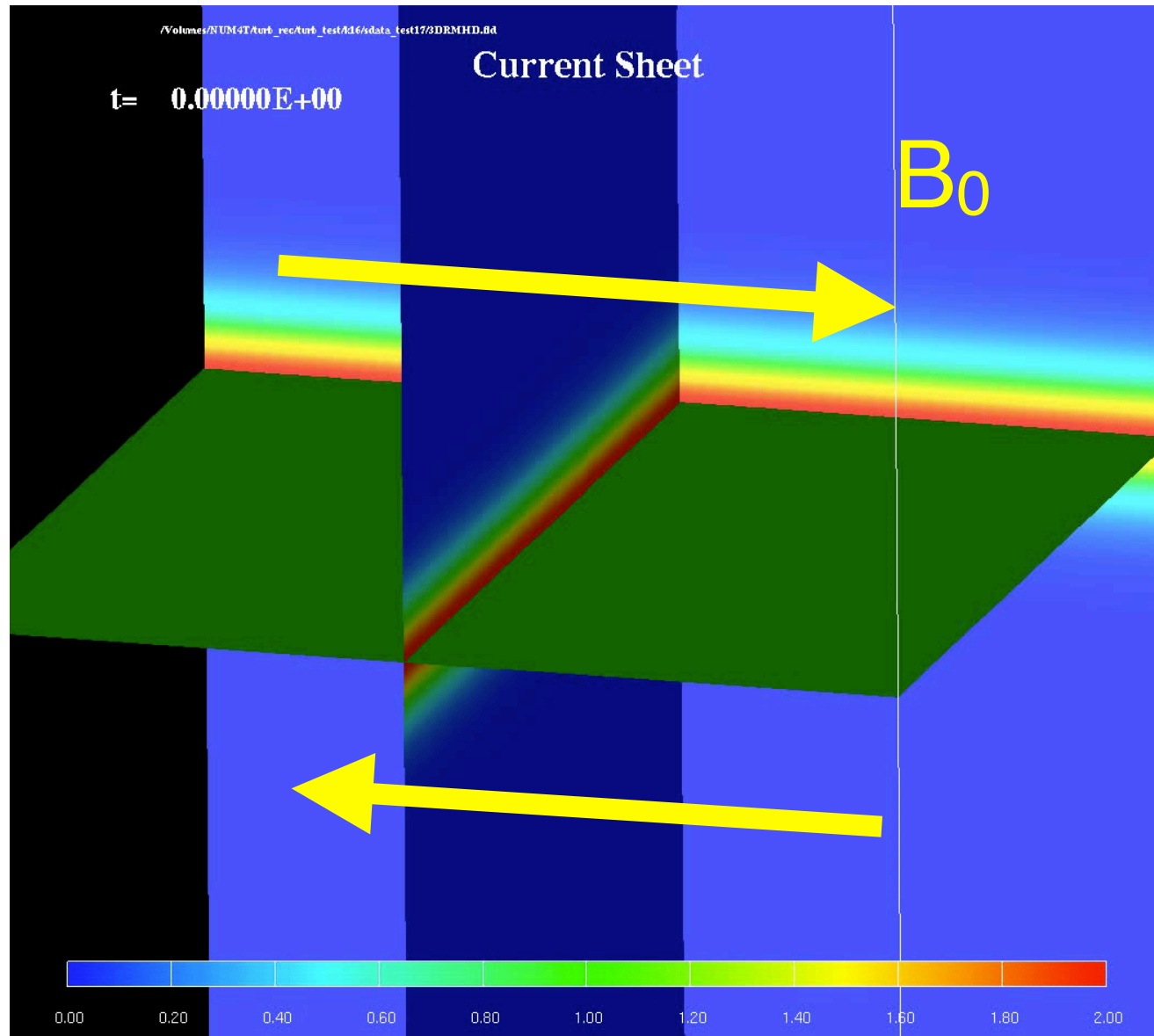
$$\frac{\delta}{L_x} = M_A^2 \min \left\{ \left( \frac{L_x}{L_i} \right)^{1/2}, \left( \frac{L_i}{L_x} \right)^{1/2} \right\}$$

What happens  
in relativistic cases??

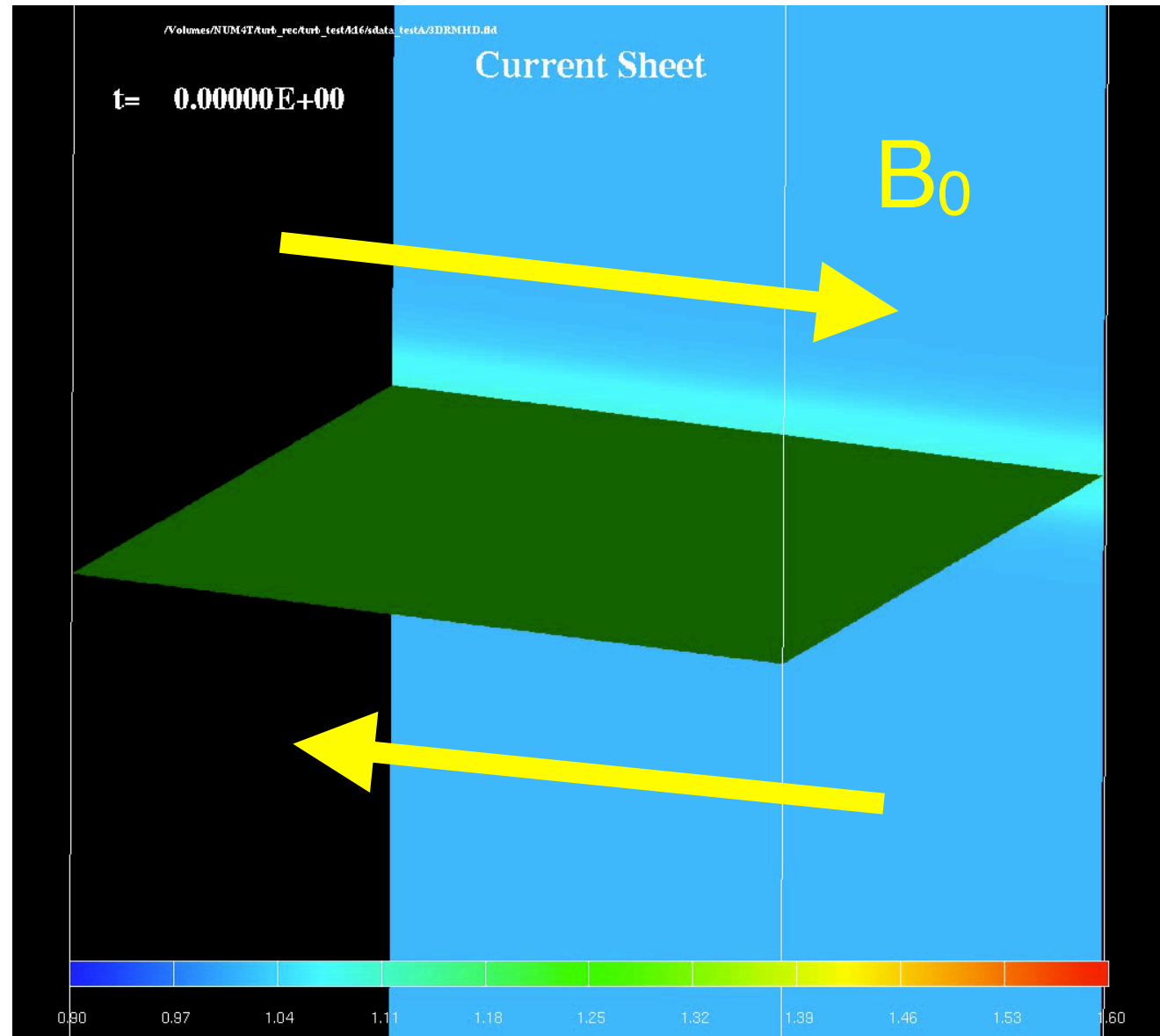
# 5. Relativistic Turbulent Reconnection

ref) Takamoto+ (2015), ApJ, 815, 16.

