

# VKS experiment stationary dynamo

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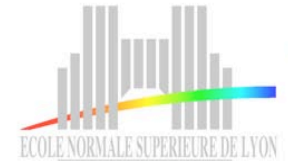
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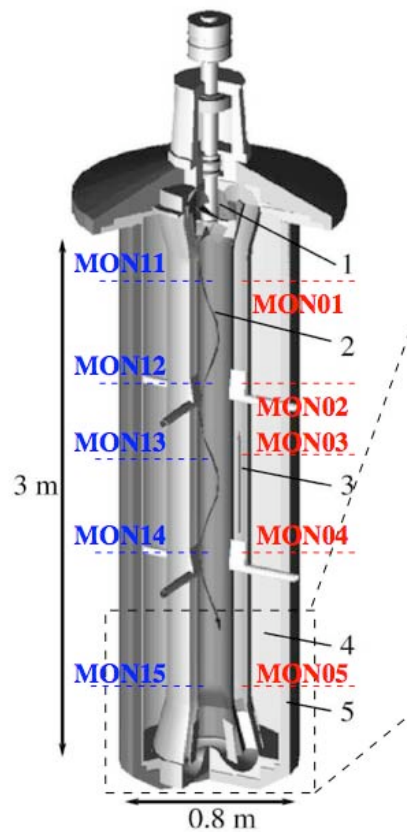
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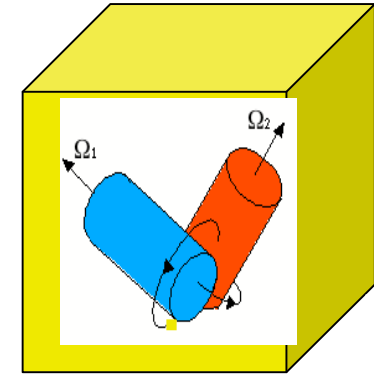
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# Dynamo experiments



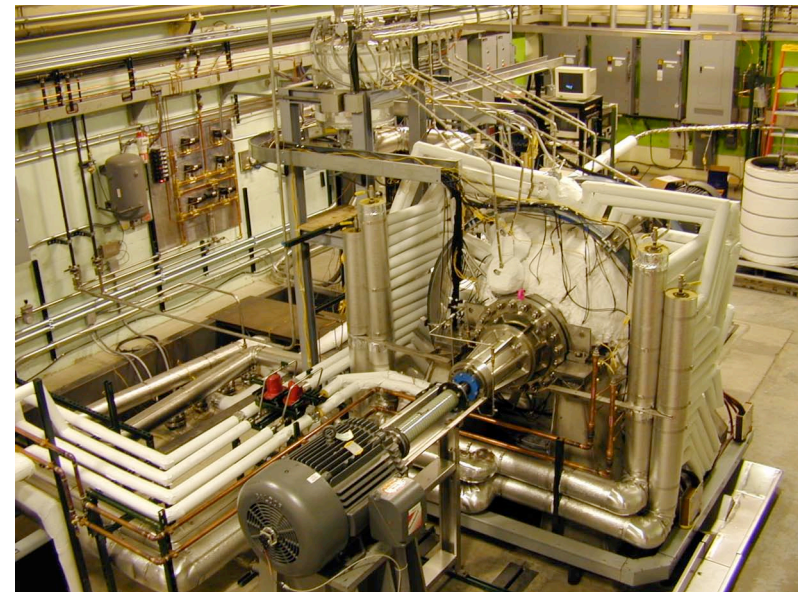
- Lowes & Wilkinson solid rotors (1963)  
( $\omega^2$ )
- Riga experiment (2000)  
(Ponomarenko flow)
- Karlsruhe experiment (2000)  
(Roberts flow)



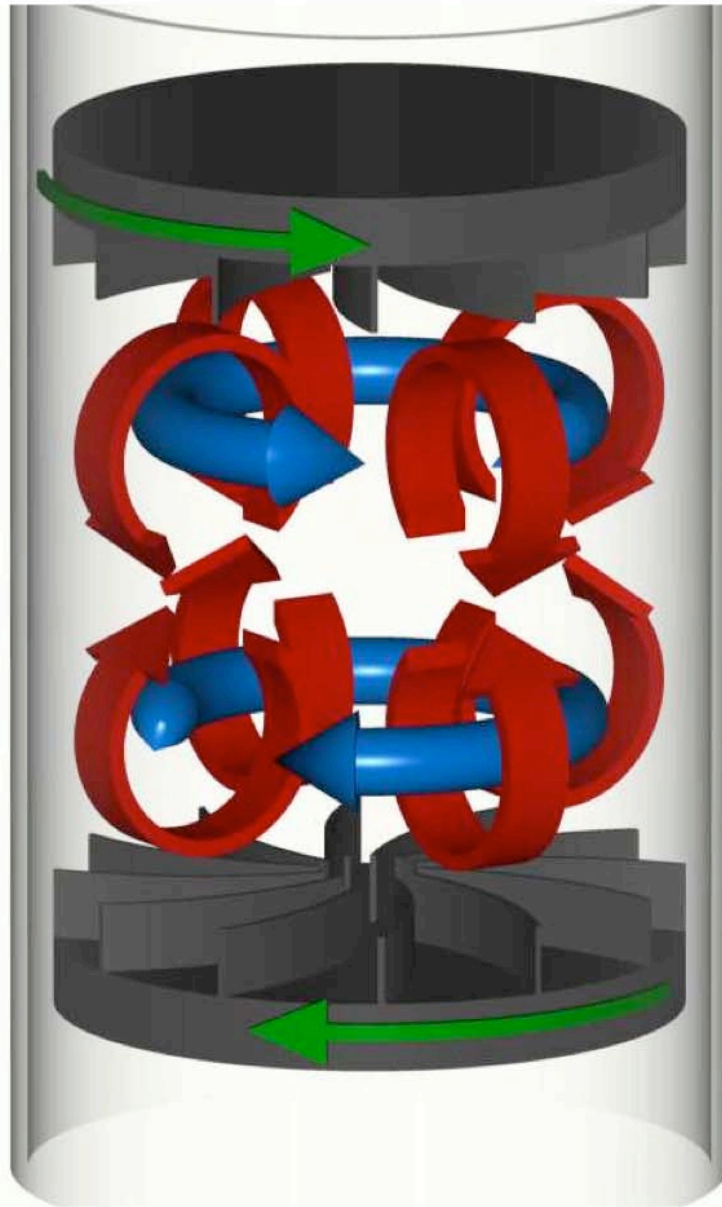
# sodium experiments

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- U. Maryland  
(shear, spherical couette)
- U. Wisconsin  
(spherical 'VK' flow)
- Grenoble-DTS  
(spherical Couette)
- Dresden  
(cylindrical Couette)
- Perm  
(spin-down torus)







- Inductions ingredients:  
diff Rot, helicity  
[Moffat, Cambridge UP, \(1978\)](#)
- Kinematic dynamo simulation  
[Duddley James, Proc. R. Soc. Lond. \*\*A425\*\* \(1989\)](#)  
[Marié et al., \*Eur. Phys. J\* \*\*B33\*\* \(2003\)](#)
- DNS ( $P_m=1$  down to 0.01)  
[Nore et al., \*Phys. Plasmas\*, \*\*4\*\*, \(1997\)](#)

- Induction equation

$$\partial_t \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{u} \times \vec{B}) + \eta \Delta \vec{B}$$

- Fluid equation

$$\partial_t \vec{u} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u} = -\vec{\nabla} \frac{p}{\rho} + \nu \Delta \vec{u} + \frac{(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B}}{\mu_0 \rho} + \vec{F}$$

- Dimensionless parameters

$$P_m = \frac{\nu}{\eta} = \mu_0 \sigma \nu \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$$

$$R_m = \frac{\text{induction}}{\text{diffusion}} = \mu_0 \sigma U L \geq \mathcal{O}(1)$$

$$Re = \frac{\text{inertia}}{\text{viscosity}} = \frac{UL}{\nu} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^6)$$

# Fluid dynamos : $Rm > Rm^c$

$$Rm = \frac{\text{induction}}{\text{dissipation}} = \underbrace{\mu_0 \sigma}_{\text{fluid}} \underbrace{L U}_{\text{engineering}} = 10 \times 1$$

Fluid    conductivity    temperature    density

Iron	1	$10^5$	x 1,000	12
Mercury	3	$10^4$	ambient	13.6
Gallium	3.7	$10^6$	> 40°C	6.1
Sodium	1	$10^7$	> 100°C	0.93
Silver	6	$10^7$	> 950°C	10.5

# Fluid dynamos : Power

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$$Rm = \mu_0 \sigma L U = \mu_0 \sigma \nu (L U / \nu) = \overset{\text{fluid}}{\text{Pm}} \times \overset{\text{engineering}}{\text{Re}}$$

$$\text{Pm} \approx 10^{-5} \quad \text{Re} > 10^6 \quad : \text{turbulence}$$

Assuming no global rotation  $P = f(\rho, \nu, L, U)$

$$P = [E_k]/[t] = (\rho L^3) \cdot U^2 / (L/U) \quad g(\text{Re})$$

Fully developed turbulence :  $g(\text{Re}) \rightarrow \text{Const.}$

$$P \approx \rho L^2 U^3$$

# Fluid dynamos : Power

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$$\begin{array}{l} Rm = \mu_0 \sigma L U \\ P \approx \rho L^2 U^3 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} Rm = \mu_0 \sigma L U \\ P \approx \rho L^2 U^3 \end{array}} \right\} \longrightarrow Rm \approx \mu_0 \sigma (PL/\rho)^{1/3}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (PL/\rho)=1 \quad : P \approx \text{kW} \\ (PL/\rho)=10 \quad : P \approx \text{MW} \end{array}$$

