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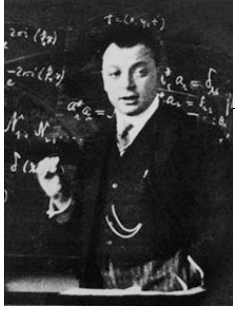
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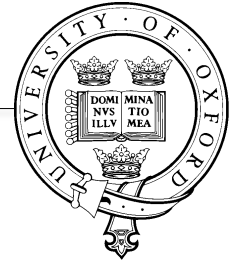
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Prequel: 2D Phase Mixing in a Vlasov-Poisson Plasma

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Electron Gyrokinetics @ Sub-Larmor Scales



$k_{\perp} \rho_e \gg 1$ electron Larmor rings are \gg spatial scale of e-m fluctuations

$\omega \ll \Omega_e$ but electron Larmor period \ll time scale of e-m fluctuations

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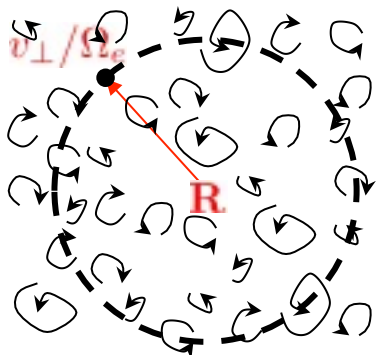
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parallel gyroaveraged gyroaveraged collisions
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Gyroaveraging is a Bessel operator, so, at $k_{\perp} \rho_e \gg 1$, $\langle \varphi \rangle_{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{J}_0 \varphi \sim \frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{k_{\perp} \rho_e}}$

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Ions have Boltzmann response
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Key point: magnetic spectra are slaved to the spectra of density and of φ :

$$\frac{\delta B}{B_0} \sim \frac{\beta_e}{k_{\perp} \rho_e} \varphi$$

Plan: Theory \Rightarrow Observables



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...and get spectra $E_{\varphi}(k_{\perp}) \propto k_{\perp}^{-\mu}$, $E_h(k_{\perp}) \propto k_{\perp}^{-\nu}$

2. Infer density spectra: $E_n(k_{\perp}) \propto k_{\perp}^{-\mu}$ because $\frac{\delta n_e}{n_e} = \frac{\varphi}{\alpha} = -\left(1 + \frac{T_e}{T_i}\right) \varphi$

magnetic-field spectra: $E_B(k_{\perp}) \propto k_{\perp}^{-\mu-2}$ because $\frac{\delta B}{B} \sim \frac{\beta_e}{k_{\perp} \rho_e} \varphi$

electric-field spectra: $E_E(k_{\perp}) \propto k_{\perp}^{-\mu+2}$ because $\mathbf{E}_{\perp} = -\nabla_{\perp} \phi \propto k_{\perp} \varphi$



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NB: free energy has to get to small scales in velocity space, to dissipate.



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In general, the free energy in δf kinetics is

$$\mathcal{F} = - \sum_s T_s \delta S = - \sum_s T_s \delta \left[\iint d^3 \mathbf{v} d^3 \mathbf{r} f_s \ln f_s \right] = \sum_s \iint d^3 \mathbf{v} d^3 \mathbf{r} \frac{T_s \delta f_s^2}{2F_{0s}}$$

$$= n_e T_e \left[\frac{1}{n_e} \iint d^3 \mathbf{v} d^3 \mathbf{R} \frac{h^2}{2F_0} + \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \frac{\varphi^2}{2\alpha} \right] \text{ in our case}$$

This has a long history:

Kruskal & Oberman 1958	Howes et al. 2006
Bernstein 1958	Schekochihin et al. 2007-09
Fowler 1963, 68	Scott 2010
Krommes & Hu 1994	Banon, Jenko et al. 2011-14
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≡ ε
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So our conserved quantity is (minus) entropy!

[AAS et al. 2008, PPCF 50, 24024]