**Poynting Dominated** ( $\sigma = 5$ )



**Matter dominated** ( $\sigma = 0.04$ )

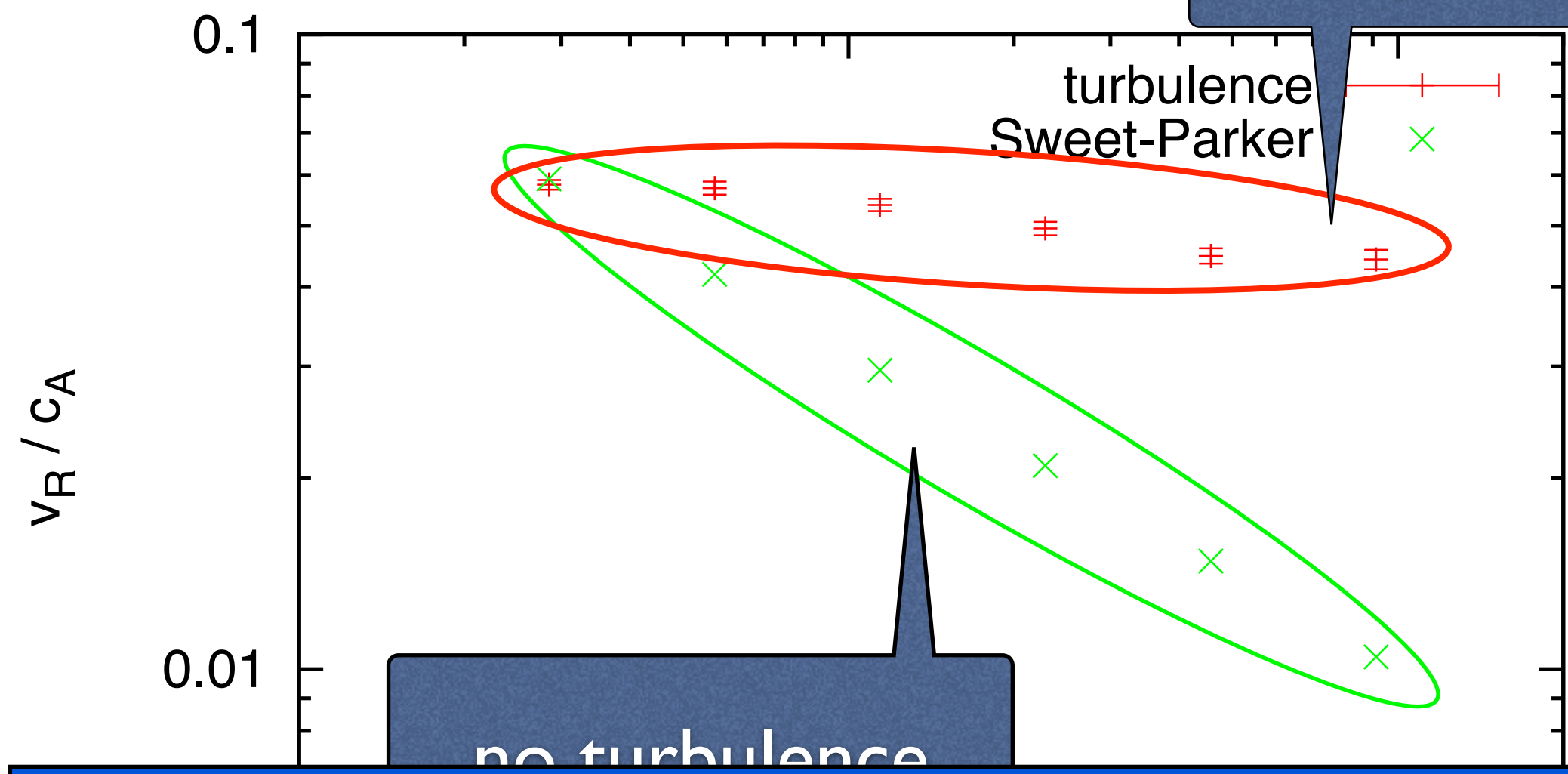


- $k_B T/mc^2 = 1$
- **driven** turbulence injected around central region



# 6. Lundquist Number Dependence

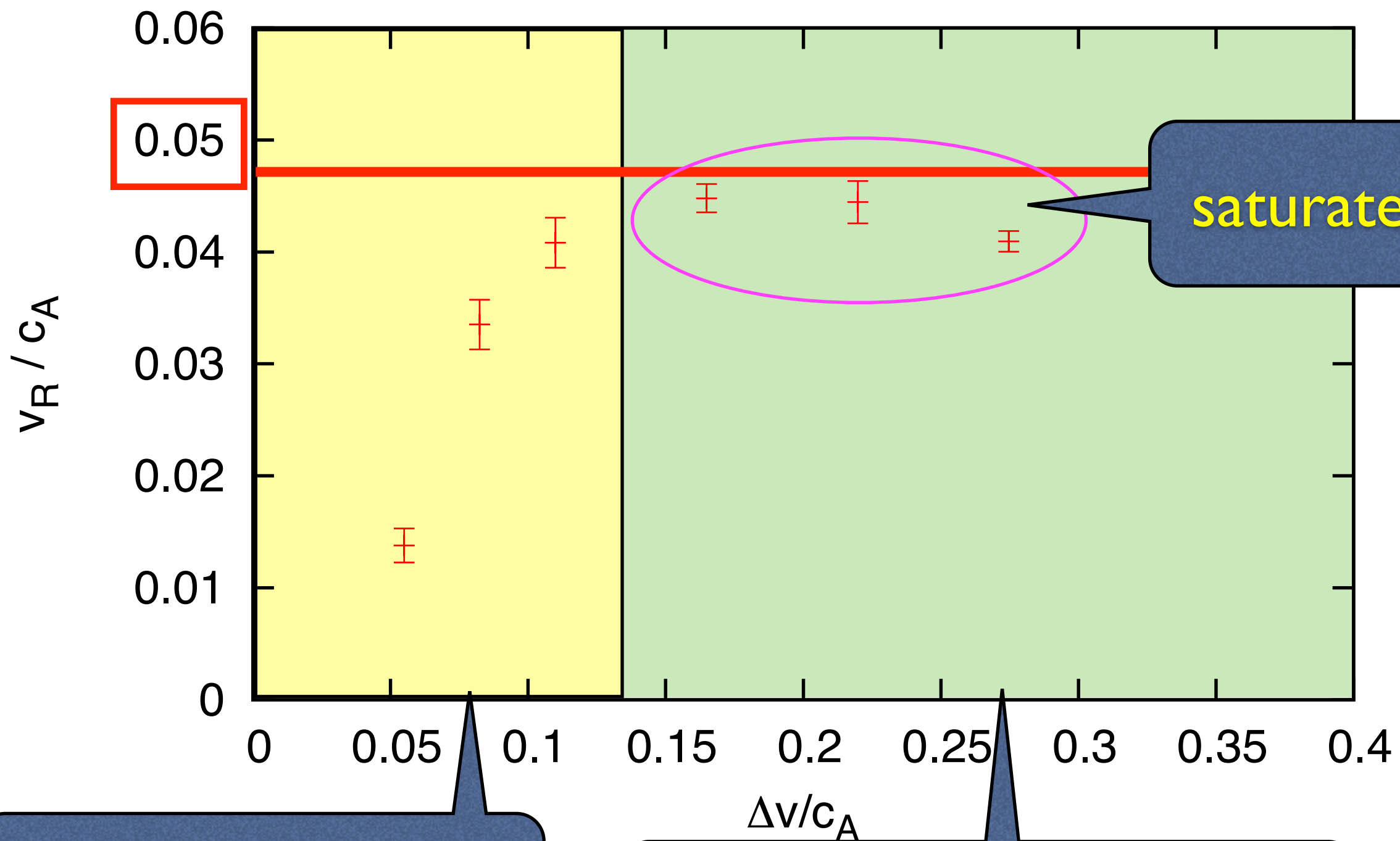
$$\Delta v = 0.15 c_A, \sigma = 5$$



**fast & resistivity independent mechanism**

# 7. Turbulence-Strength Dependence

$\sigma=5$



faster and faster!!