**Fluid : Na**  
**Power : x 100 kW**  
**Size : 1 m**  
**Low  $Rm^c$**

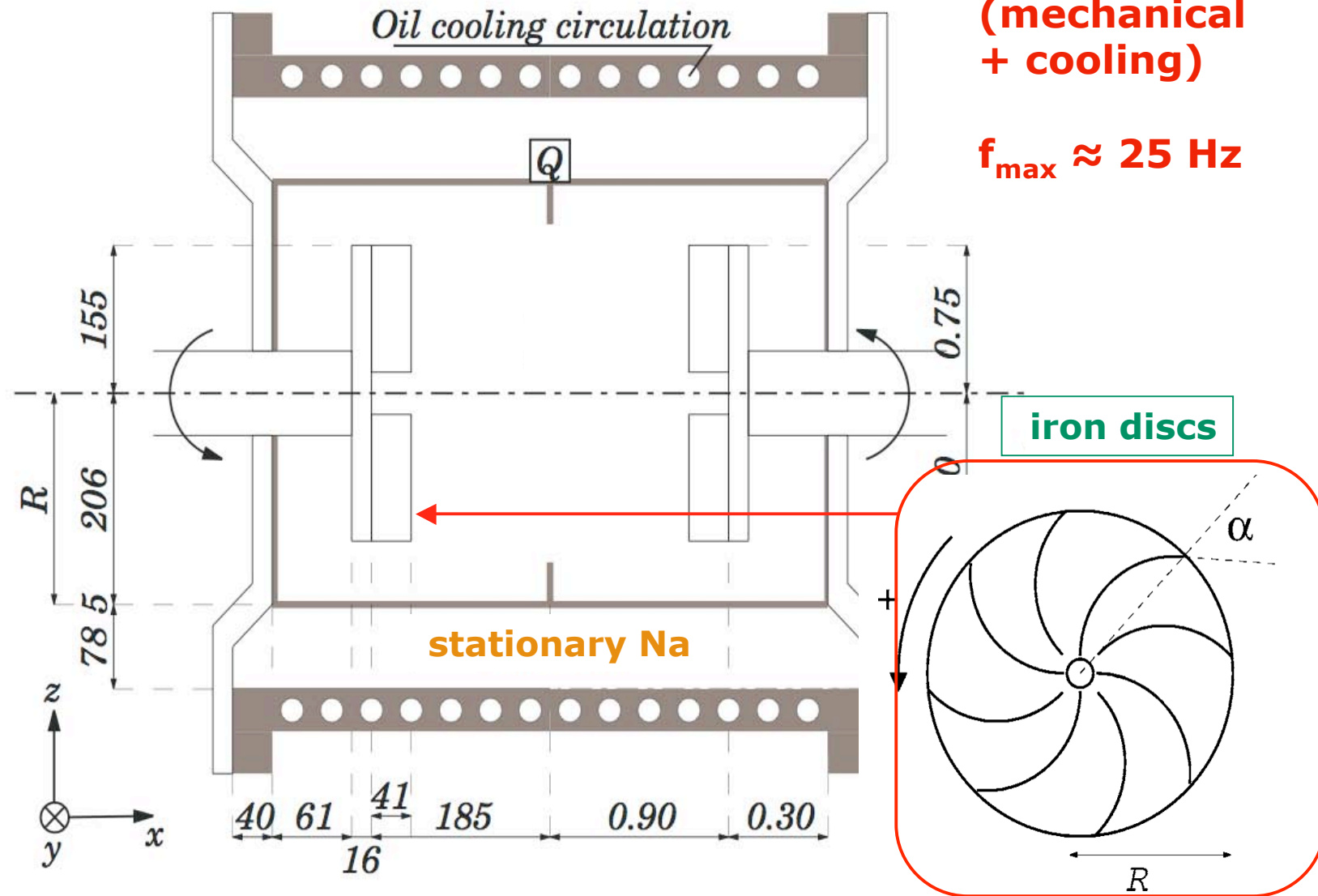


# SELF-EXCITATION





# VKS2



**$P = 300\text{kW}$   
(mechanical  
+ cooling)**

**$f_{\text{max}} \approx 25\text{ Hz}$**

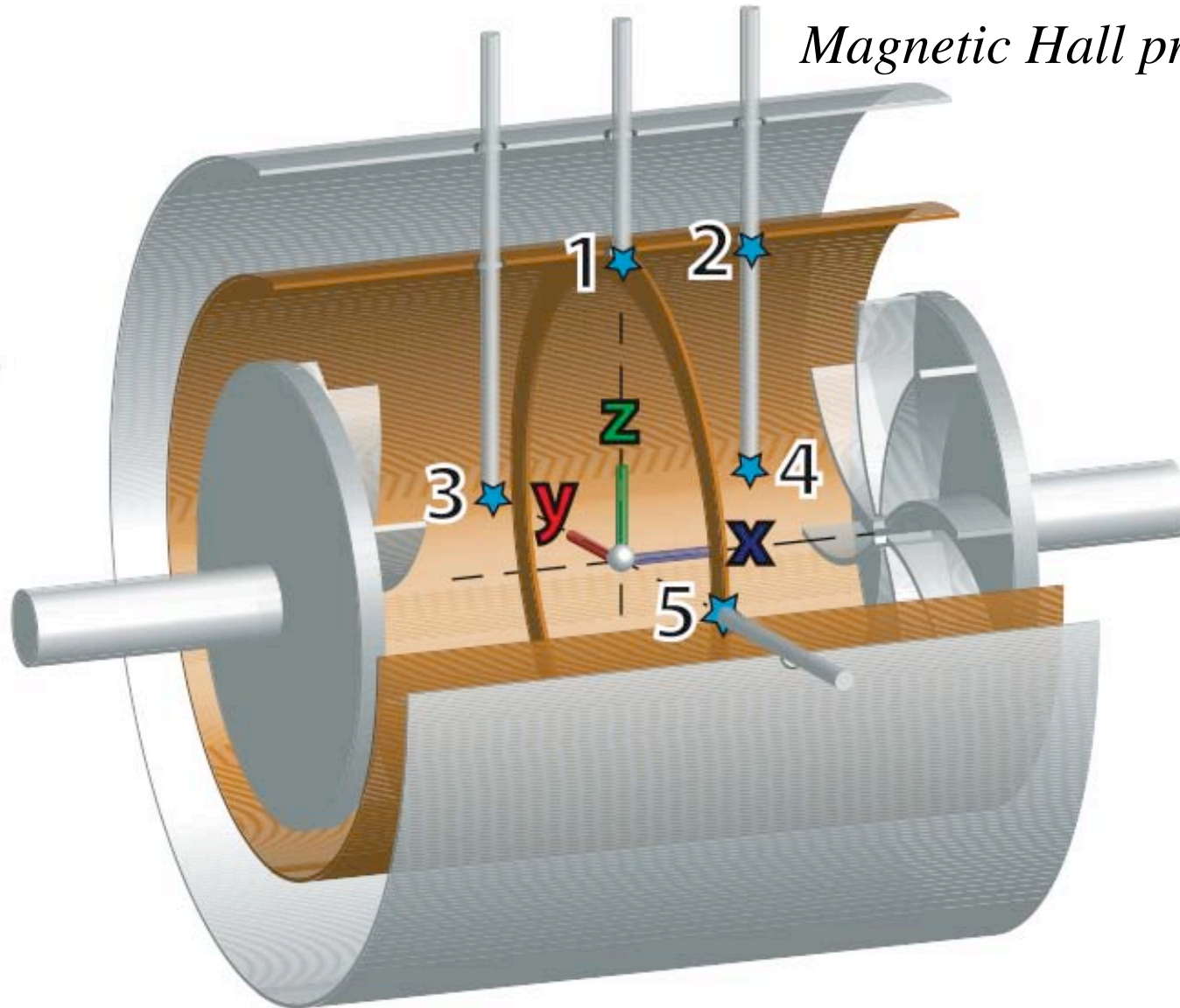
**iron discs**

**stationary Na**

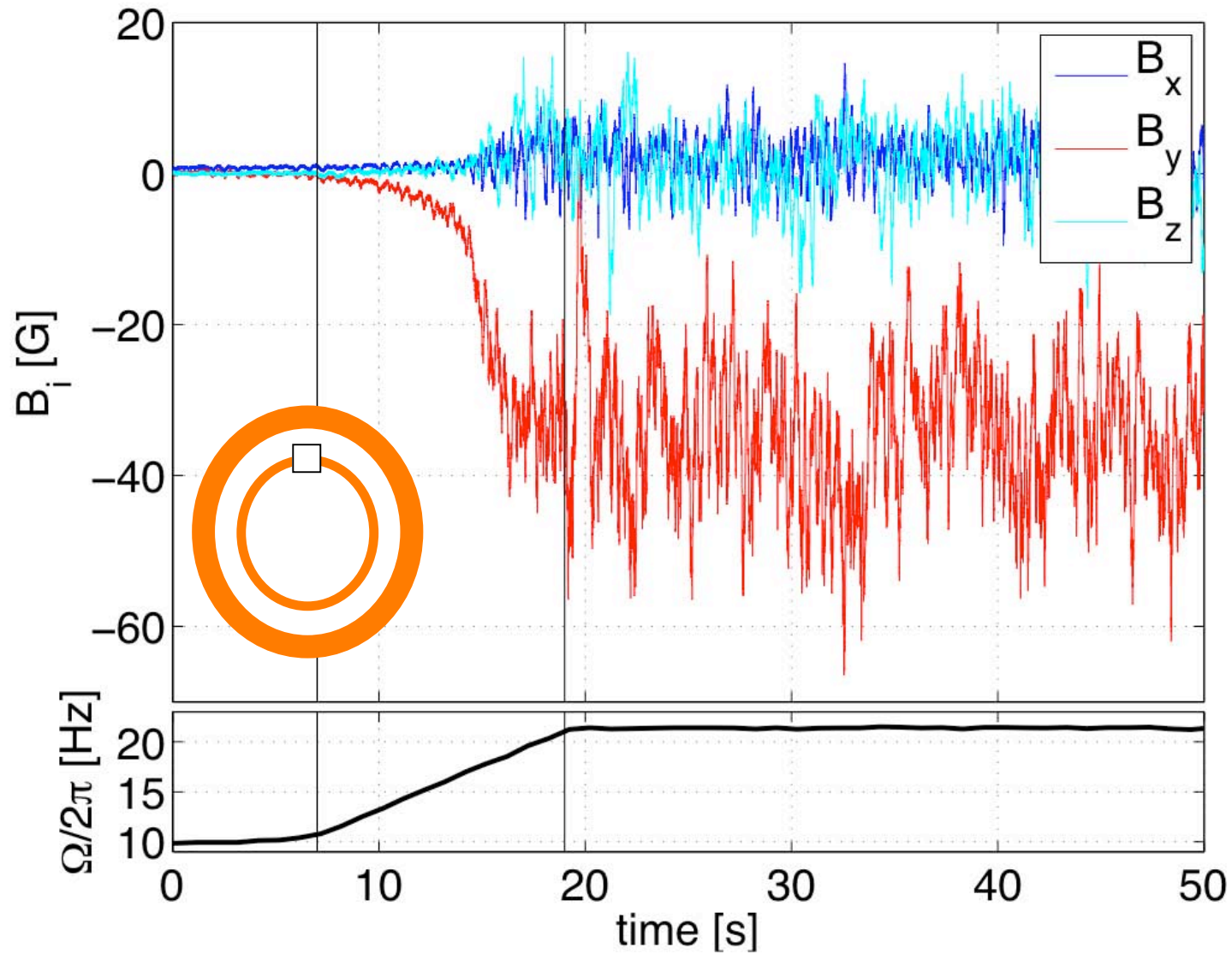
$\alpha$

$R$

*Magnetic Hall probes*

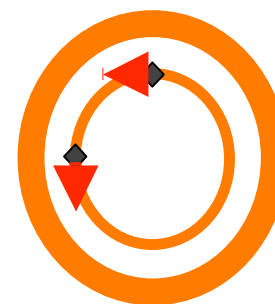
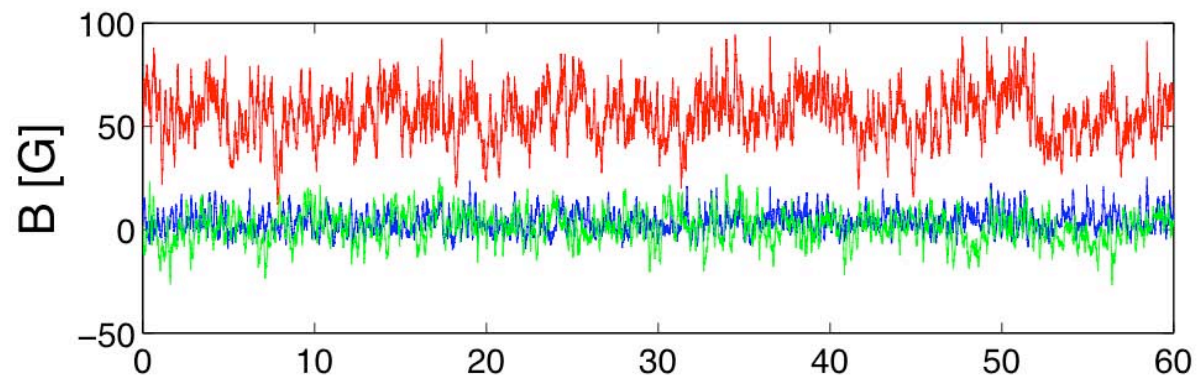


# stationary dynamo $F_1 = F_2$

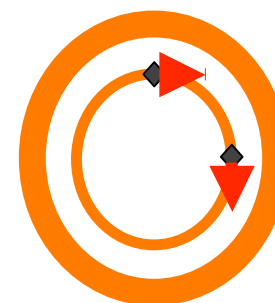
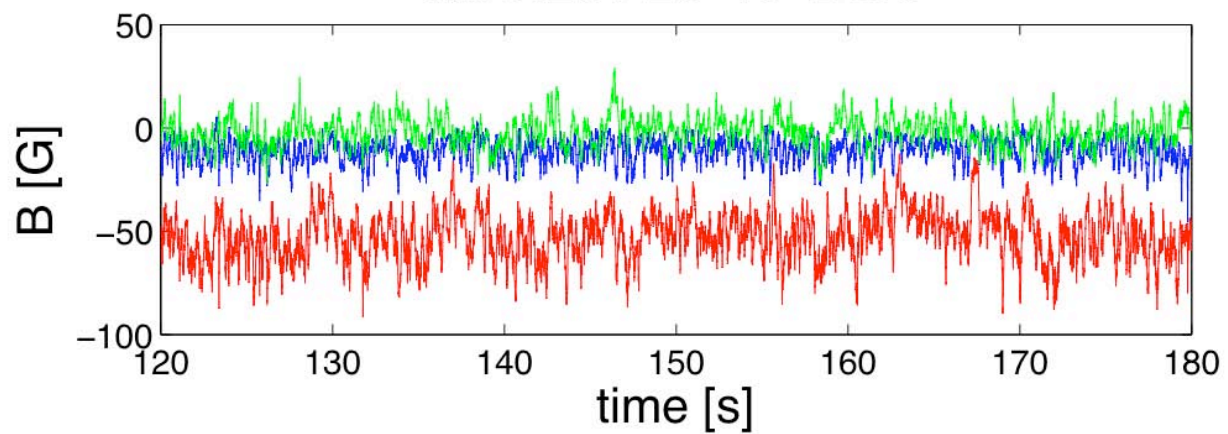