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from J_0
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integral accumulates
as a random walk,
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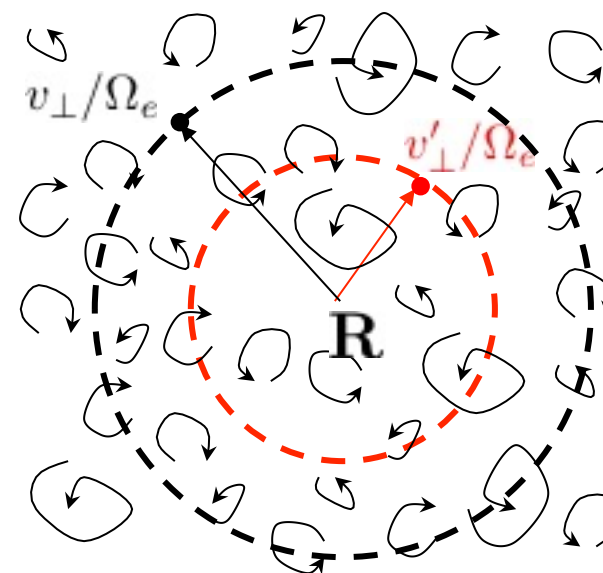
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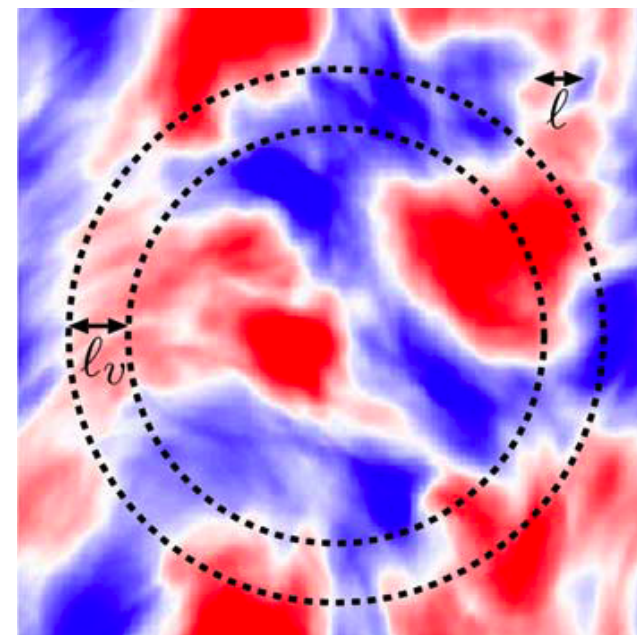
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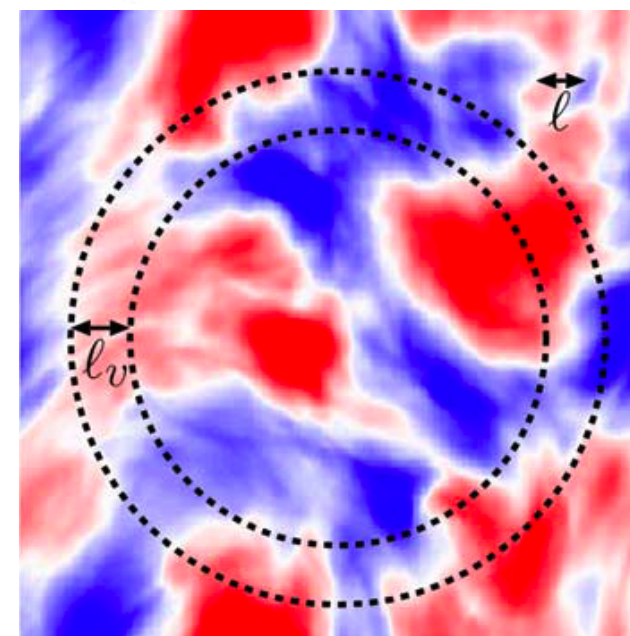
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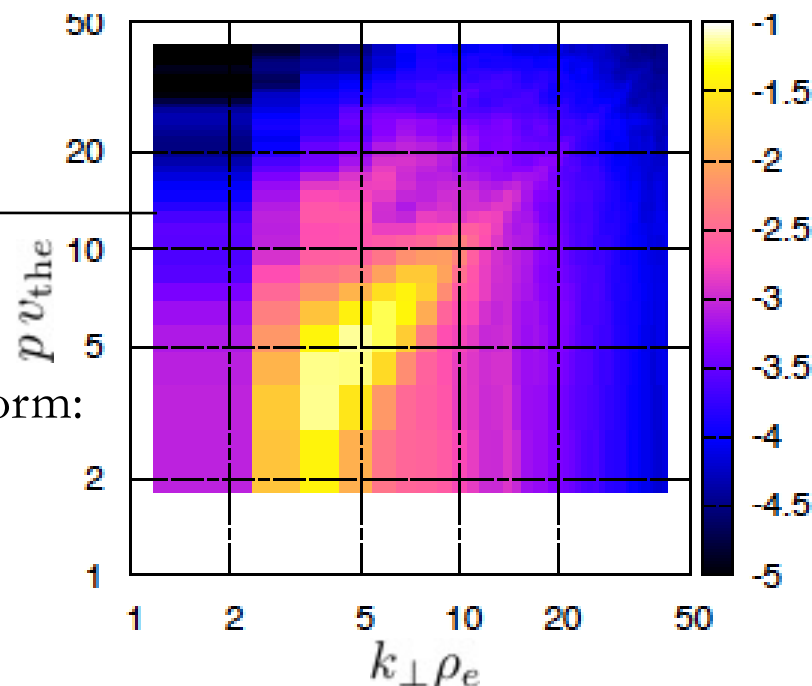
$$\tilde{h}_{\mathbf{k}}(p) = 2\pi \int dv_{\perp} v_{\perp} J_0(p v_{\perp}) h_{\mathbf{k}}(v_{\perp})$$

Phase-space spectrum: $E_h(k_{\perp}, p) = p \overline{|\tilde{h}_{\mathbf{k}}(p)|^2}$

[Plunk et al. 2010, JFM, 664, 407]