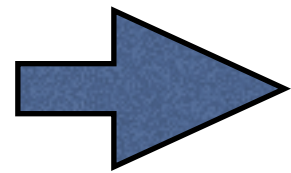
compressible regime

## 8. Necessary Turbulence Energy in Jets

if we set:

$$\frac{v_{\text{turb}}}{c_A} \equiv \alpha$$

3-Mach Number

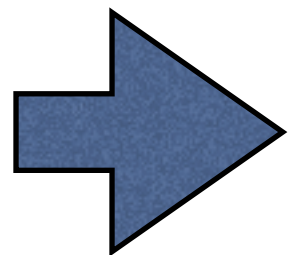


$$\frac{\epsilon_{\text{turb}}}{\epsilon_B} \equiv \frac{\rho_0 h v_{\text{turb}}^2 / 2}{B_0^2 / 8\pi} = \frac{\alpha^2}{1 + \sigma}$$

$$\left( c_A \equiv c \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{1 + \sigma}}, \quad \sigma \equiv \frac{B^2}{4\pi \rho_0 h c^2 \gamma^2} = \frac{B_0^2}{4\pi \rho_0 h c^2} \right)$$

if we assume:  $\alpha = 0.3$ ,  $\sigma = 10$ ,

$$\epsilon_{\text{turb}} / \epsilon_B \sim 0.01$$

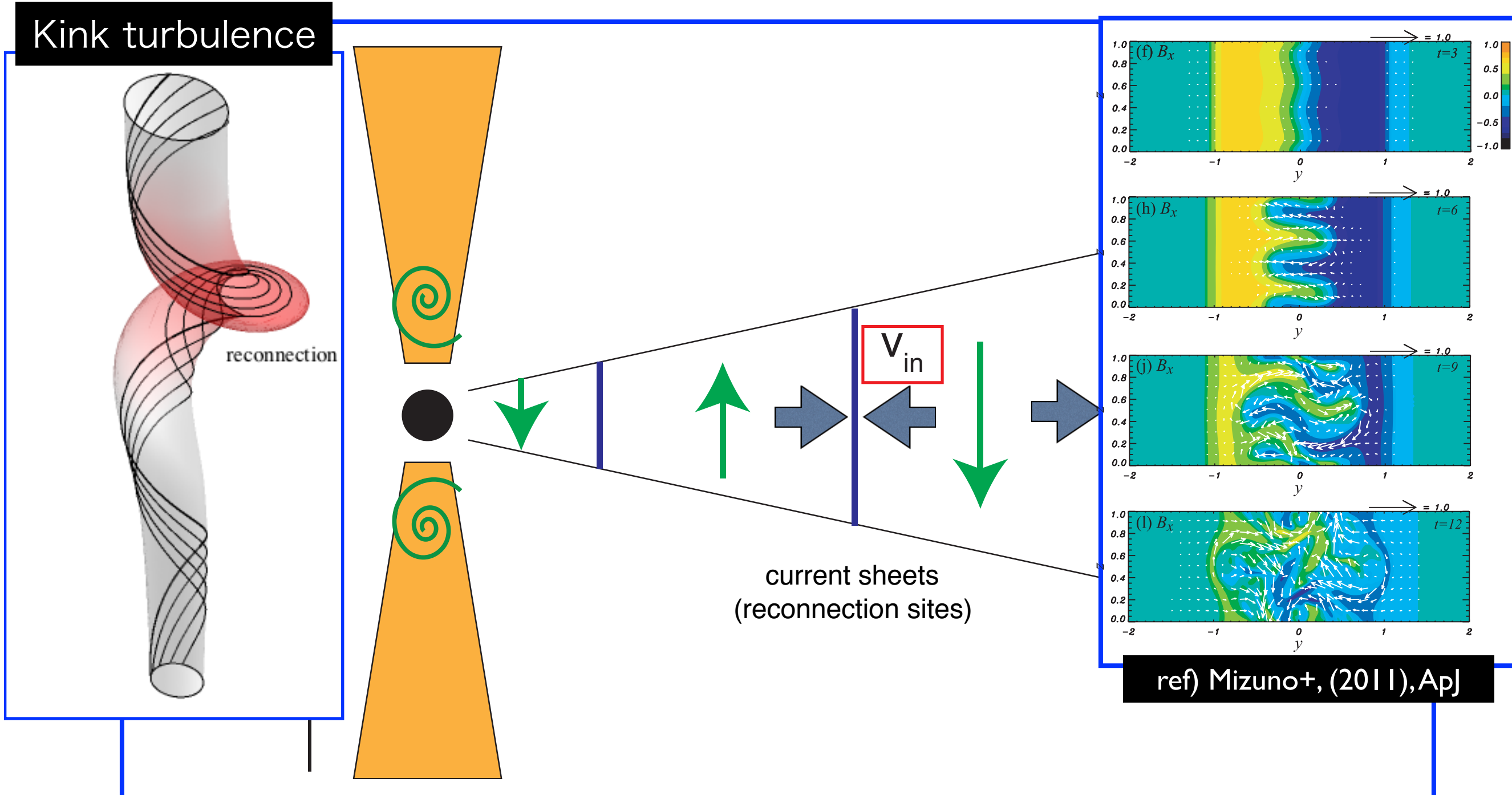


just **1%** of magnetic field energy is **sufficient!!**

# 9. Application — Relativistic Jets

ref) MT+, (2015), ApJ, 812, 15  
 Rieger & Aharonian, (2012), MPLA 27, 30030

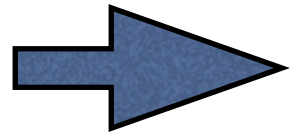
Kink turbulence



$$\frac{v_{in}}{c} \gtrsim 1.9 \times 10^{-3} \left( \frac{l_{jet}}{60[\text{pc}]} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{r_{MRI}}{3r_M} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{r_M}{10^{-4}[\text{pc}]} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{\Gamma_{jet}}{5} \right)^2$$

# 10. Particle Acceleration by Reconnection

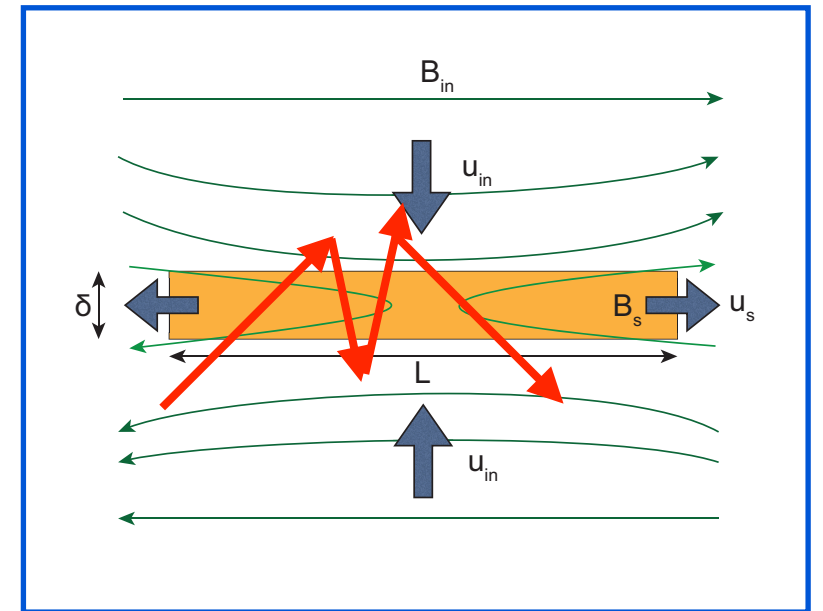
- If Turbulent Reconnection:



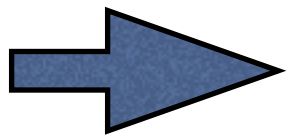
**shock-like** acceleration

ref) Pino&Lazarian, (2005), A&A 441, 845.

$$N(E) \propto E^{-2.5}$$



- X-point Acceleration:

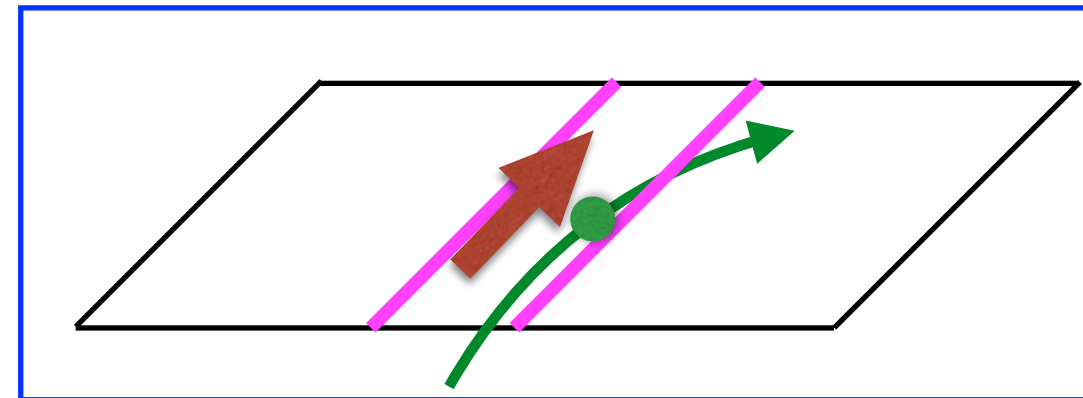


**direct** acceleration

by **electric field at X-point**

ref) Zenitani & Hoshino (2001), ApJL, 562, 63.  
Bessho & Bhattacharjee (2012), ApJ, 750, 129.  
Sironi & Spitkovsky, (2014), ApJL, 783, 21.