# geometry

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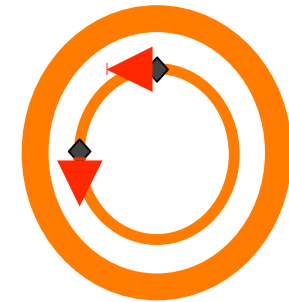
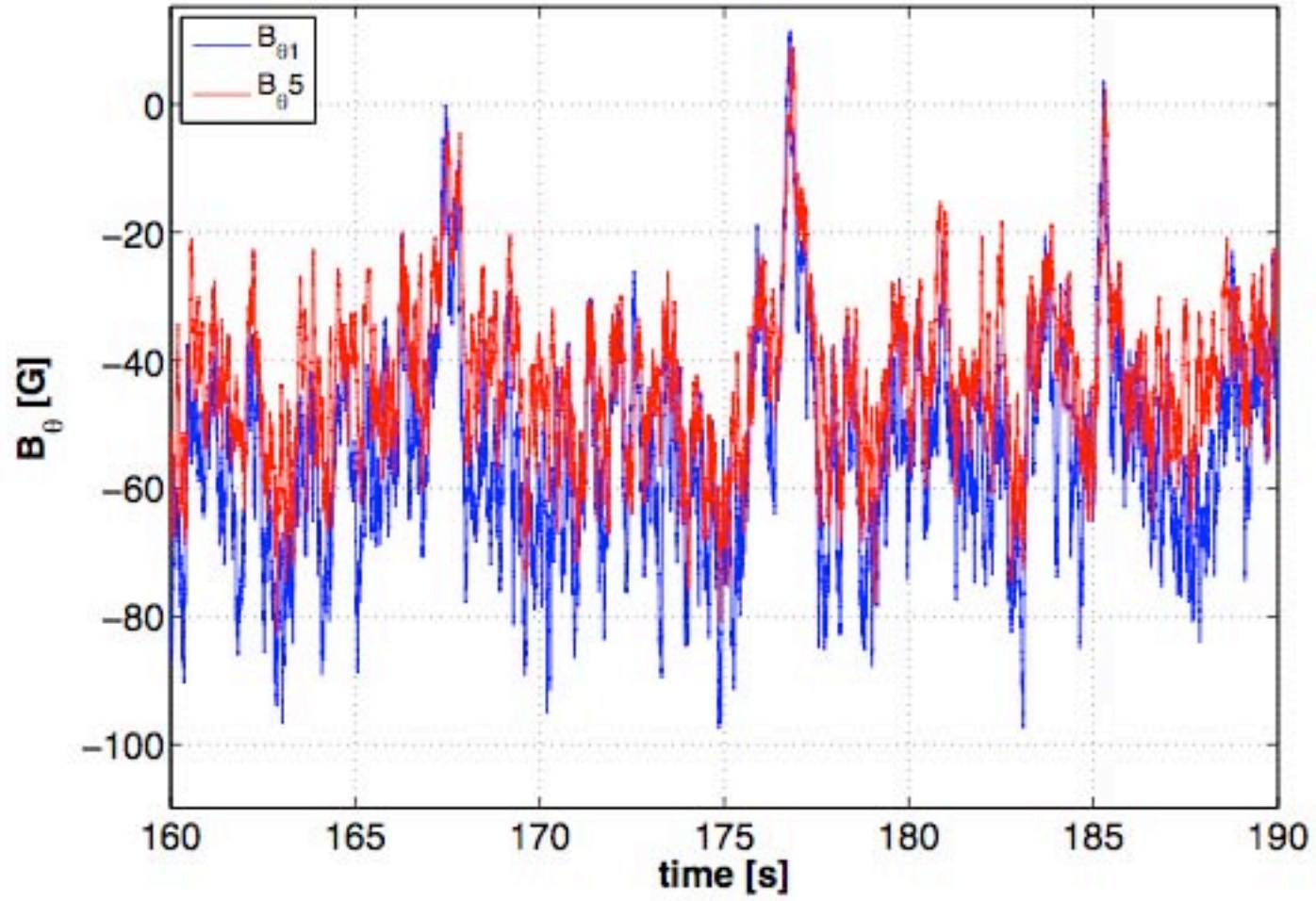


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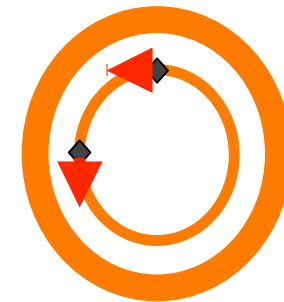
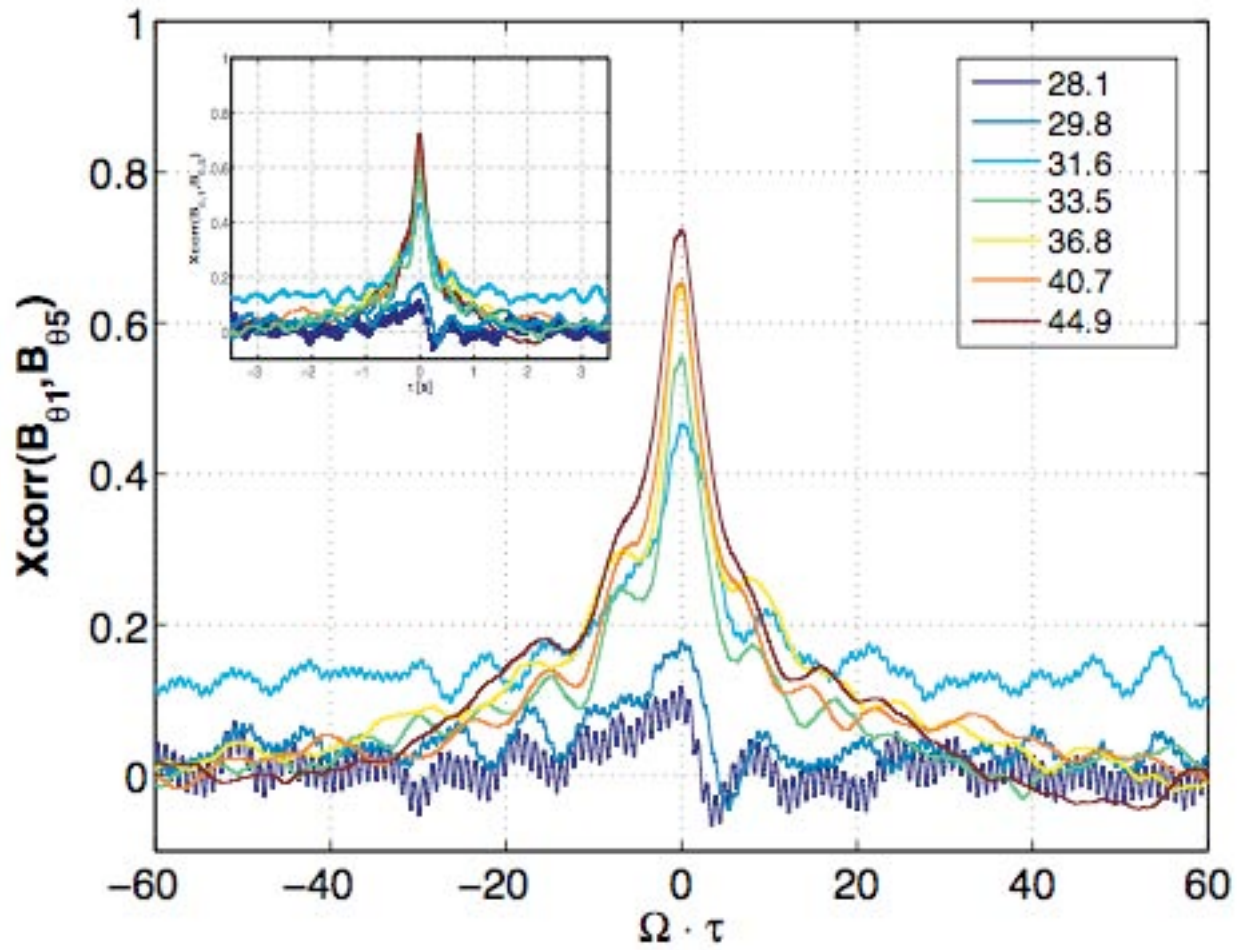


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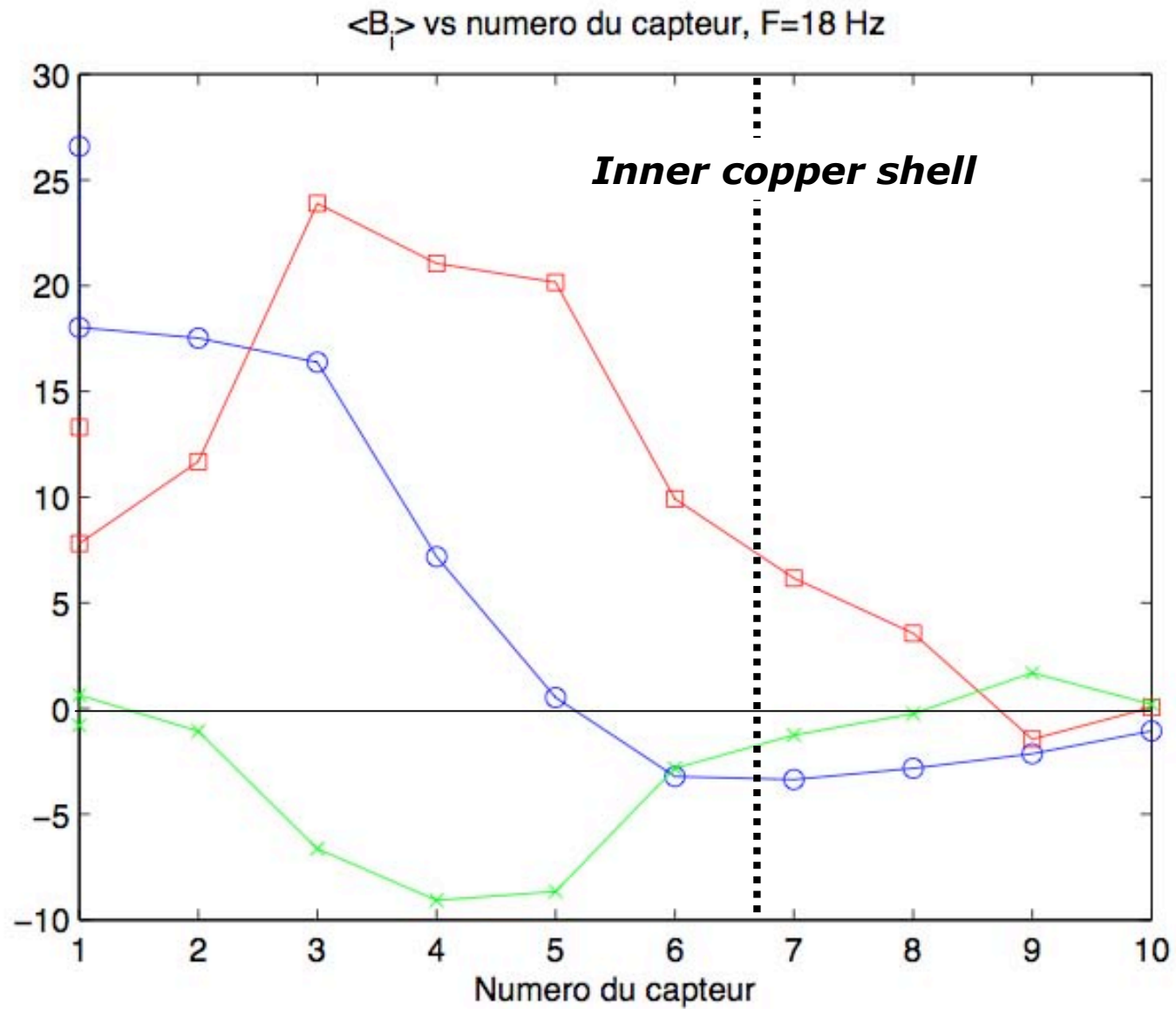




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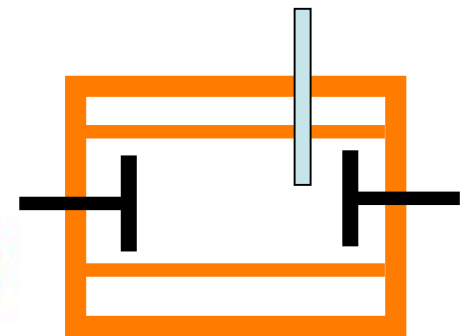