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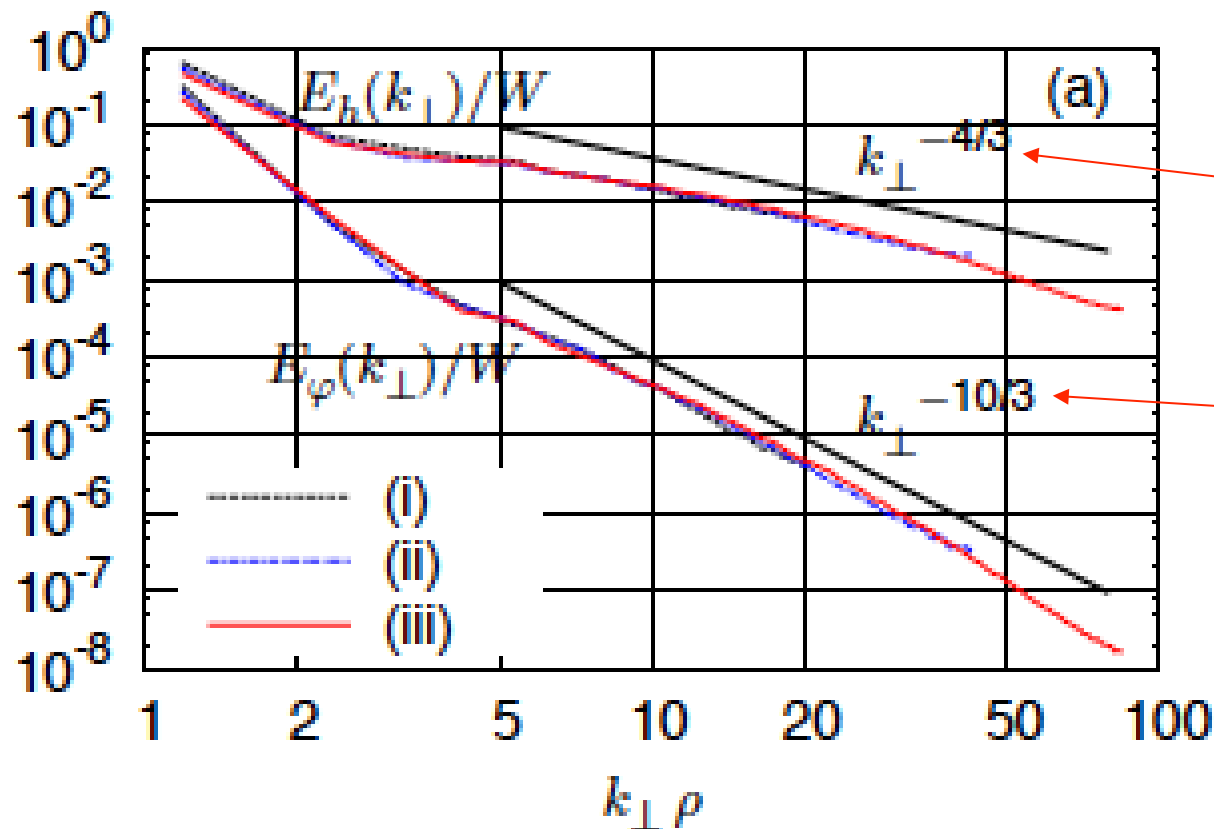
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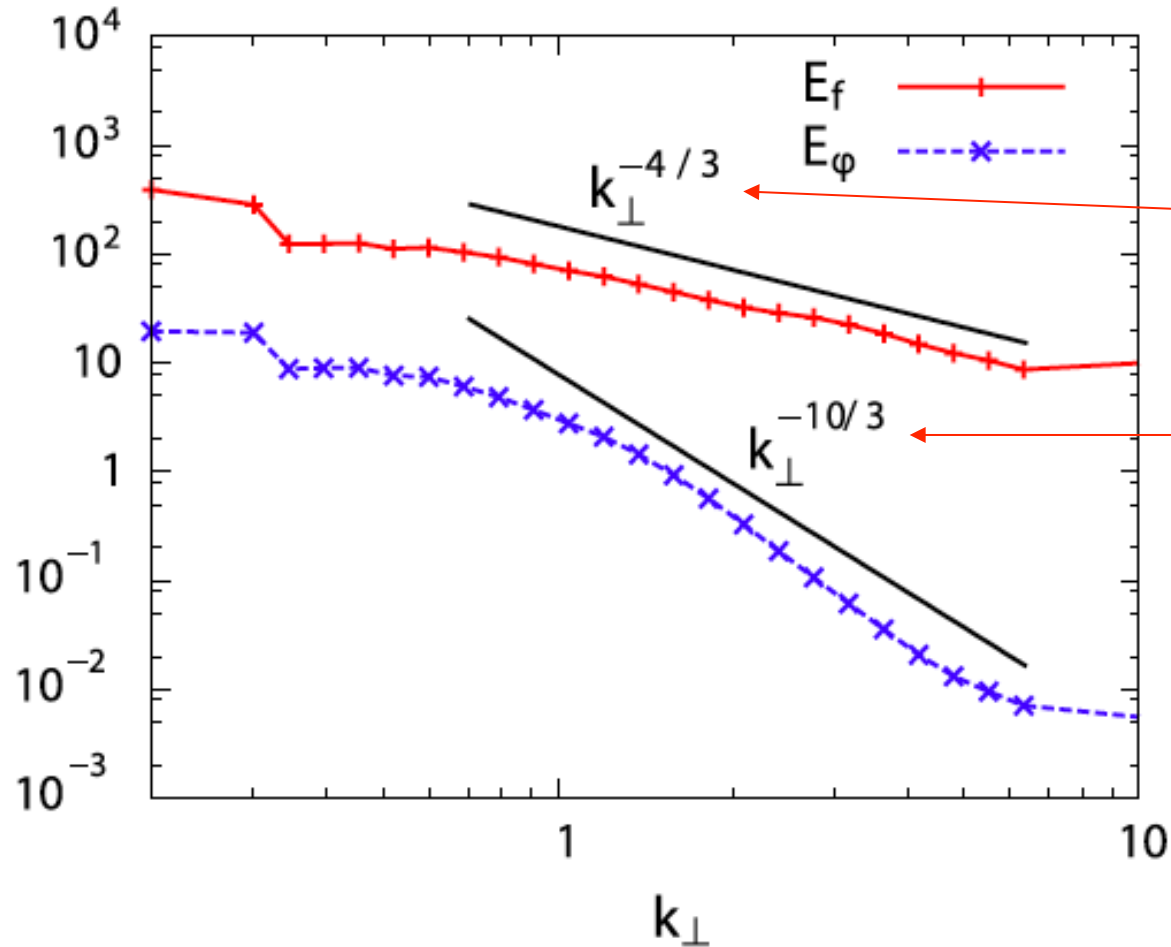


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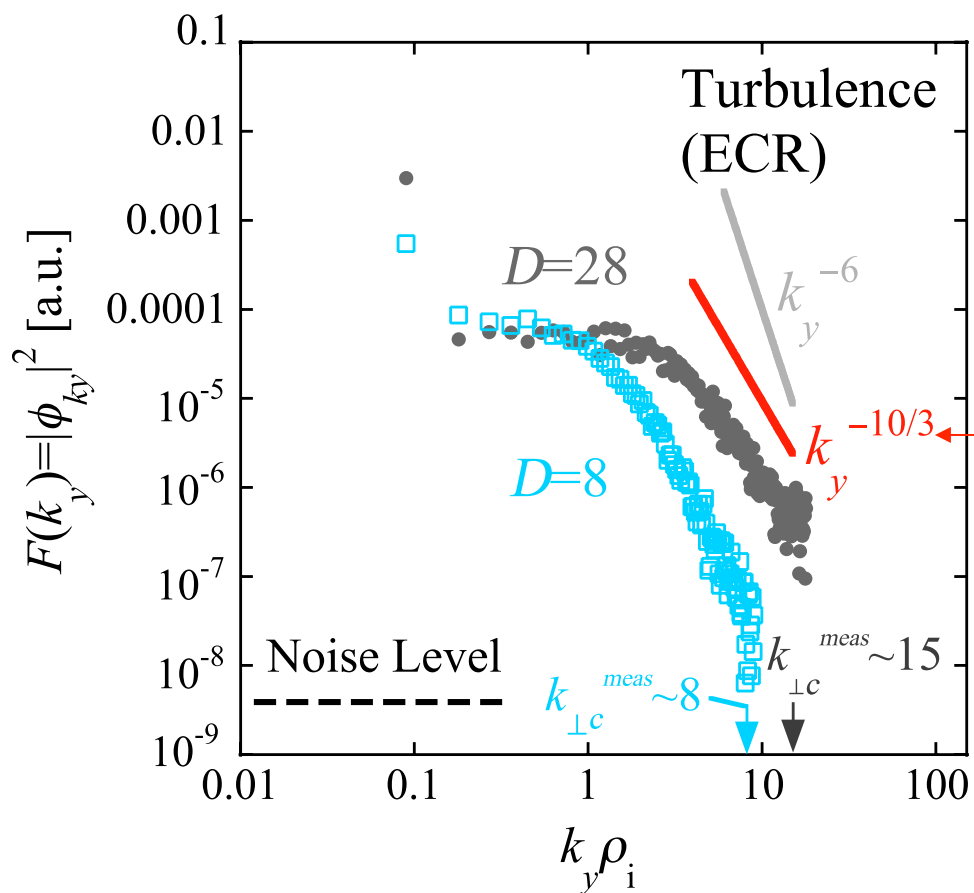
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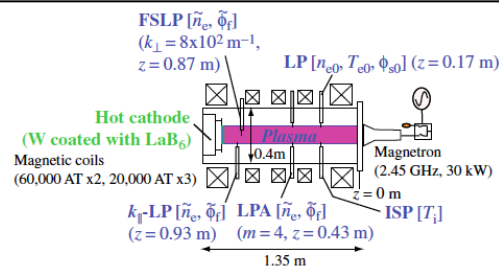


Theory vs. Experiment!