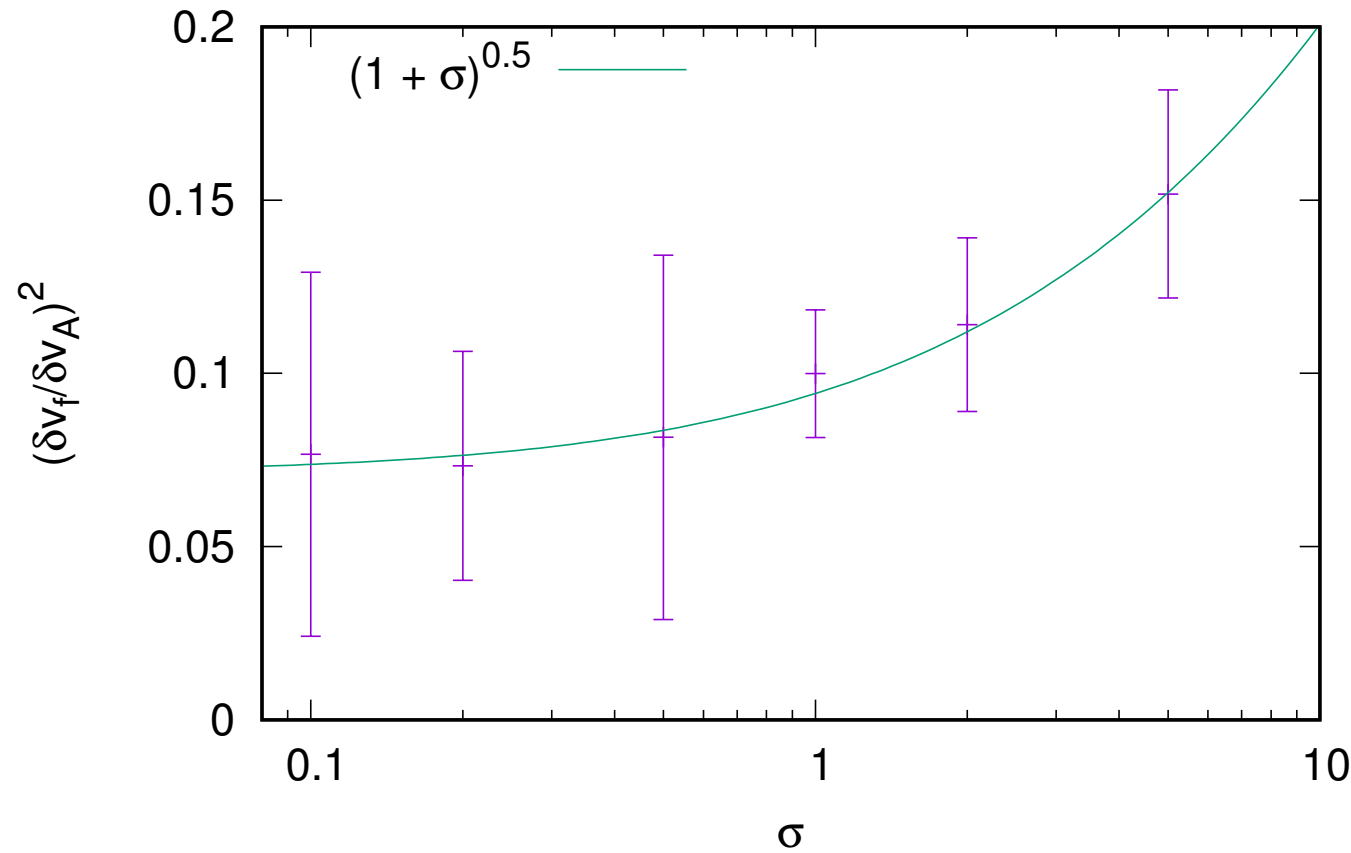
$$N(E) \propto E^{-1.4}$$



# I I. Relativistic MHD Turbulence

ref) MT & Lazarian (2016), submitted to PRL

$t = 2 t_{\text{eddy}}, \delta v_A / c_{f,\perp} = 0.16$



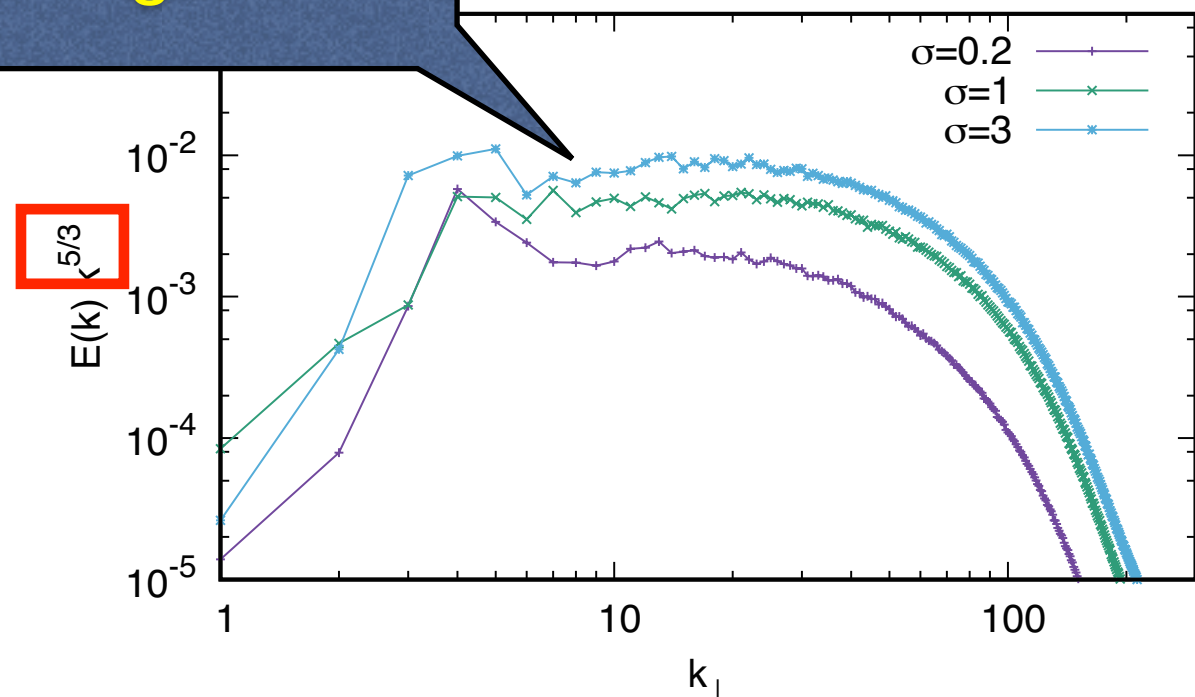
At a fixed Alfvénic velocity,

$$(\delta V)_f^2 / (\delta V)_A^2$$

$$\propto (1 + \sigma)^{1/2} (\delta V)_A / c_{\text{fast},\perp}$$

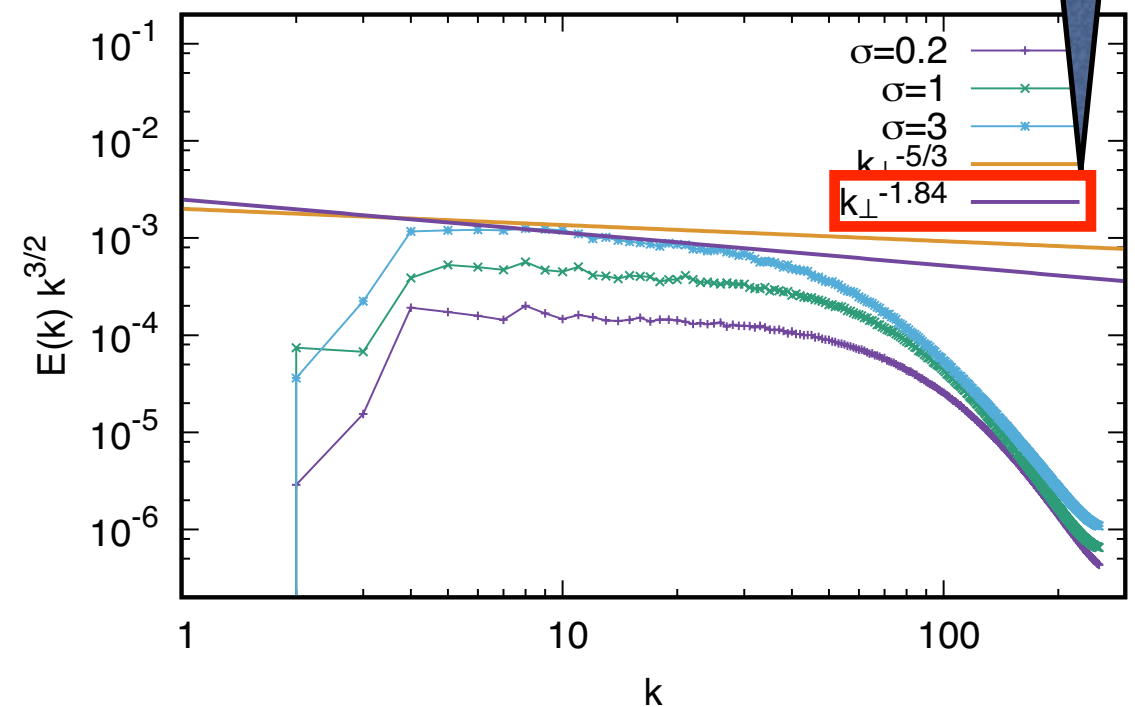
Kolmogorov-like

Alfven mode