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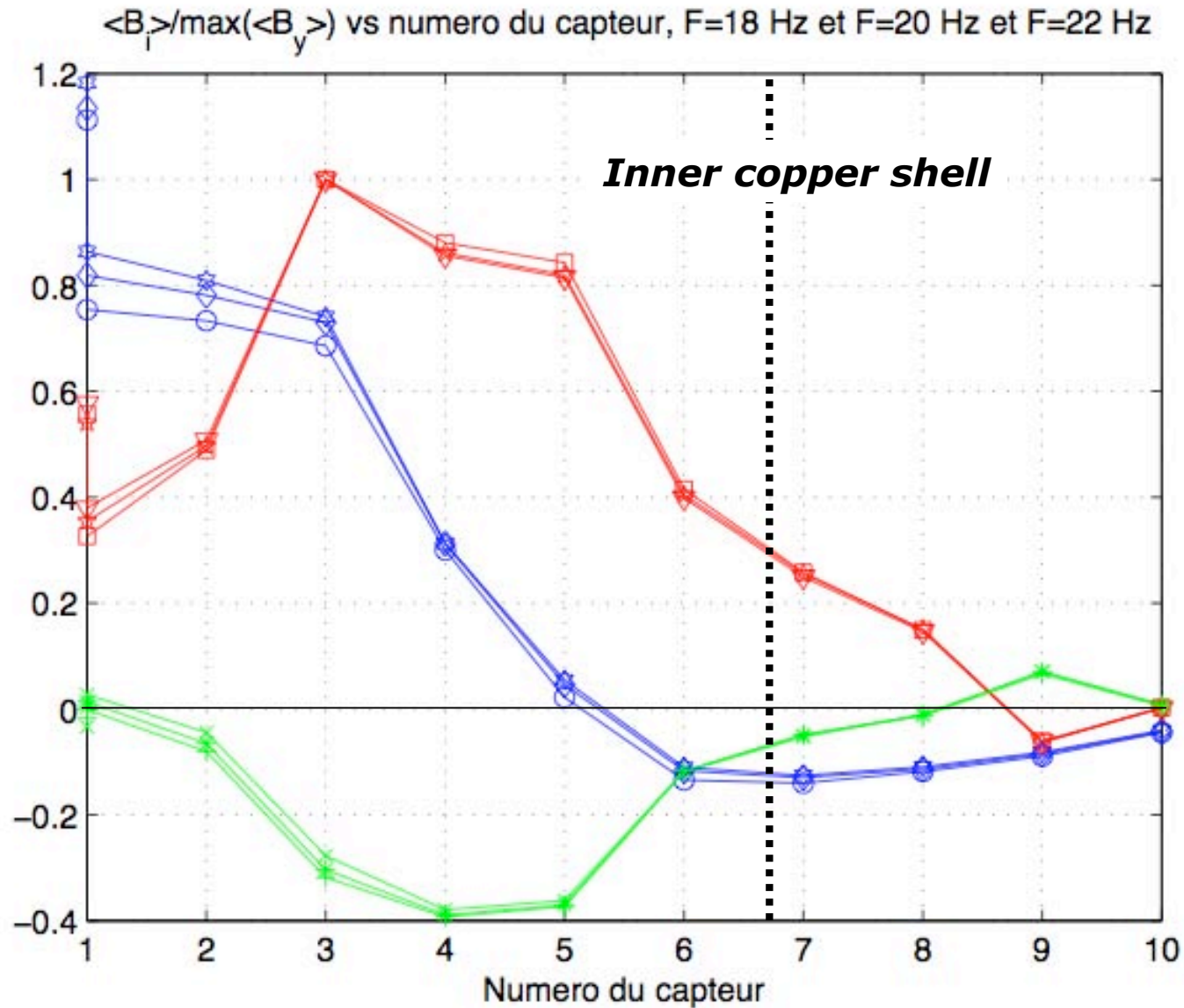


*10 probe array*

*#1 at 4.7cm  
from axis*

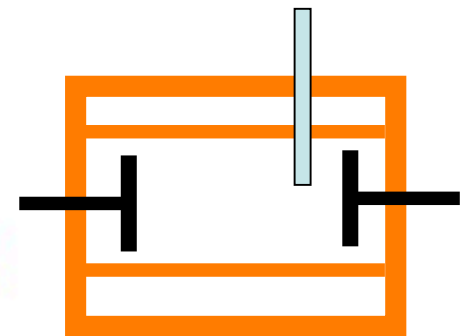


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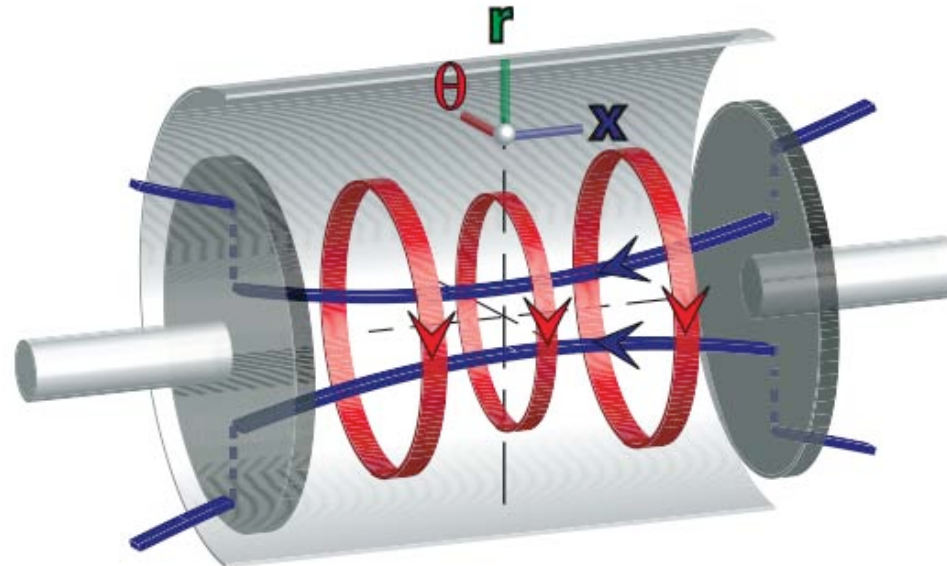
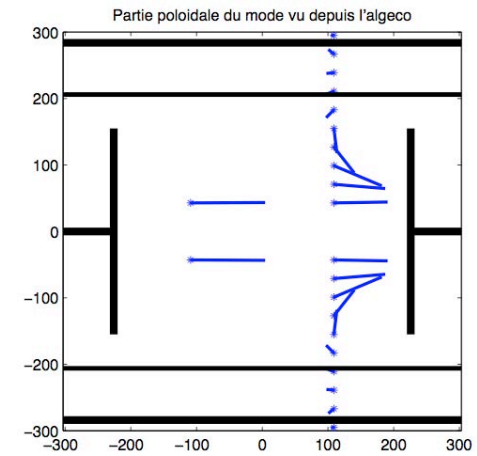
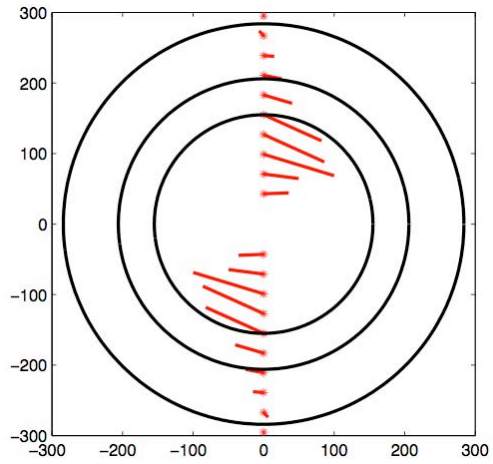


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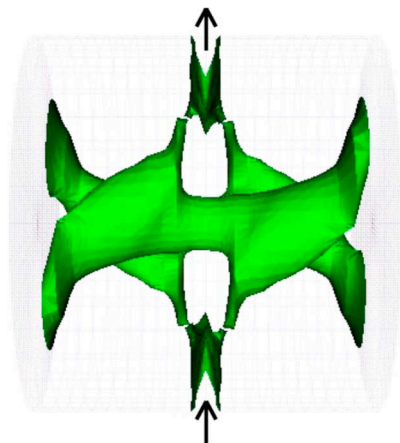
# a turbulent dynamo

**( $m=0$ ) / dipole dynamo**

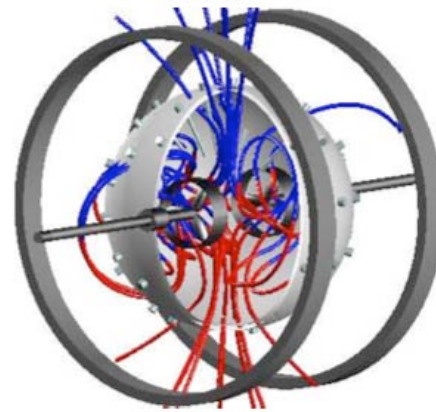
→ not generated by the mean flow  
(Cowling theorem)

**New**, compared to Riga & Karlsruhe exp.

kinematic modes for s2t2



Ravelet et al., *Phys. Fluids* **17**, 117104 (2005)  
M. Bourgoïn et al., *Phys. Fluids* **16** (2004)



Transverse intermittent dipole  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **97**, 044503 (2006).