LABORATORY EXPERIMENT:



[Kawamori (2013), PRL 110, 195001]



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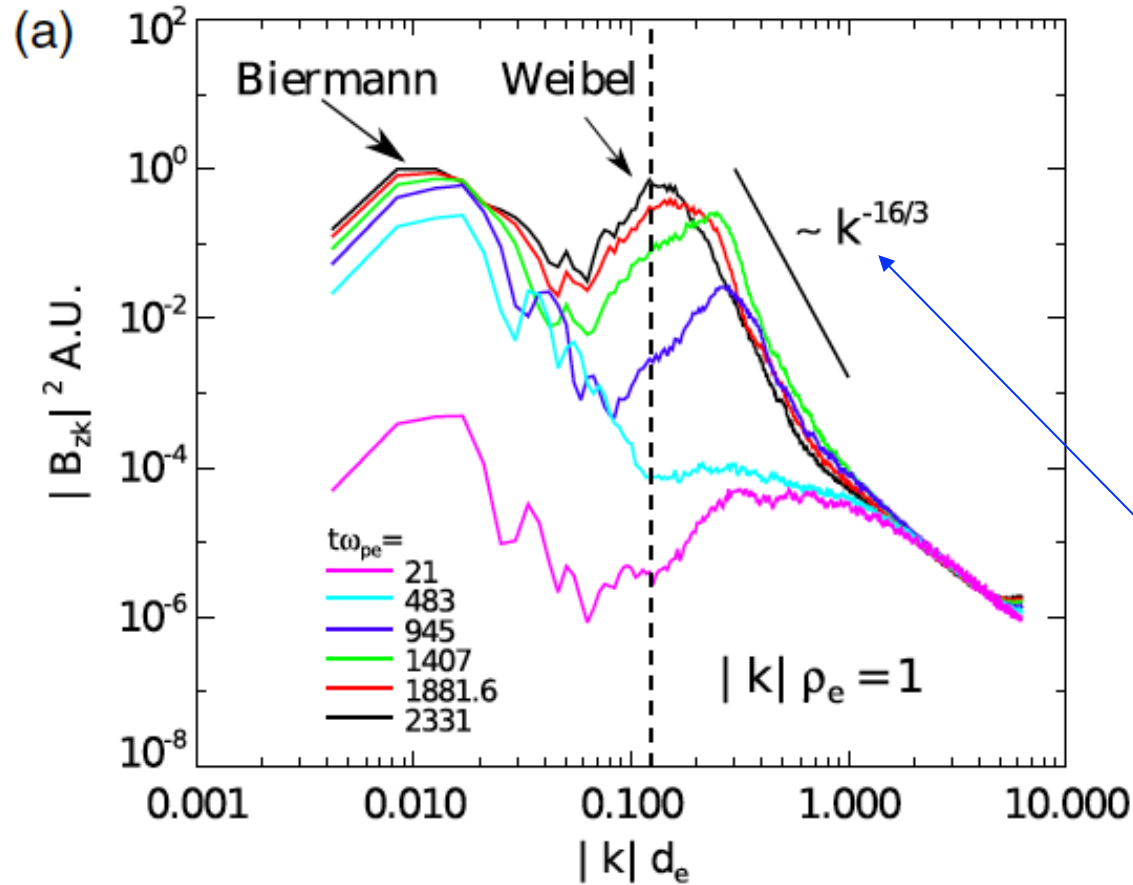
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PIC SIMULATIONS (3D, self-generated m. field):



[Schoeffler et al. (2014), PRL 112, 175001]

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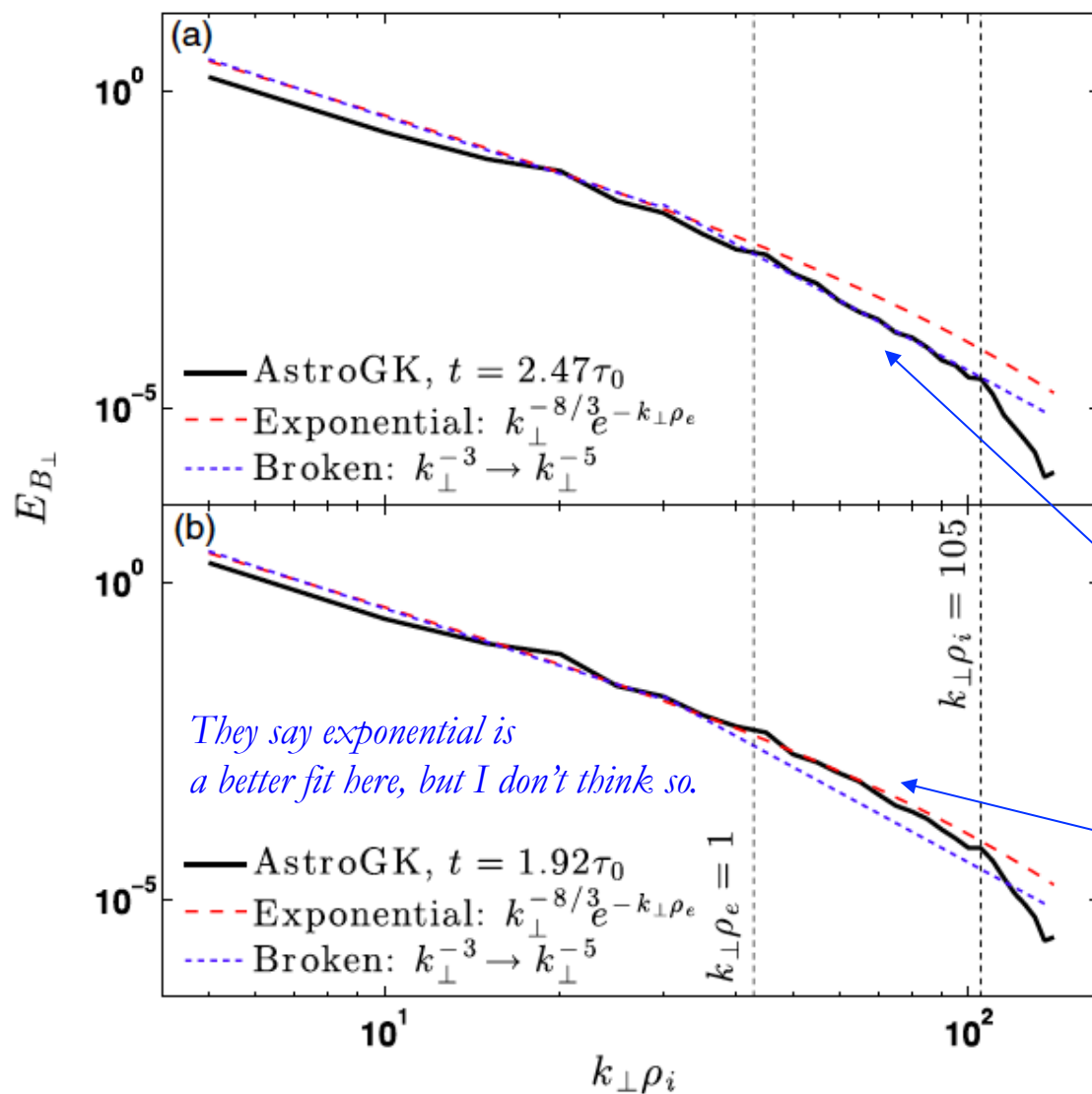
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GK SIMULATIONS by J. TenBarge (3D, forced):