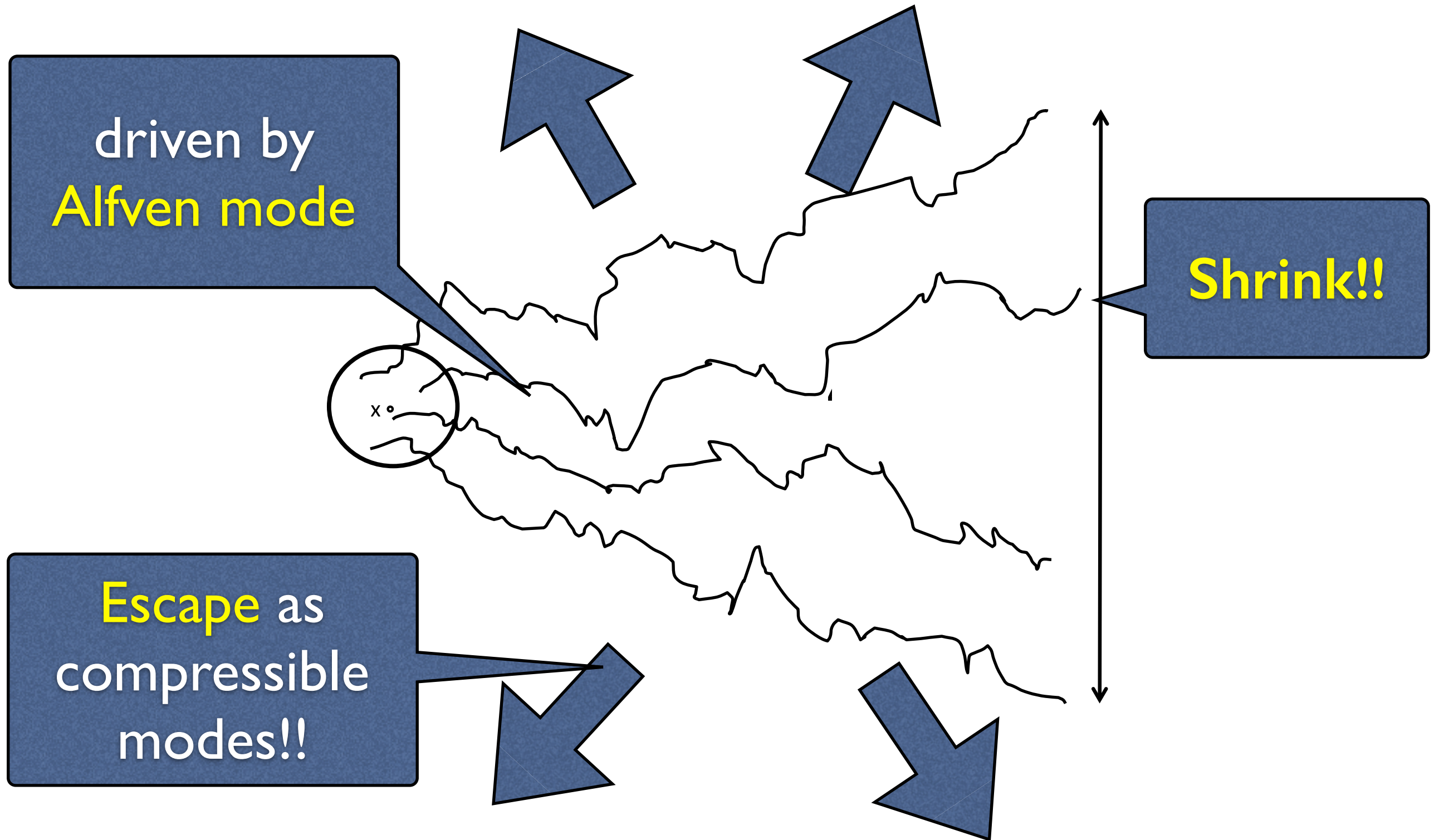
soft-spectrum

Fast mode





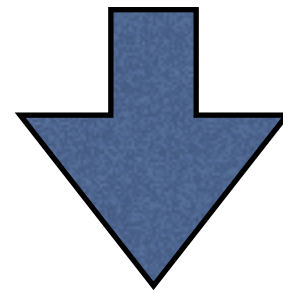
# 12. Compressible Effect



# 13. Compressible Effects

$$\frac{v_{\text{in}}}{c_A} = \frac{\rho_{\text{out}}}{\rho_{\text{in}}} \frac{v_{\text{out}}}{c_A} \frac{\delta}{L}$$

**Incompressible:**  $\frac{\delta}{L} \simeq \min \left[ \left( \frac{L}{l} \right)^{1/2}, \left( \frac{l}{L} \right)^{1/2} \right] \left( \frac{v_l}{c_A} \right)^2$   
(LV99)