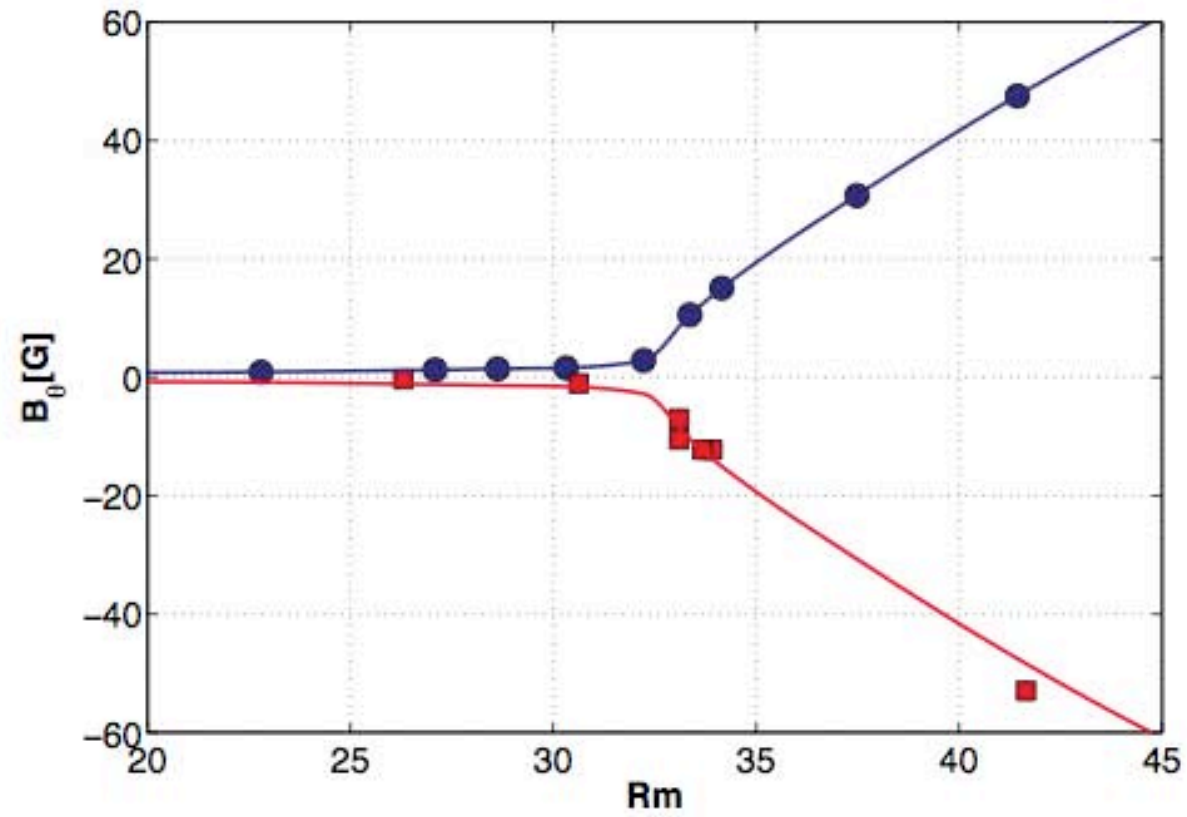


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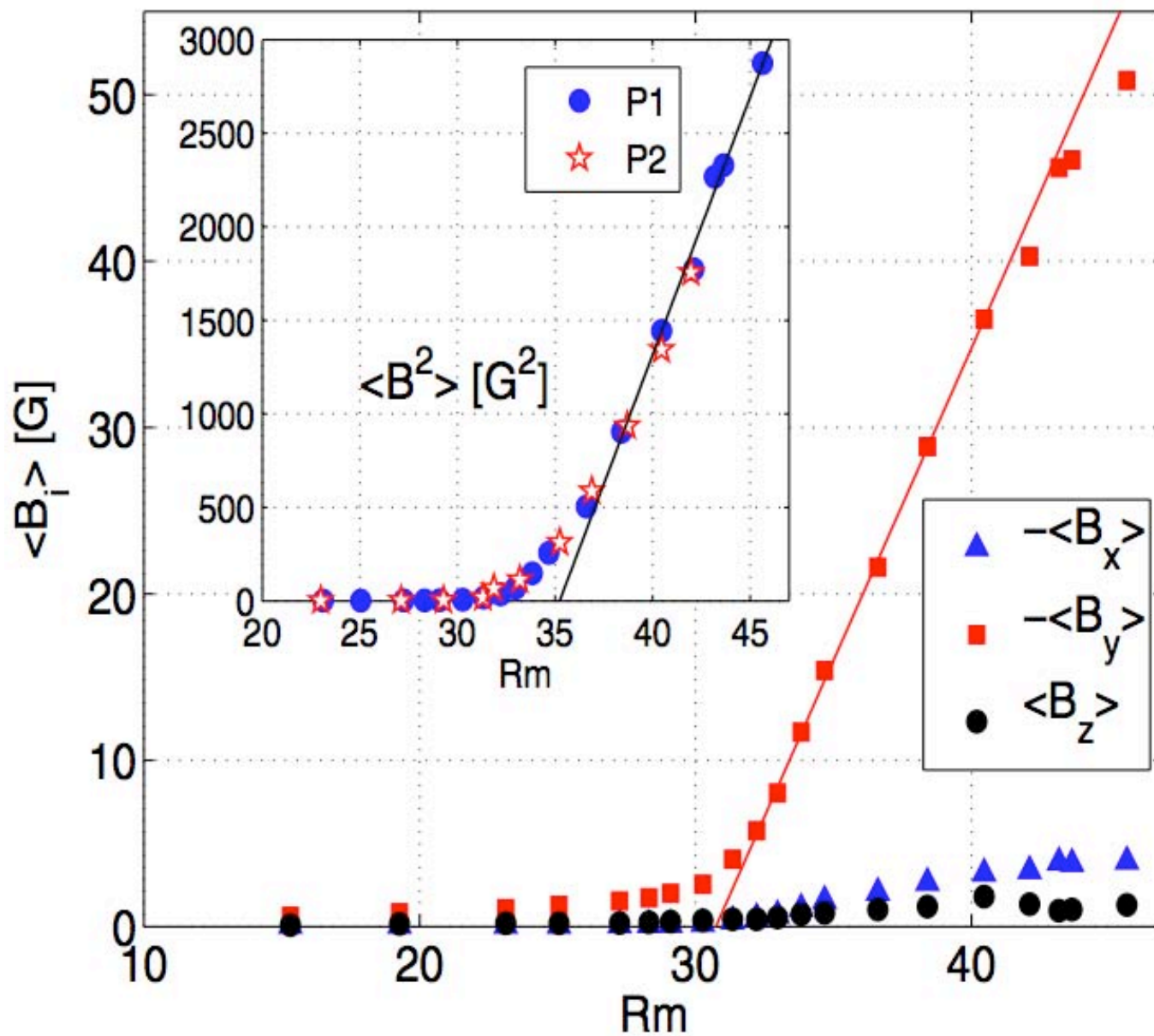




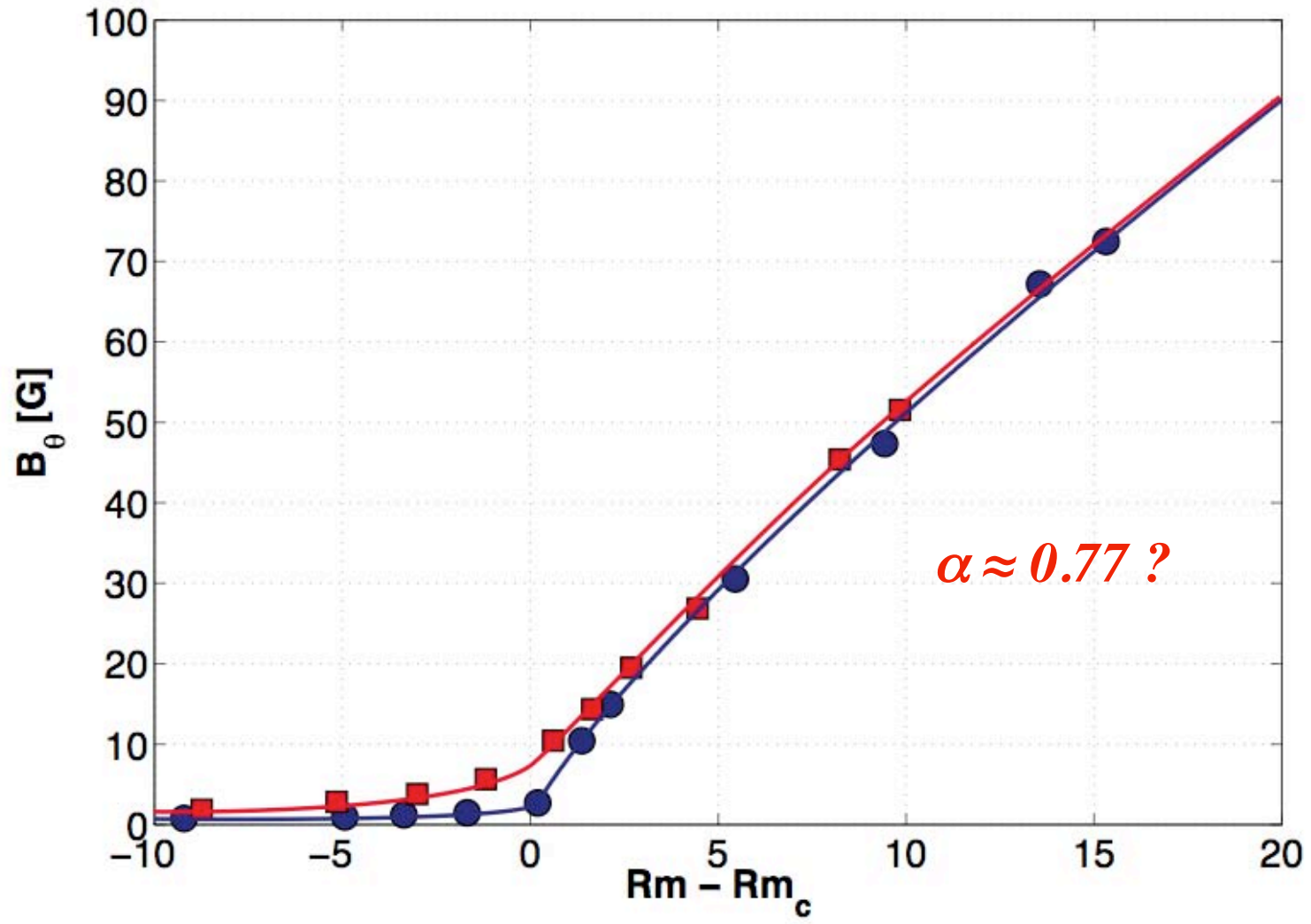
# bifurcation onset



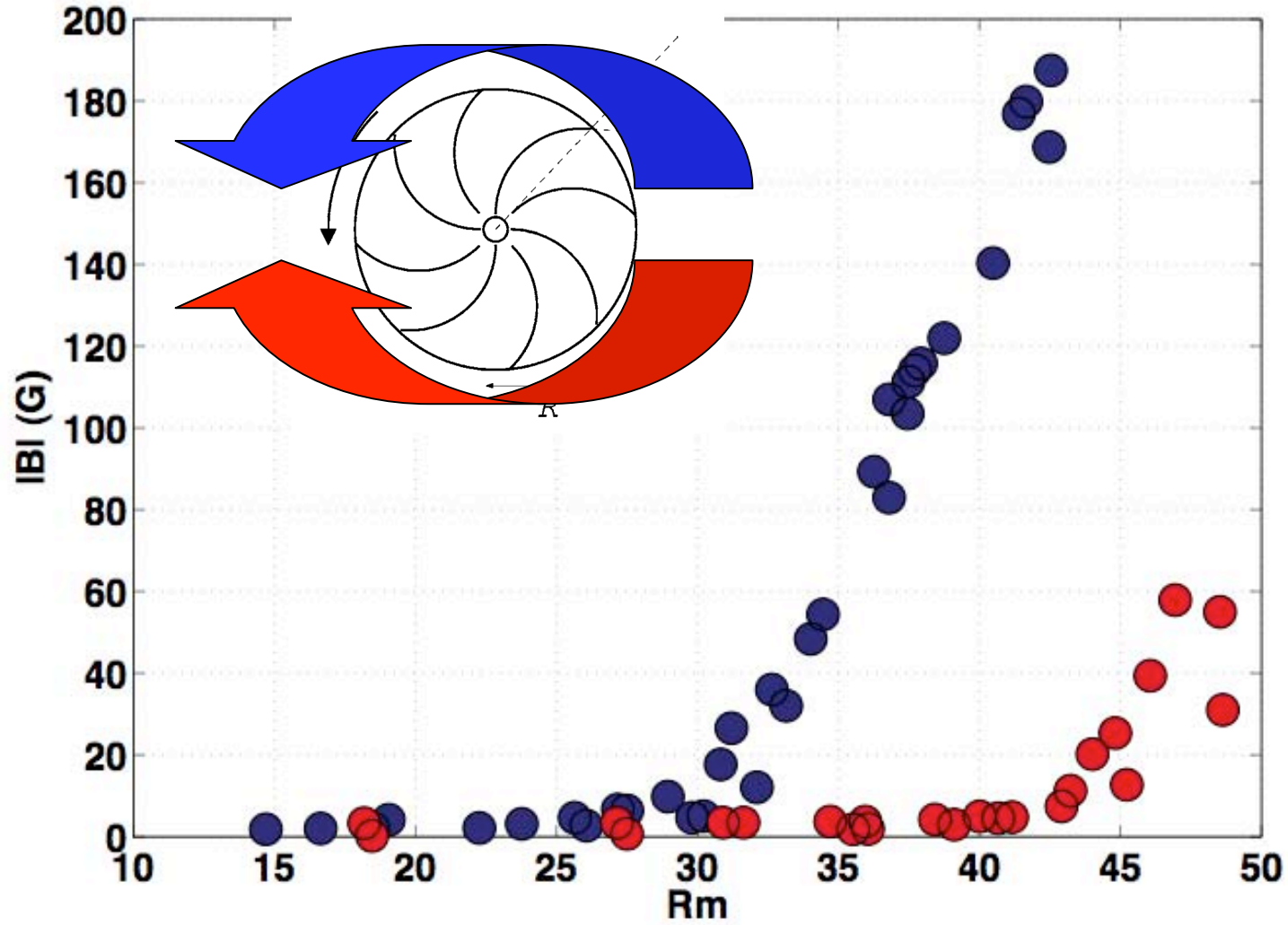
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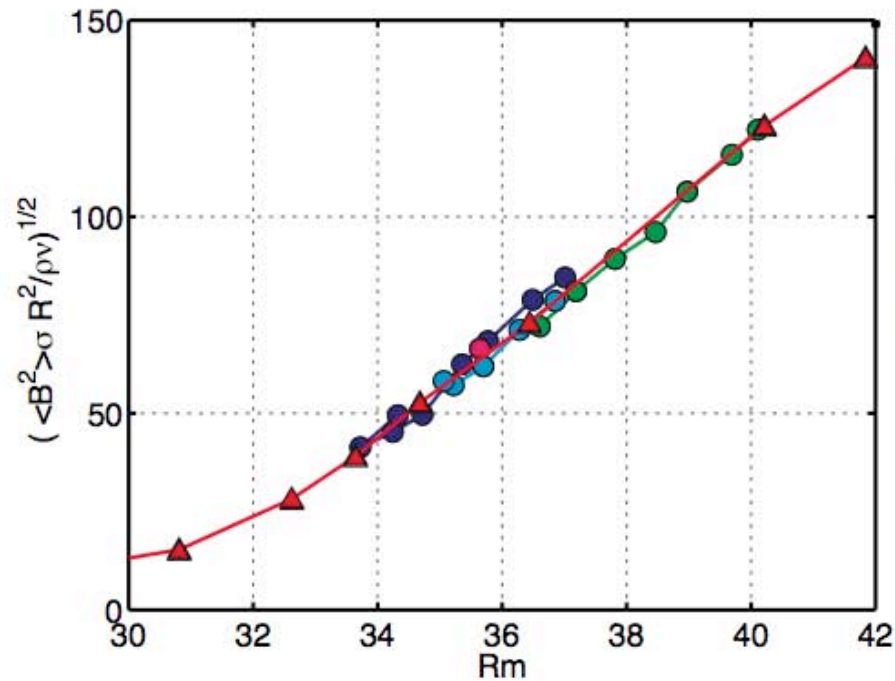