They say exponential is a better fit here, but I don't think so.



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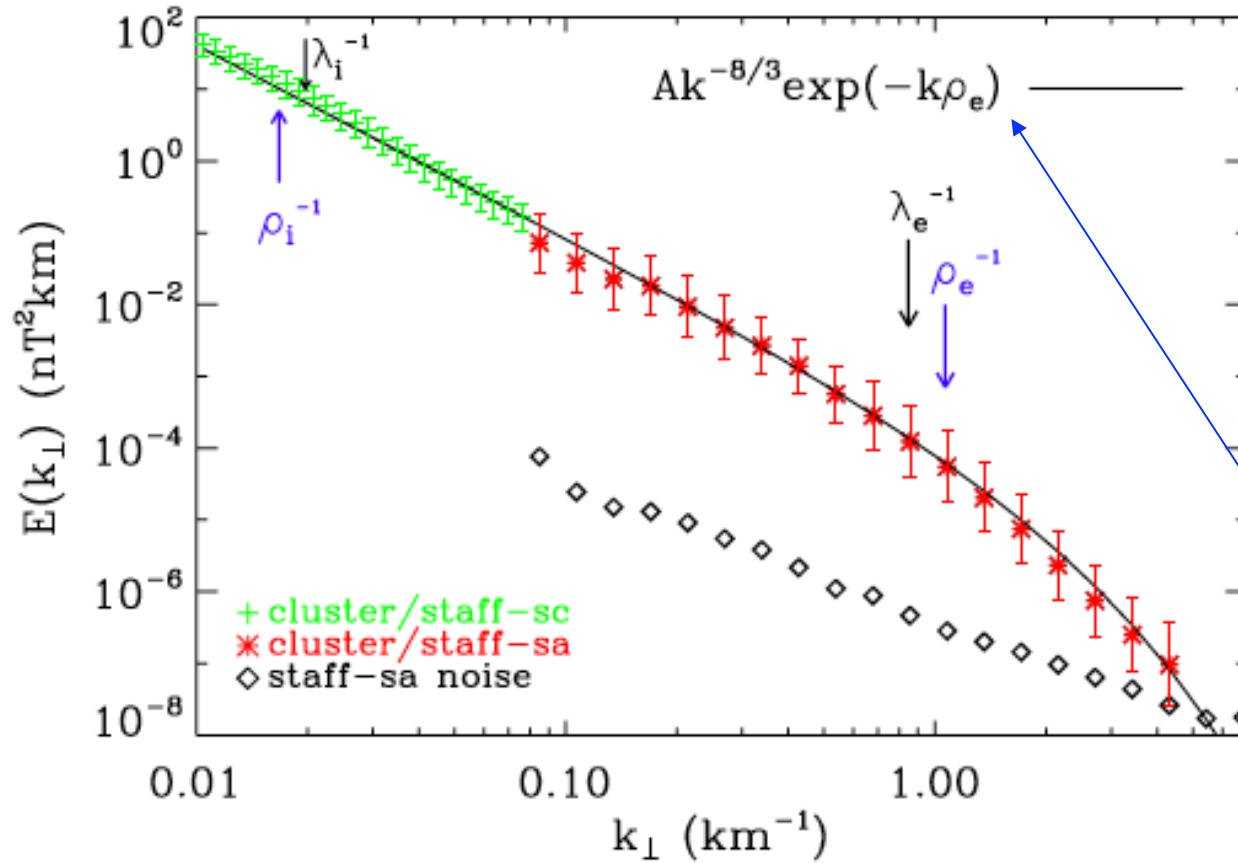
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[TenBarge et al. (2013), ApJ 774, 139]

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SOLAR WIND OBSERVATIONS (Cluster):



[Alexandrova et al. (2012), ApJ 760, 121]