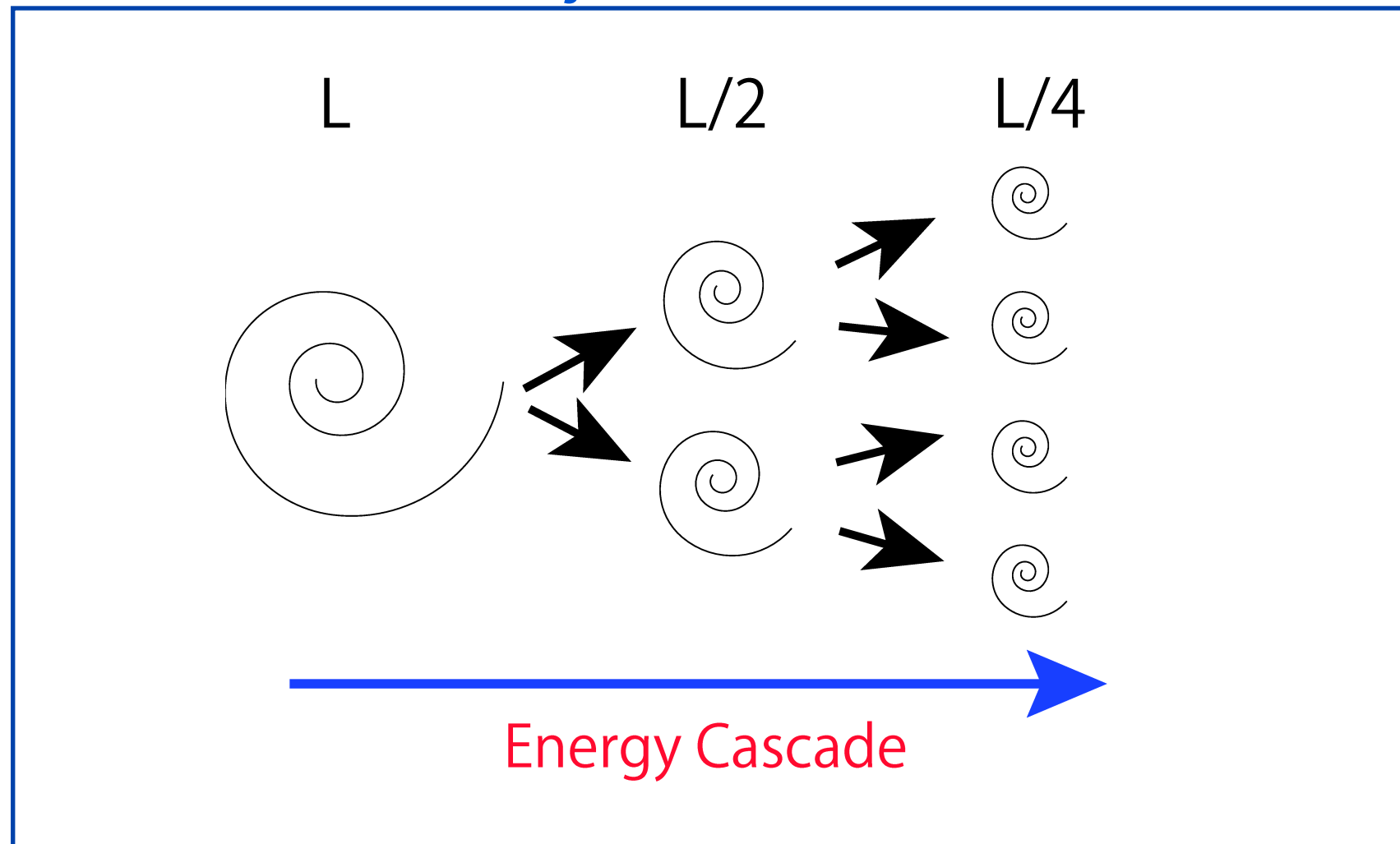
escaping as compressible modes

**compressible:**  $\frac{\delta}{L} \simeq \min \left[ \left( \frac{L}{l} \right)^{1/2}, \left( \frac{l}{L} \right)^{1/2} \right] \left[ \left( \frac{v_l}{c_A} \right)^2 - C \left( \frac{v_l}{c_A} \right)^4 \right]$

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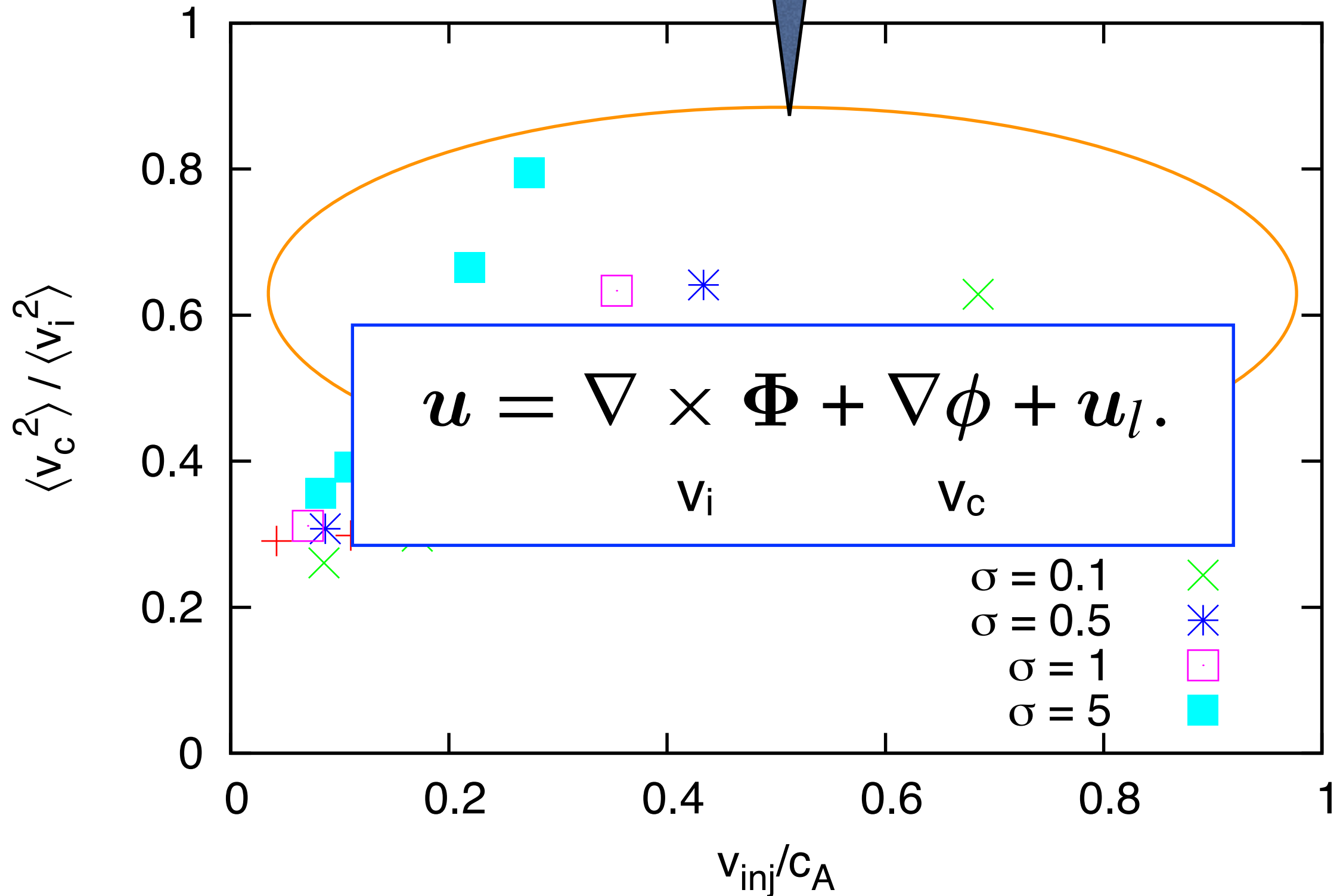
# Kolmogorov Turbulence

- Assumptions:
- Homogeneous and isotropic turbulence
  - Steady state



→ 
$$v_l = v_L (l/L)^{1/3} \propto l^{1/3} \text{ : eddy velocity}$$
$$E(k) \propto k^{-5/3} \text{ : Energy Spectrum}$$

compressible component becomes important!!



# MHD Turbulence (Goldreich-Sridhar model)

- Assumptions:
- Magnetic Field exists
  - Steady state

Features: • eddy is **enlarged along B**

$$k_{\parallel} \propto k_{\perp}^{2/3}$$

- Turbulent motion **perpendicular to B** obeys **Kolmogorov law**

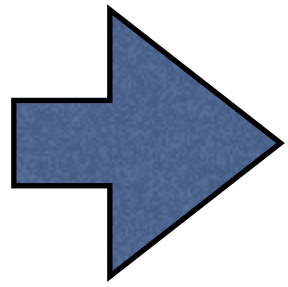
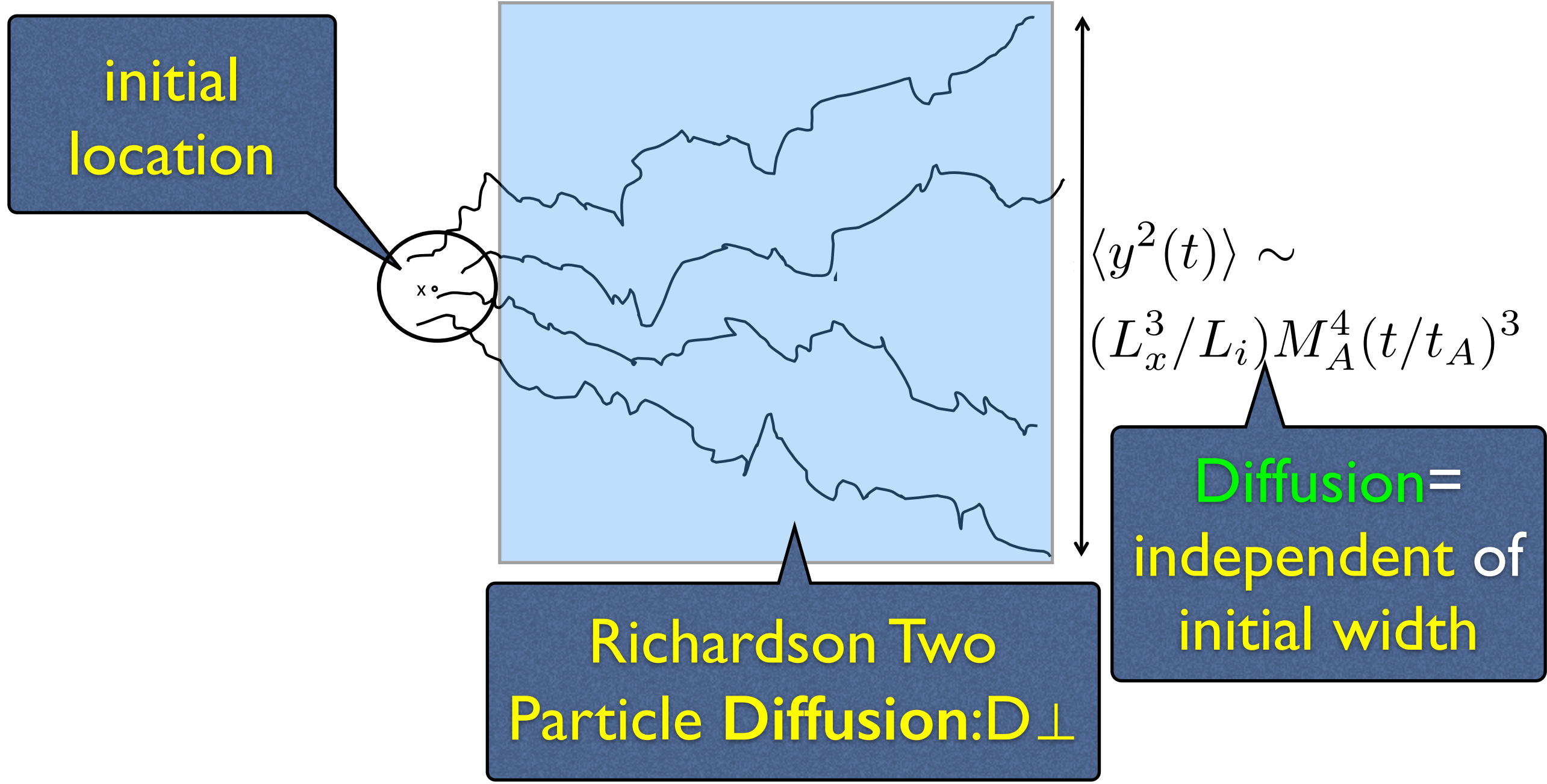
$$E(k_{\perp}) \propto k_{\perp}^{-5/3}$$