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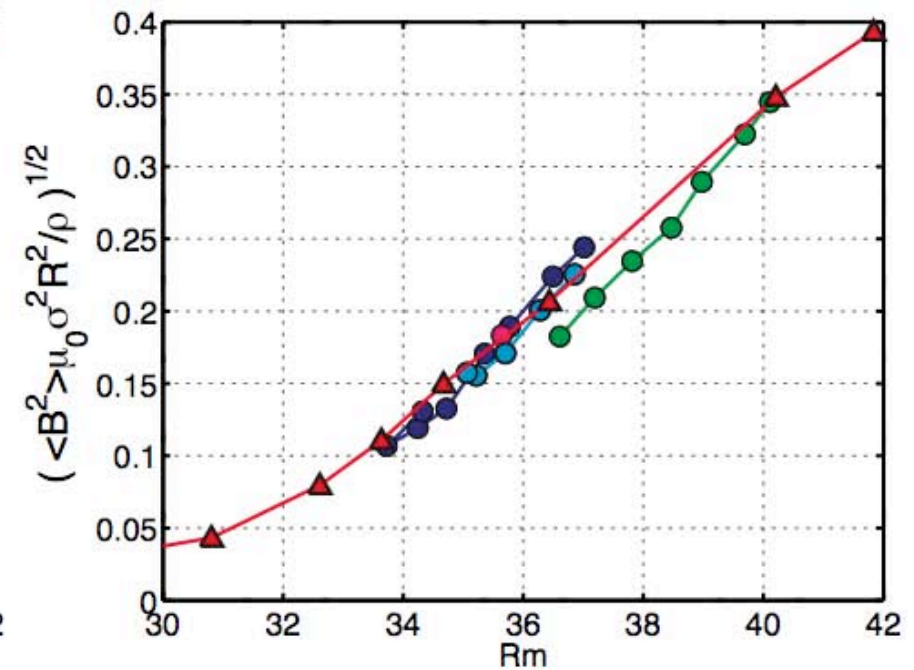
# Scaling at saturation

$F_{\text{lorentz}} \approx \text{viscous forces}$



Low - Reynolds scaling

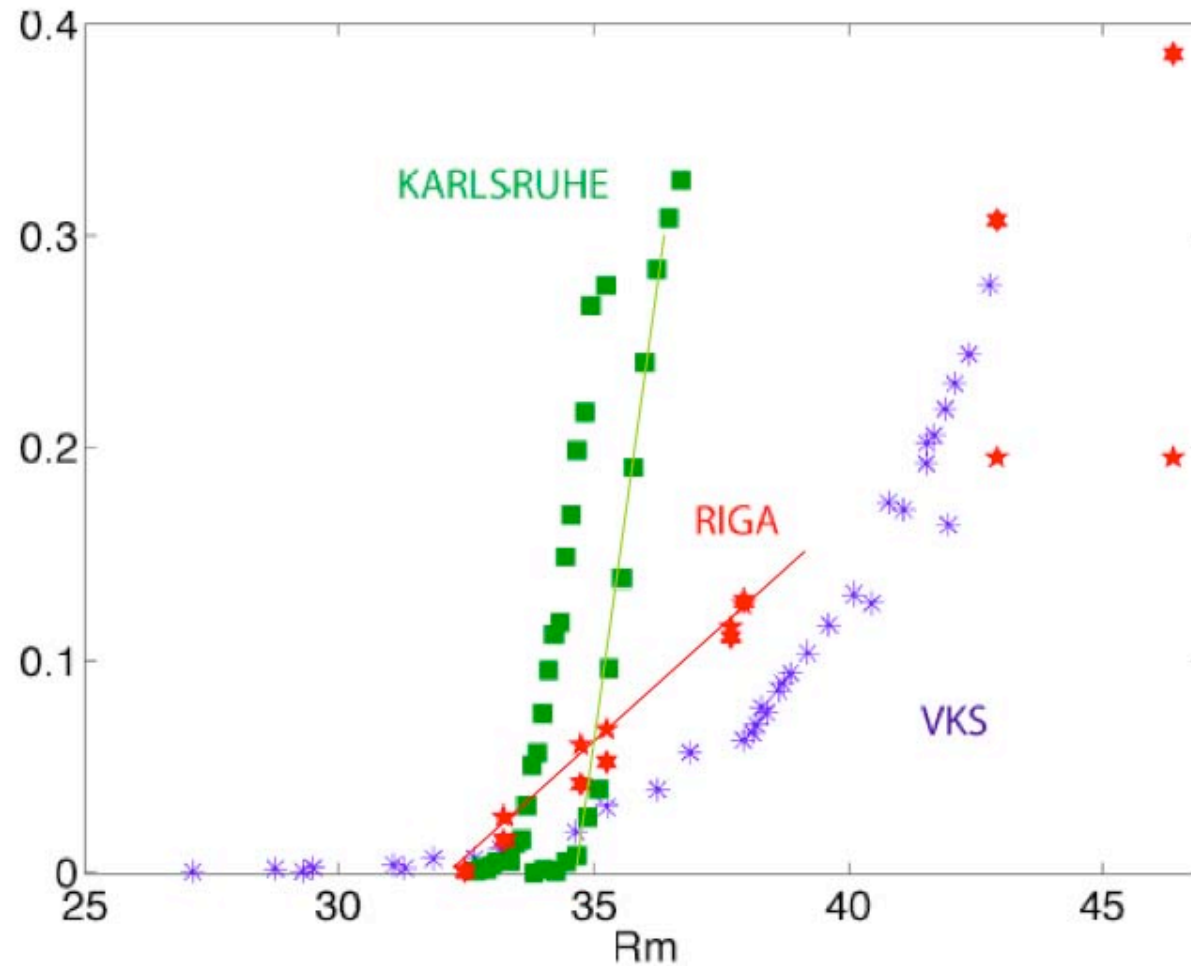
$F_{\text{lorentz}} \approx \text{inertial forces}$



High - Reynolds scaling

# Comparison with Riga / Karlsruhe

$$\text{Lundquist number: } \langle B^2 \rangle \mu_0 (\sigma R)^2 / \rho \propto (R_m - R_{mc})^\alpha$$





# power

Turbulent scaling

$$P \approx \rho R^5 \Omega^3$$

$$K_p = P / \rho R^5 \Omega^3$$

Dynamo

$$P = P(\text{mag}) + P(\text{hydro})$$

$$R_m < R_m^c : P = P(v_1)$$

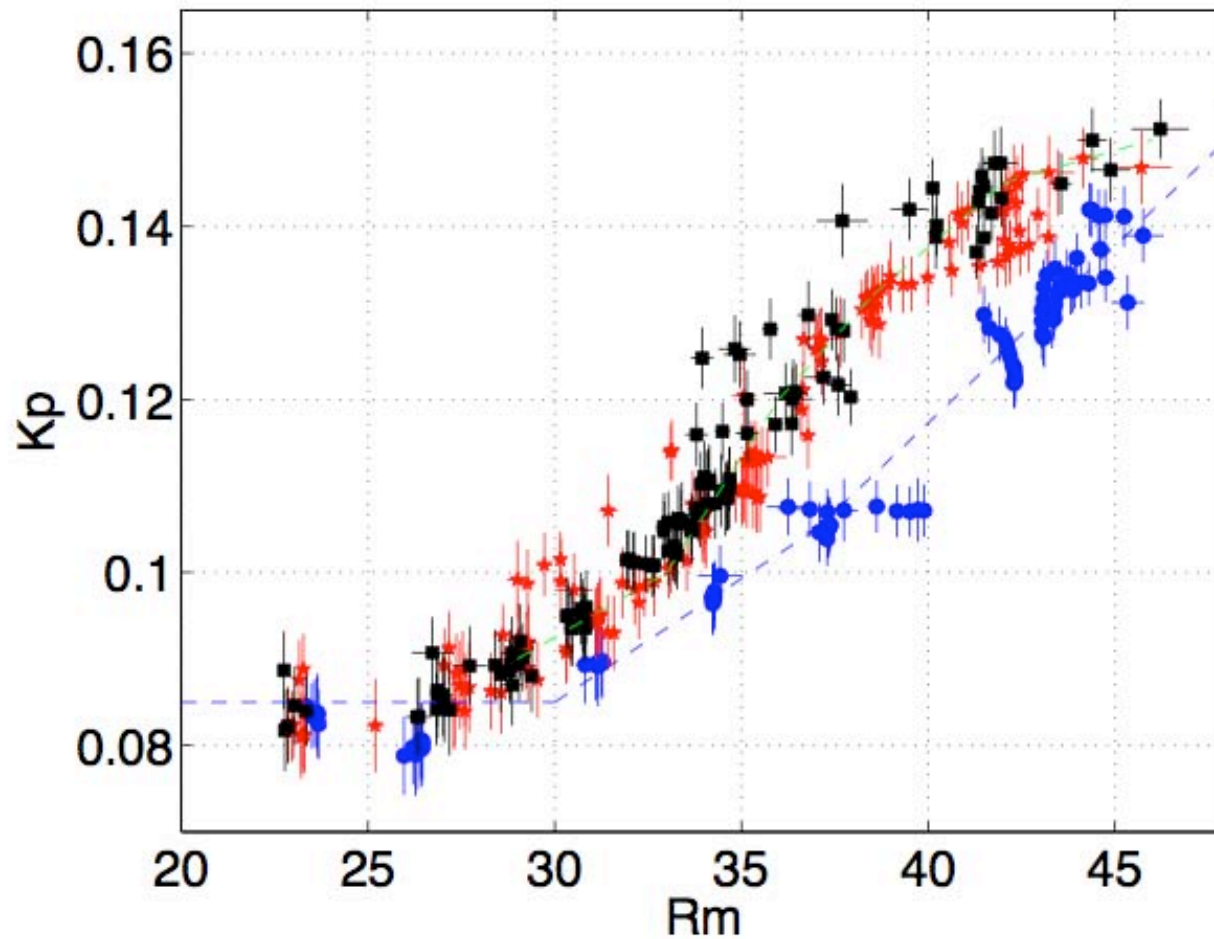
$$R_m > R_m^c : P = P(v_2) + P(B)$$

with  $\langle v_2 \rangle \neq \langle v_1 \rangle$  ?

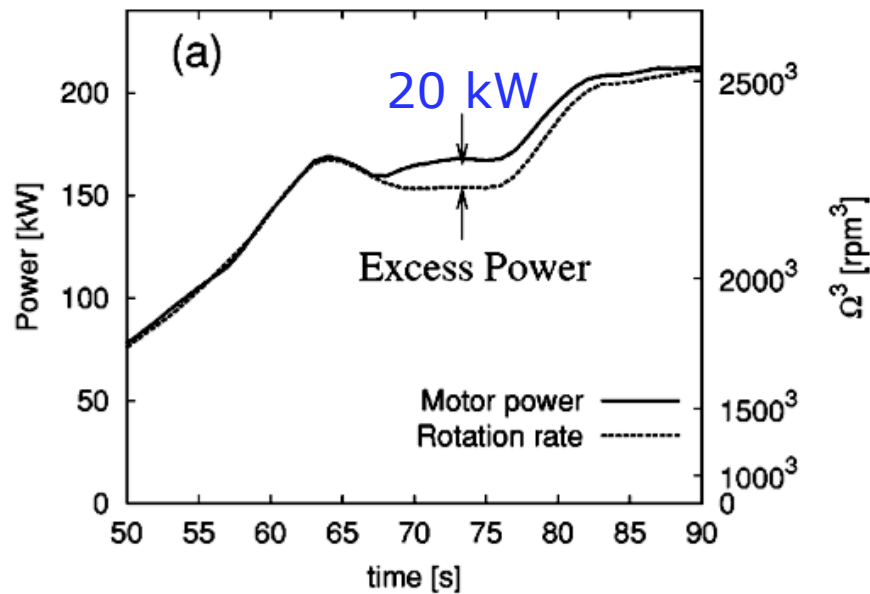
and  $v_2' \neq v_1'$  ?