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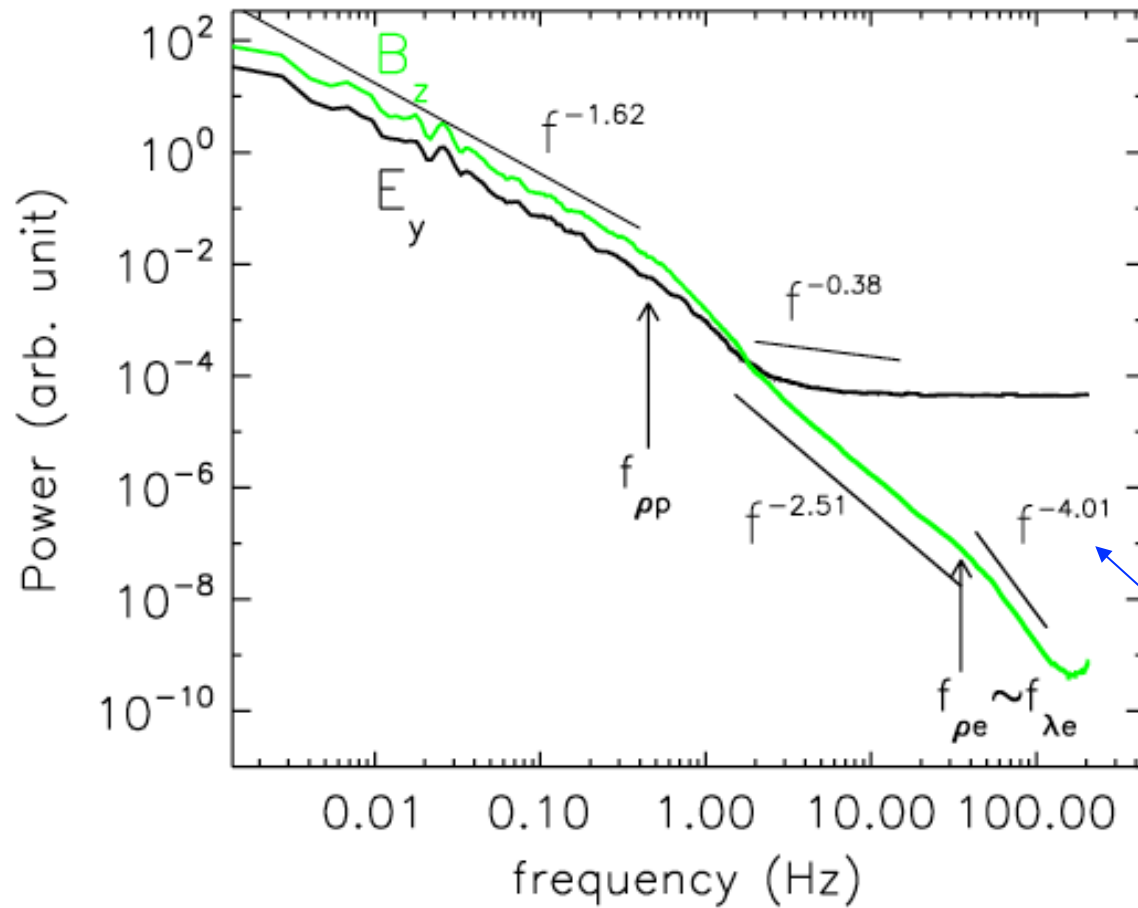
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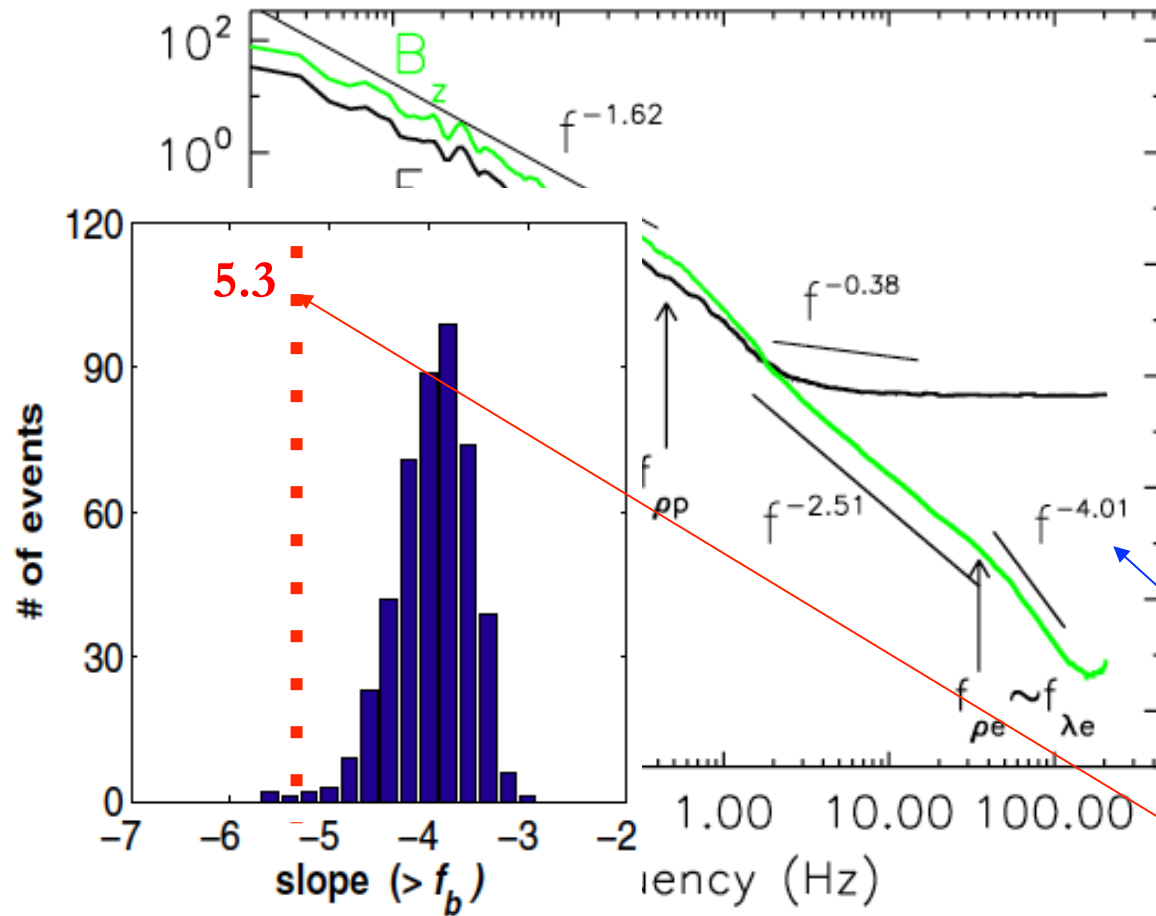
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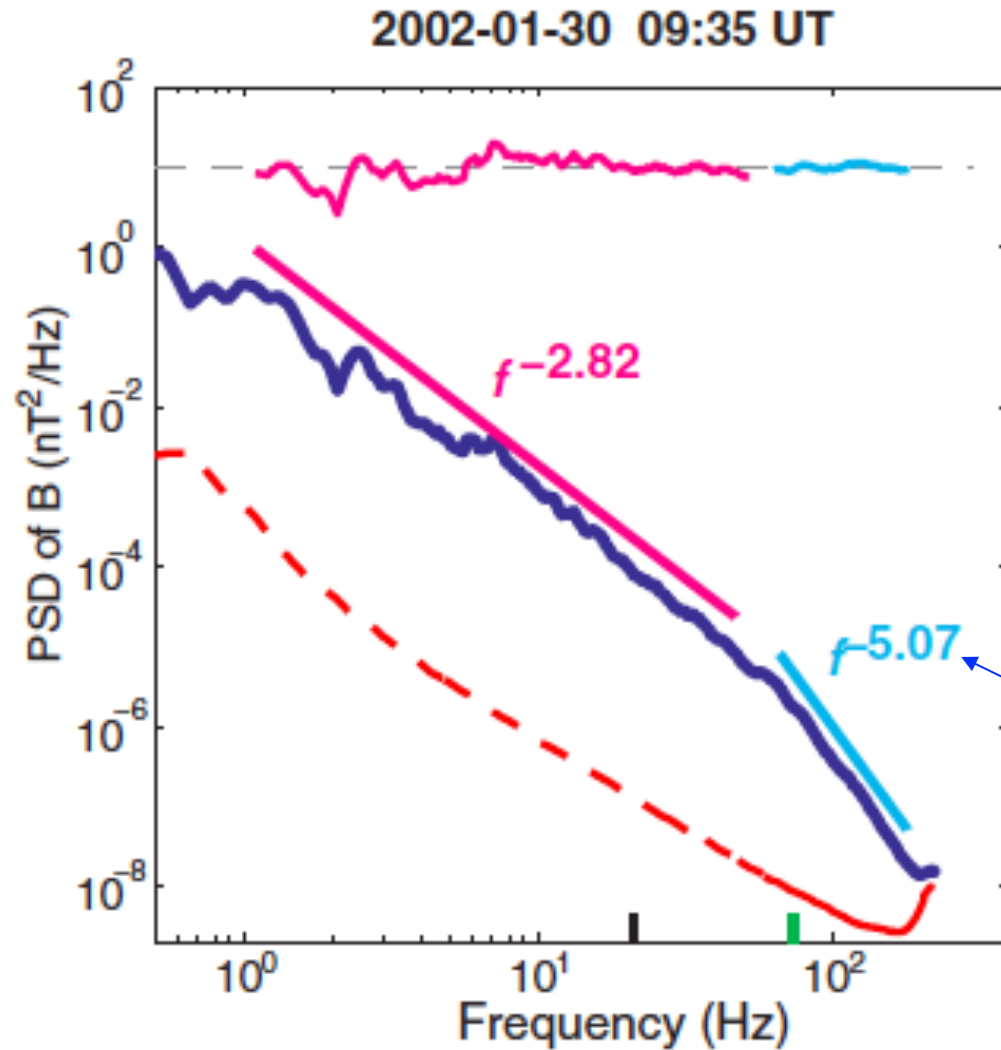
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[Huang, Sahraoui et al. (2014), ApJ 789, L28]