$$k_{\parallel} c_A \sim k_{\perp} v_k \quad \text{:critical balance}$$



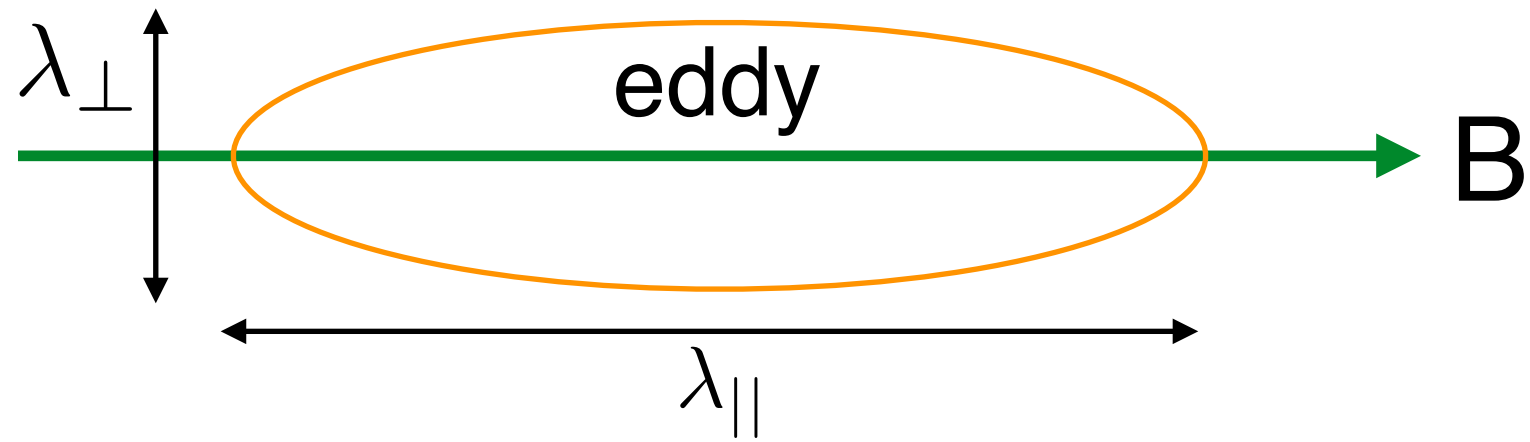
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$$\frac{\delta}{L_x} = M_A^2 \min \left\{ \left( \frac{L_x}{L_i} \right)^{1/2}, \left( \frac{L_i}{L_x} \right)^{1/2} \right\}$$

# 3.1. Theoretical Explanation



➔  $\frac{\lambda_{\parallel}}{l} \sim \left(\frac{\lambda_{\perp}}{l}\right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{v_l}{c_A}\right)^{-4/3}$  : MHD turbulence

➔  $\frac{v_{in}}{c_A} = \frac{\delta}{L} \sim \frac{\lambda_{\perp}}{\lambda_{\parallel}}$   $\lambda_{\perp} \sim \delta$

$\sim \left(\frac{v_l}{c_A}\right)^2 \left(\frac{l}{L}\right)^{1/2}$

# Relativistic Ideal Fluid

Basic equations of relativistic hydrodynamics (RHD):

$$\begin{aligned} D\rho &= -\rho \nabla_\mu u^\mu && \text{: Mass Conservation} \\ \rho h D u_\mu &= -\nabla_\mu p && \text{: Equation of Motion} \\ \rho D e &= -p \nabla_\mu u^\mu && \text{: Equation of Energy} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{\mu\nu} &= \eta_{\mu\nu} + u_\mu u_\nu && \text{: spatial projection tensor} \\ \partial_\mu &= \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial^\nu = (-u_\mu u_\nu + \gamma_{\mu\nu}) \partial^\nu \\ &\equiv -u_\mu D + \nabla_\mu && \text{: 3+1 decomposition} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.5. Relativistic Magnetohydrodynamics

Basic equations of RMHD:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t(\rho\gamma) + \partial_i(\rho\gamma v^i) = 0, \\ \partial_t(\rho h_{tot}\gamma^2 v^j - b^0 b^j) + \partial_i(\rho h_{tot}\gamma^2 v^i v^j + p_{tot}\delta^{ij} - b^i b^j) = 0, \\ \partial_t(\rho h_{tot}\gamma^2 - p_{tot} - (b^0)^2) + \partial_i(\rho h_{tot}\gamma^2 v^i - b^0 b^i) = 0, \\ \partial_t B^j + \partial_i(v^i B^j - B^i v^j) = 0, \quad \partial_i B^i = 0. \\ h_{tot} = 1 + \epsilon + \frac{b^2}{\rho}, \quad p_{tot} = p_{gas} + \frac{b^2}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

- features: {
- correction from Lorentz factor and inertia of energy
  - tension and pressure from magnetic field

## 2.3. Relativistic Effects:

Lorentz contraction:

lab frame density:  $\rho \Rightarrow \rho \gamma$  γ larger density

Alfven velocity:

$$c_A/c = \frac{B}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho h + B^2}} < 1$$
sub-luminal

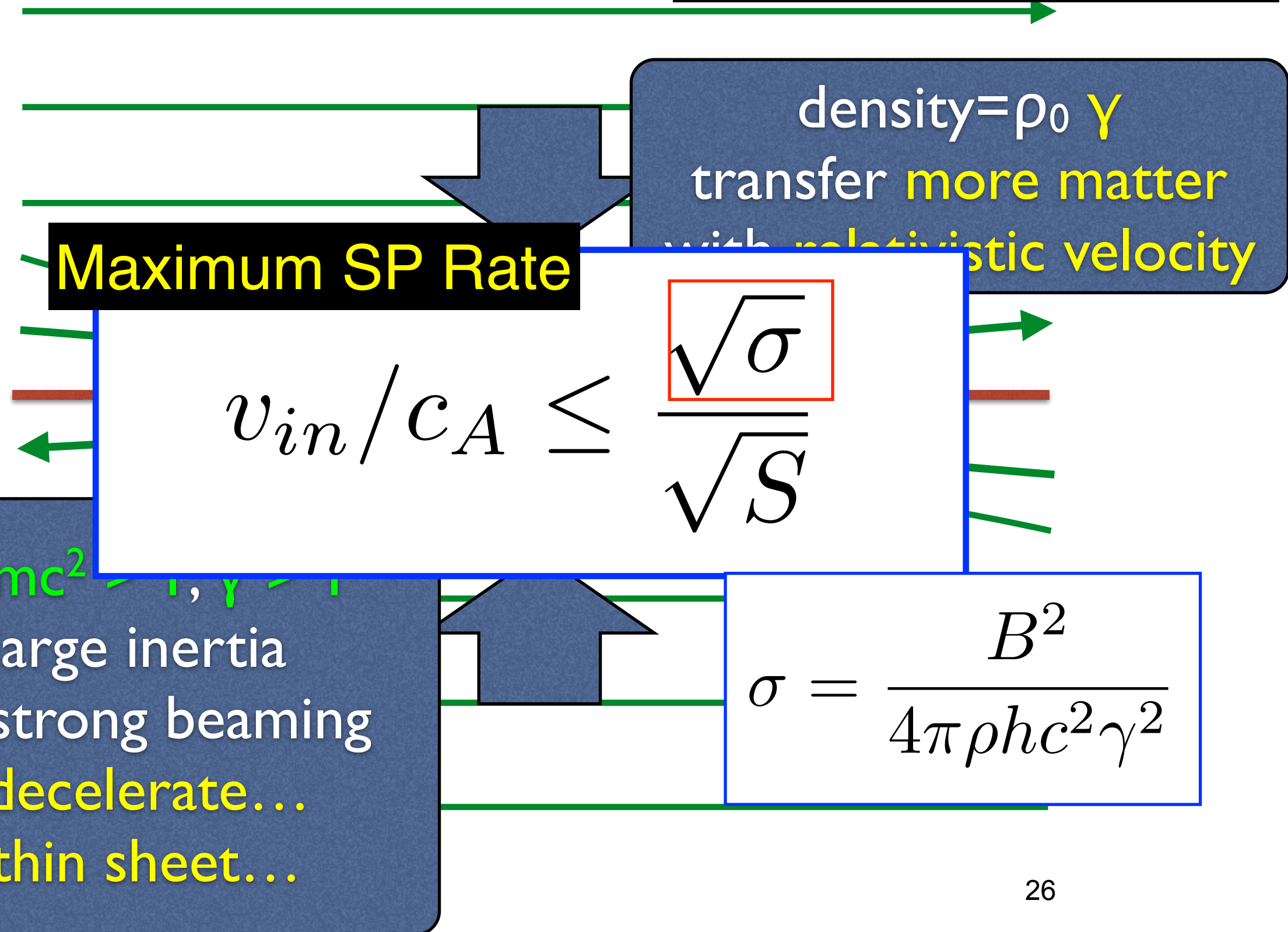
Electric Field:

$$\begin{aligned} qE &\sim (\nabla E)E \sim v^2 B^2 / R \sim p_B \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \\ j \times B &\sim (\nabla \times B - \partial_t E) \times B \sim (\nabla \times B - \partial_t v B) \times B \\ &\sim (\nabla \times B) \times B - p_B \partial_t v \end{aligned}$$

inertia from magnetic field

# 2.4. Relativistic Effects on Reconnection

ref) Lyutikov&Uzdensky 2003,ApJ 589, 893  
 Lyubarsky, (2005),ApJ, 358, 113.  
 Zenitani etal, (2009),ApJ 696, 1385.



**Maximum SP Rate**

density =  $\rho_0 \gamma$   
 transfer more matter  
 with relativistic velocity

$$v_{in}/c_A \leq \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\sqrt{S}}$$

$k_B T/mc^2 > 1, \gamma > 1$   
 = large inertia  
 strong beaming  
 => decelerate...  
 thin sheet...

$$\sigma = \frac{B^2}{4\pi \rho h c^2 \gamma^2}$$

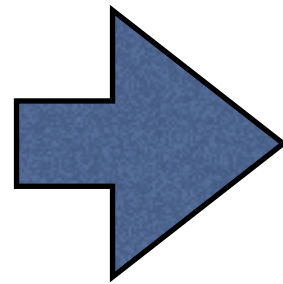


## 3.6. Compressible Effect: 2

ref ) Banerjee & Galtier, PRE 87, 013019, (2013).

Energy cascade law in MHD turbulence:

$$-4\epsilon = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} + B_0^2 S$$



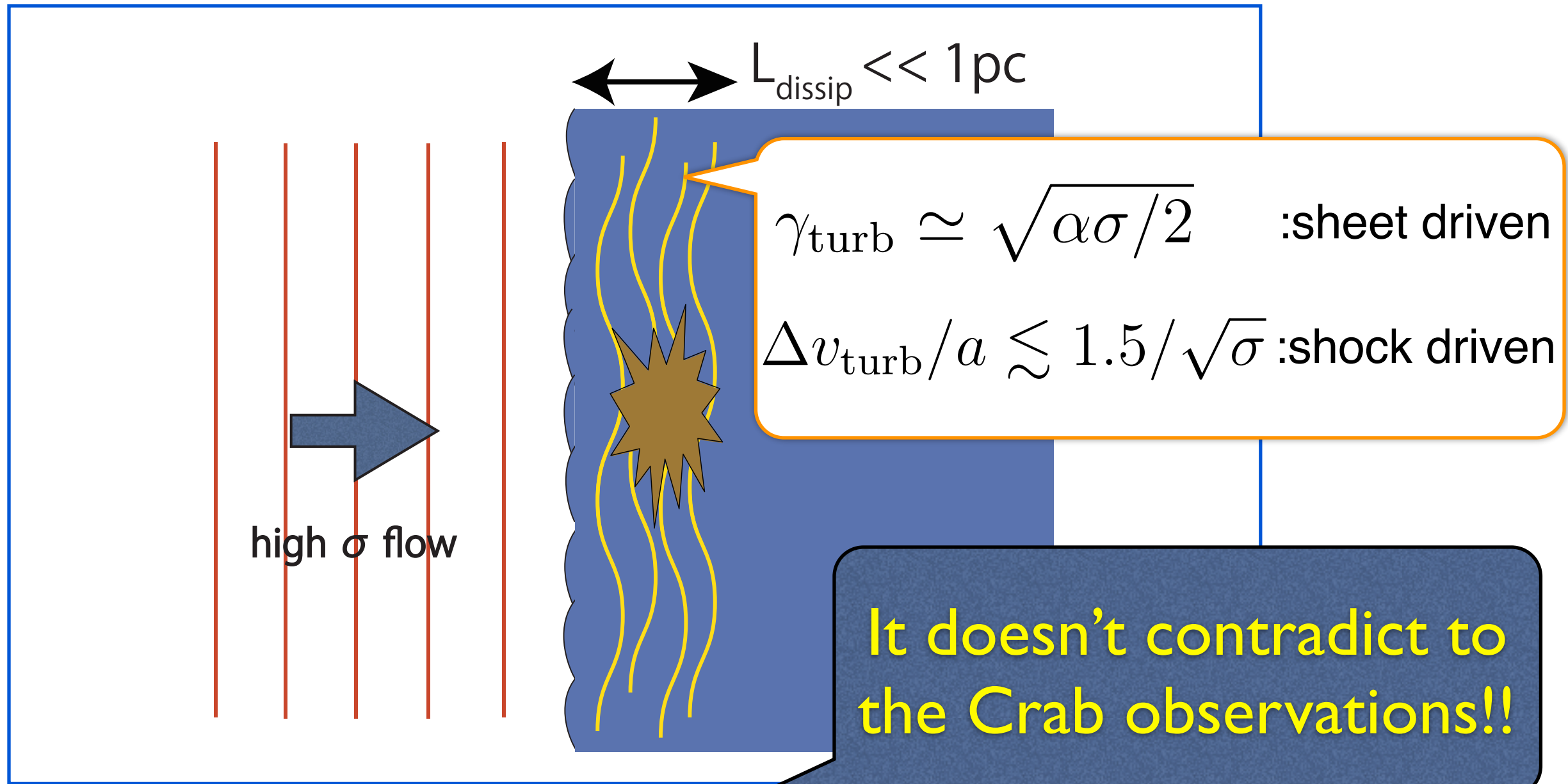
$$\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = \epsilon + B_0^2 S/4$$

$$\langle \Psi_{\mathbf{v}} \rangle = \frac{B_0^2}{2} \left\langle \delta(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \delta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right) \bar{\delta}(\sqrt{\rho}) - \bar{\delta}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right\rangle,$$

$$\langle \Psi_{\mathbf{v}_A} \rangle$$

$$= \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \left\langle \nabla \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right) \left[ (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{v}') \left\{ \rho' \delta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right) \right\} - (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{v}) \frac{\delta \rho}{2\sqrt{\rho'}} \right] \right. \\ \left. - \nabla' \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho'}} \right) \left[ (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{v}) \left\{ \rho \delta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right) \right\} - (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{v}') \frac{\delta \rho}{2\sqrt{\rho}} \right] \right\rangle.$$

# I I. Application — Relativistic Jets



$$\frac{l_{\text{dissip,obs}}}{r_{\text{TS}}} \sim 10^{-4} \left( \frac{\sigma}{10^4} \right) \left( \frac{2\pi r_{\text{LC}}}{10^9 [\text{cm}]} \right) \left( \frac{M_{\text{R}}}{0.1} \right)^{-1}$$

## 2. Poynting Dominated Plasma of Astrophysical Phenomena