# power, from motor drives

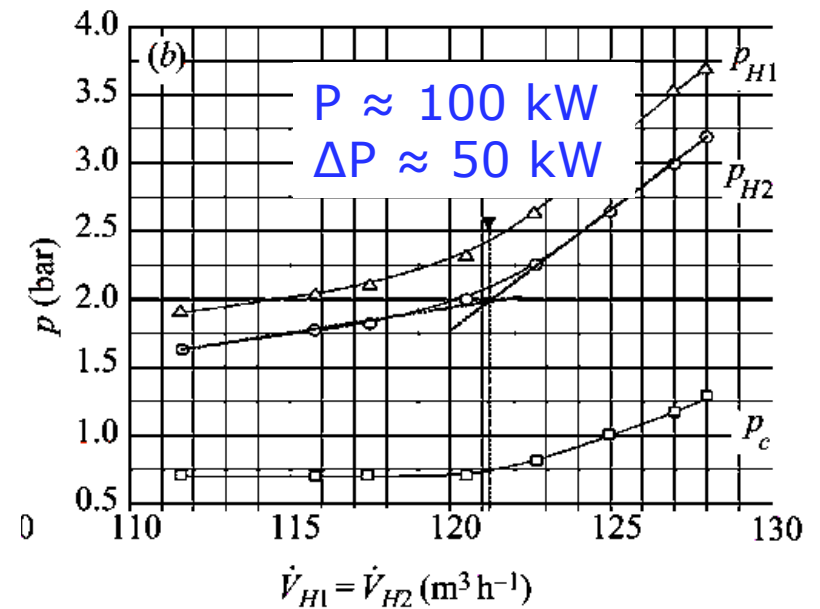
$$Kp = P / (\rho R^5 (2\pi F)^3)$$



# Comparison Karlsruhe & Riga



Stieglitz & Müller, *PoF*, **13** (2001)  
 Müller, Stieglitz, Horanyi, *JFM*, **498** (2004)



Gailitis et al. *Phys. Plasmas* **11** (2004)

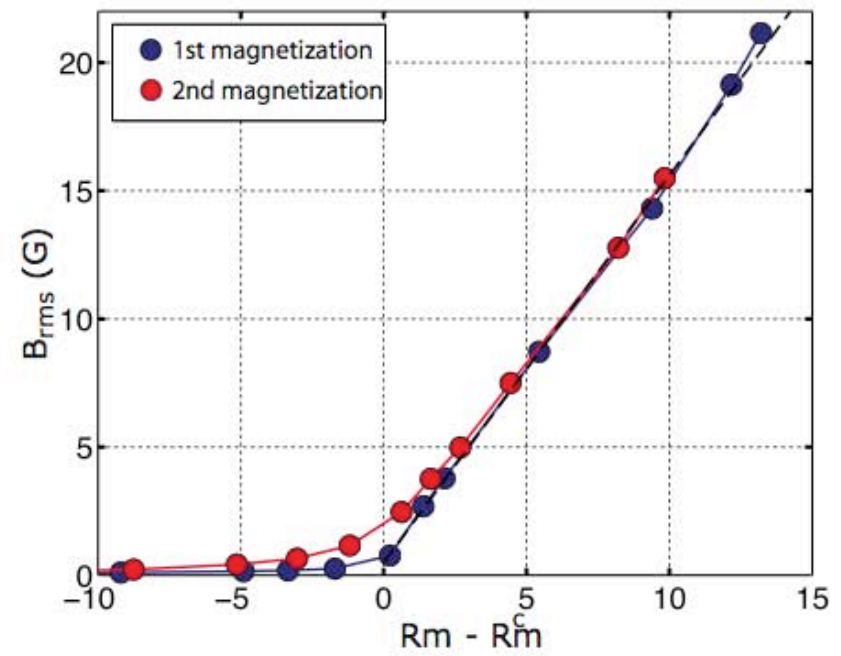
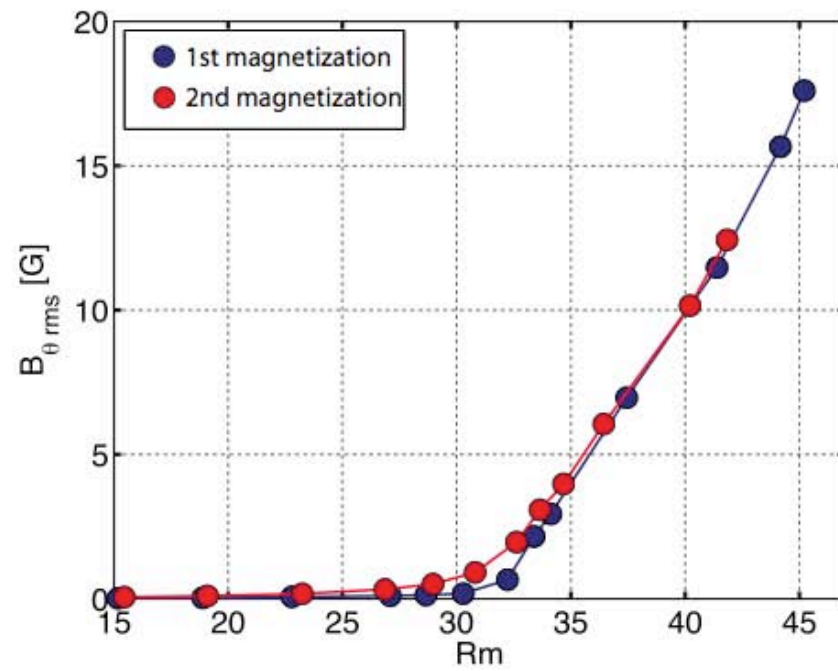


# FLUCTUATIONS

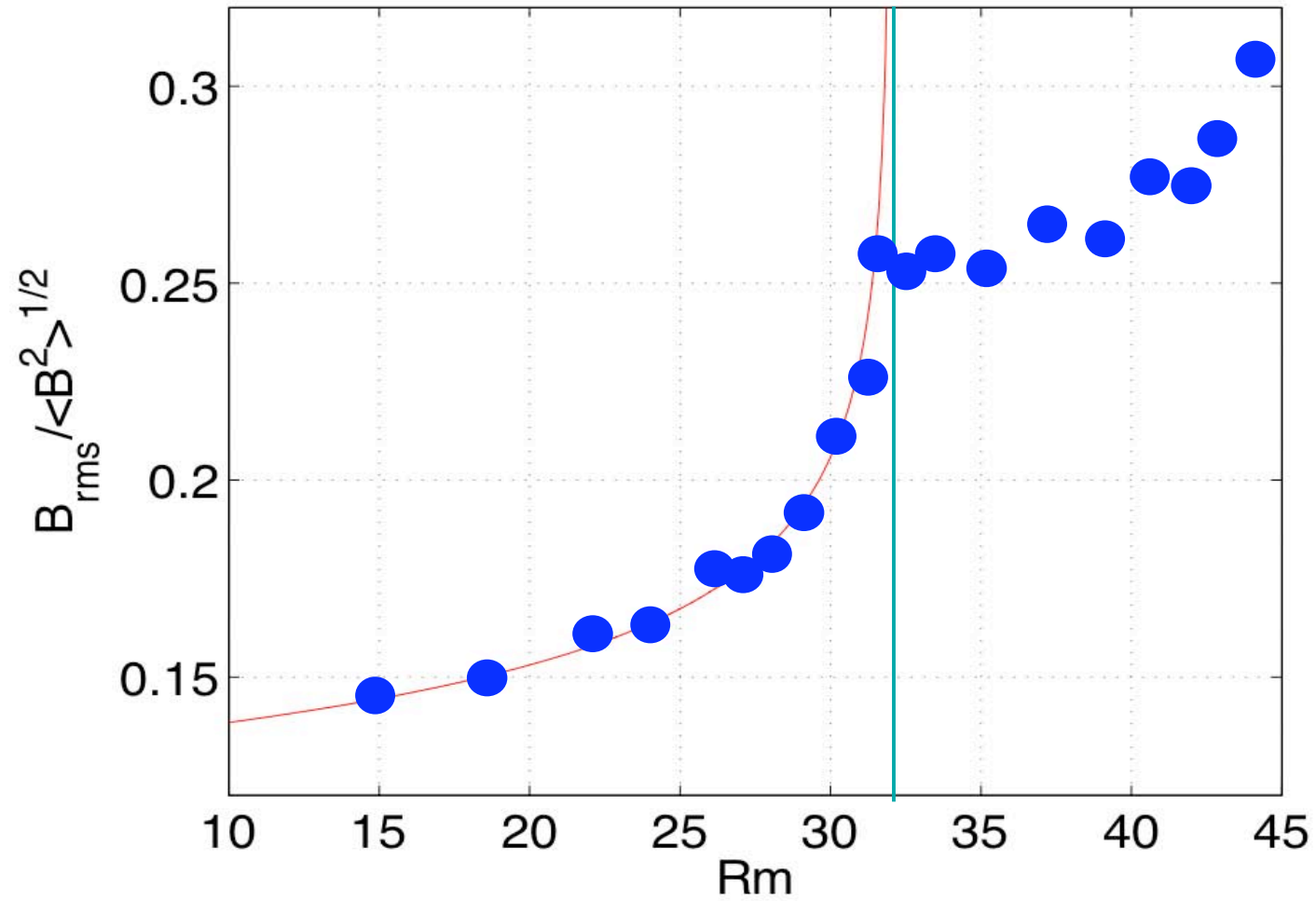




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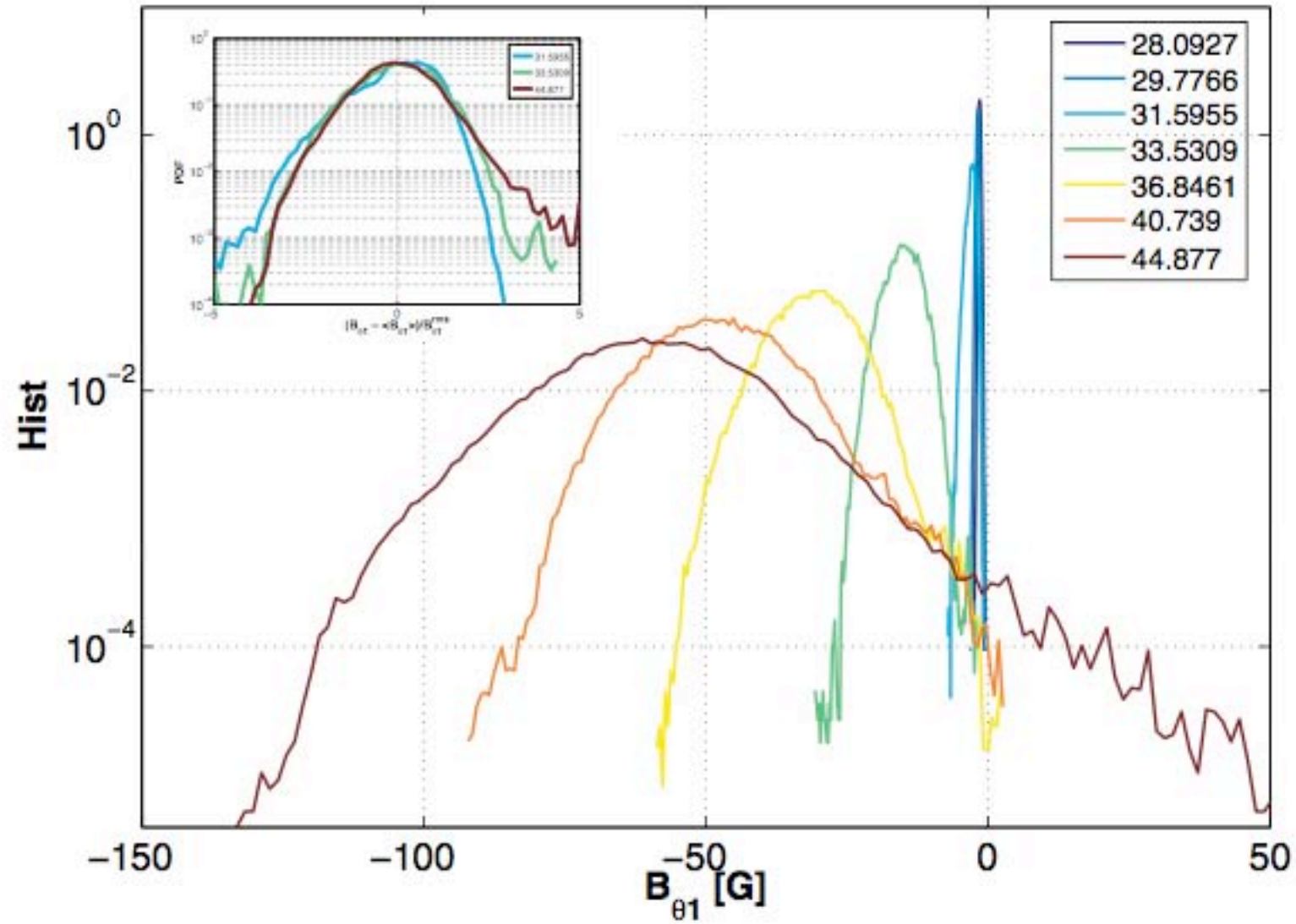