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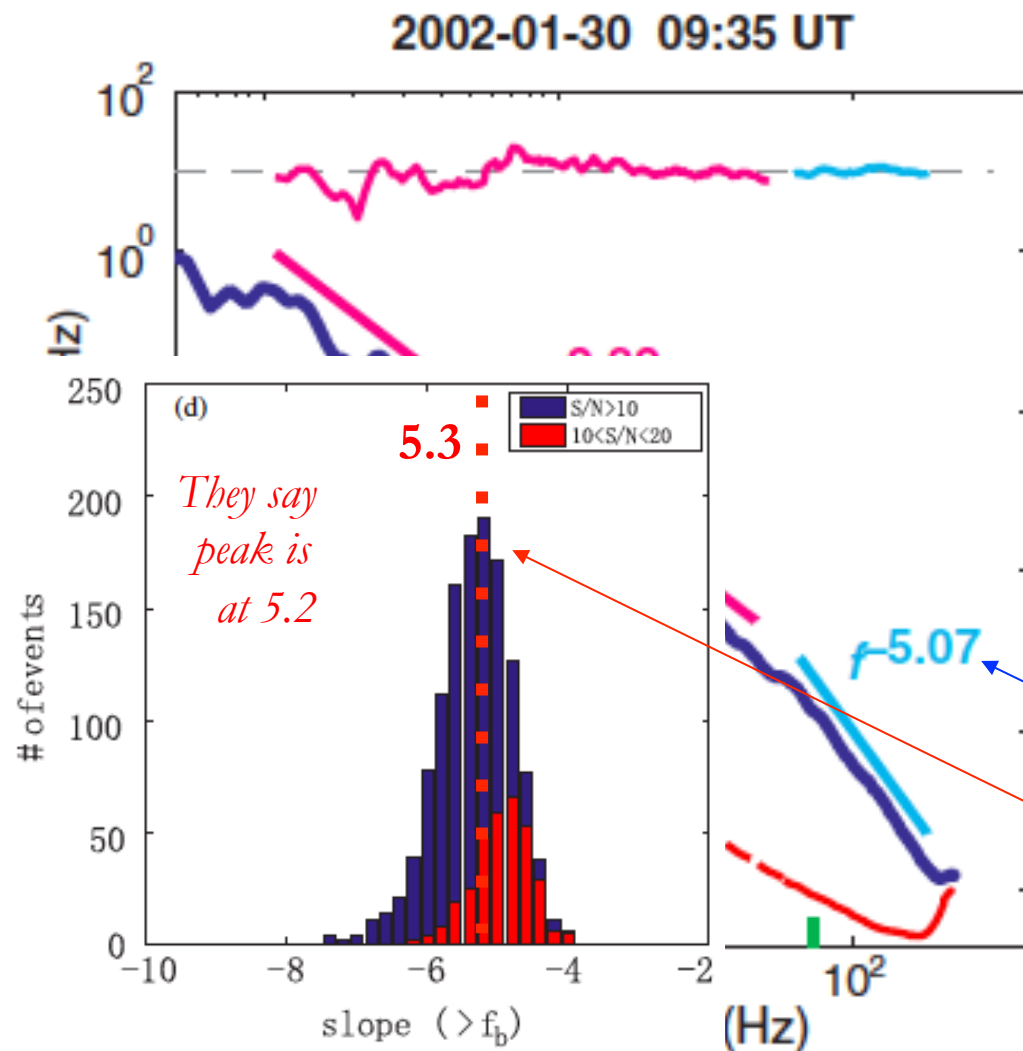
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$$\sim \Omega_e \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\Omega_e} \right)^{1/3} (k_{\perp} \rho_e)^{1/3} \quad \sim \nu_e (k_{\perp} \rho_e)^2$$

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nonlinear advection

collisional dissipation

$$\tau^{-1} \sim k_{\perp} \langle u_{\perp} \rangle_{\mathbf{R}} \sim \Omega_e (k_{\perp} \rho_e)^{3/2} \varphi \quad C \sim \nu_e v_{\text{the}}^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v_{\perp}^2} \sim \nu_e \left(\frac{\delta v_{\perp}}{v_{\text{the}}} \right)^{-2}$$

$$\Omega_e \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\Omega_e} \right)^{1/3} (k_{\perp} \rho_e)^{1/3} \sim \nu_e (k_{\perp} \rho_e)^2$$