# a susceptibility ?

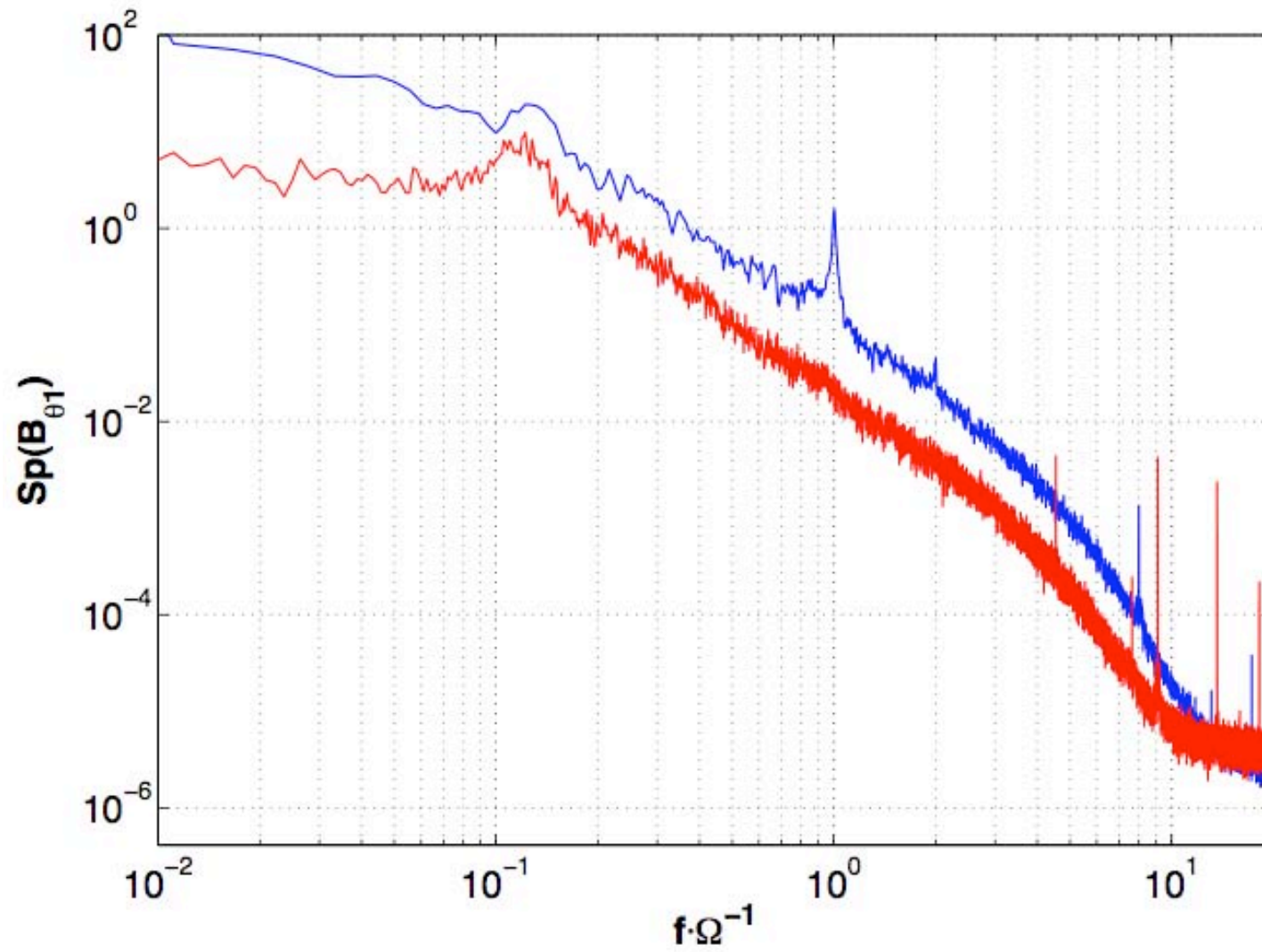




# Local fluctuations



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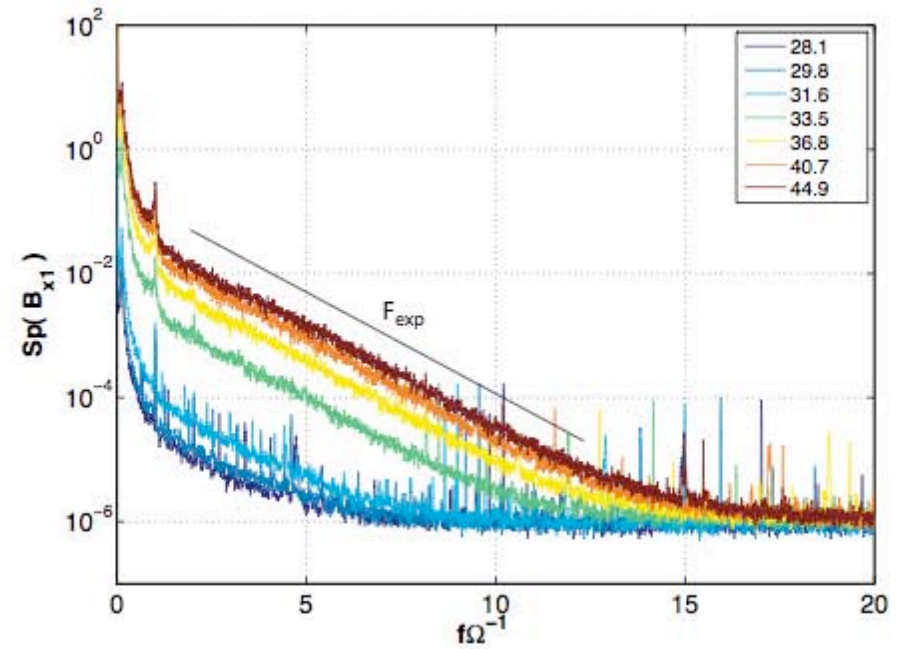
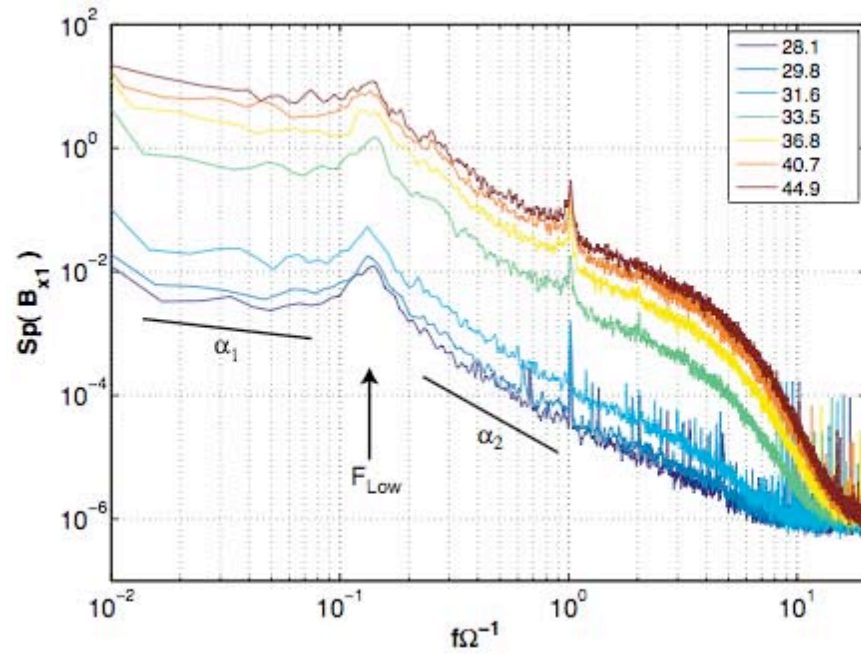


# PSD scaling

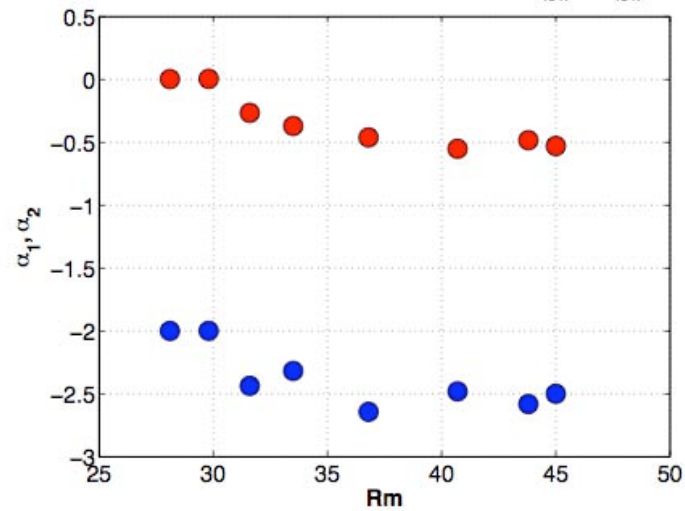
PSD of local magnetic fluctuations

- K41 scaling, strong Joule dissipation, passive vector :  $E_M(k) \approx k^{-5/3}$
- Equipartition, Alfven waves Iroshnikov-Kraichan :  $E_M(k) \approx k^{-3/2}$
- Strong correlation V-B, scale separation, Pouquet et al. :  $E_M(k) \approx k^{-3}$
- Significant Joule diss., low Pm, Moffat :  $E_M(k) \approx k^{-2} E_V(k)$ 
  - if K41 velocity :  $E_M(k) \approx k^{-11/3}$
  - if IK field :  $E_M(k) \approx k^{-5}$

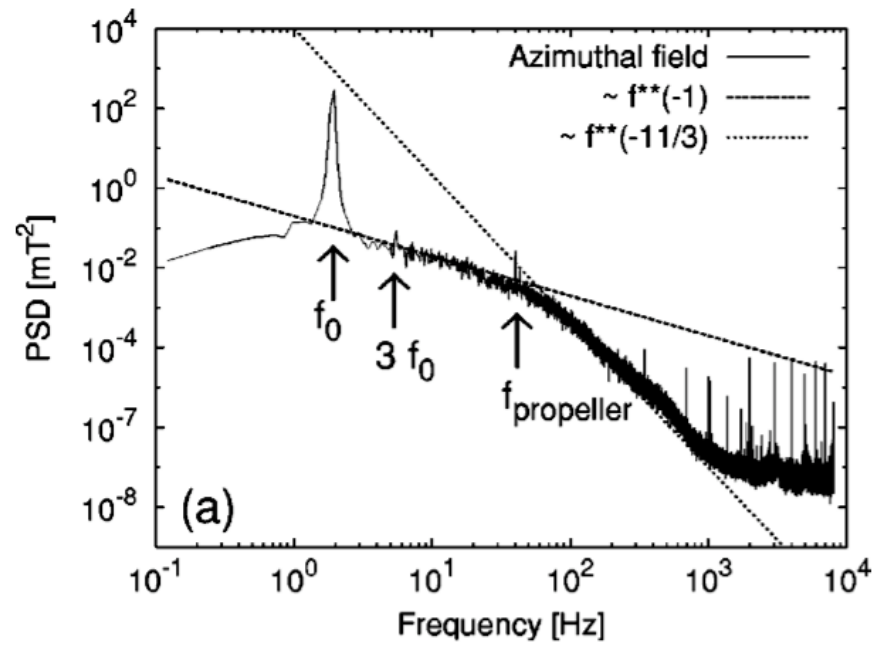
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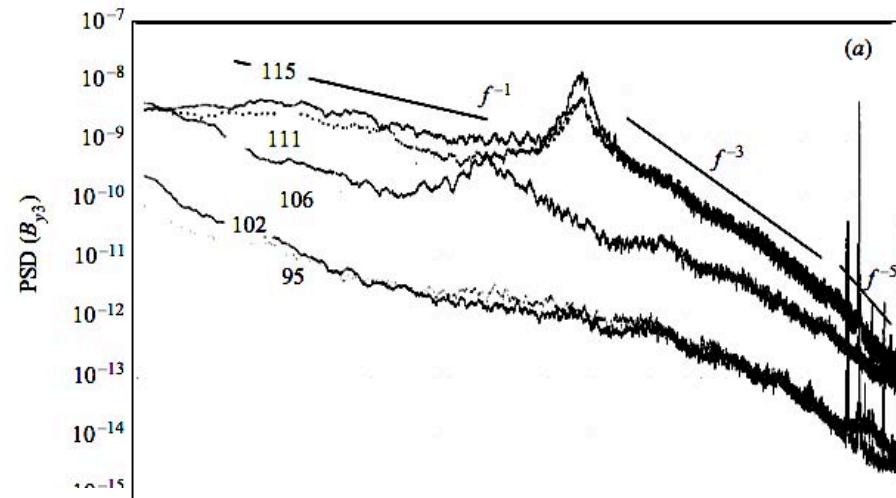
Etudes des spectres. Loi de puissance pour  $f < F_{low}$  et  $F_{low} < f < \Omega_1$



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# NEXT