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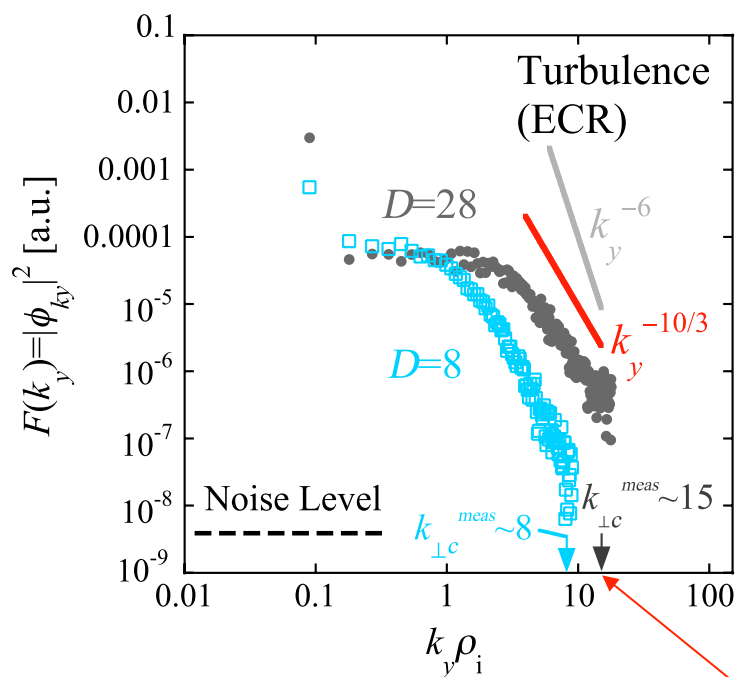
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This appears to have been checked in a laboratory experiment (for ions)

[Kawamori (2013), PRL 110, 195001]

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Thus, the entropy cascade stays within low-frequency limit if $\varphi_{\rho_e} \ll \text{Do}^{-1/5}$, or

$$\varphi_{\rho_e} \ll \left(\frac{\nu_e}{\Omega_e} \right)^{1/6}$$

can't be too difficult!

Otherwise all sorts of high-frequency physics will kick in...

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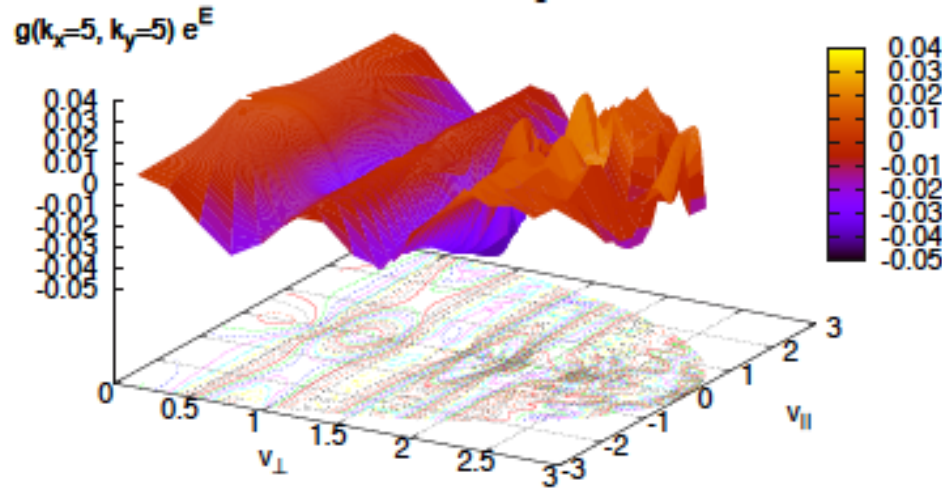
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Linear (||) vs. Nonlinear (⊥) Phase Mixing



Quick treatment:



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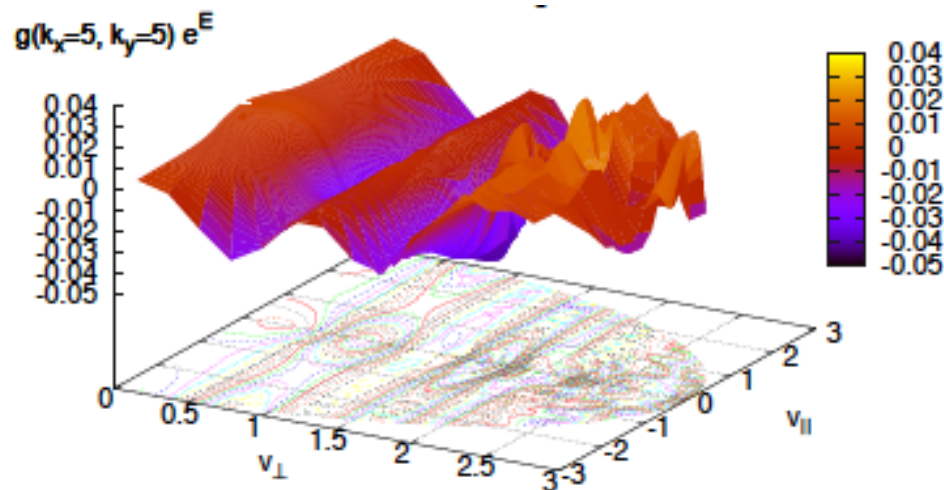
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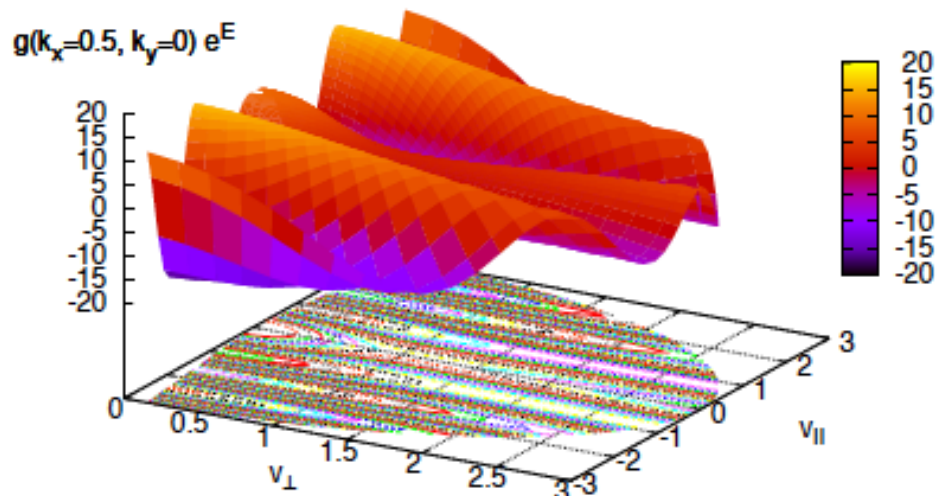
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LINEAR (parallel):

“ballistic response”

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$$\frac{\delta v_{\parallel}}{v_{the}} \sim \frac{1}{k_{\parallel} v_{the} t} \sim 1$$

after one turnover time
if “critical balance” holds,
so linear phase mixing is slow

Linear Phase Mixing and Critical Balance



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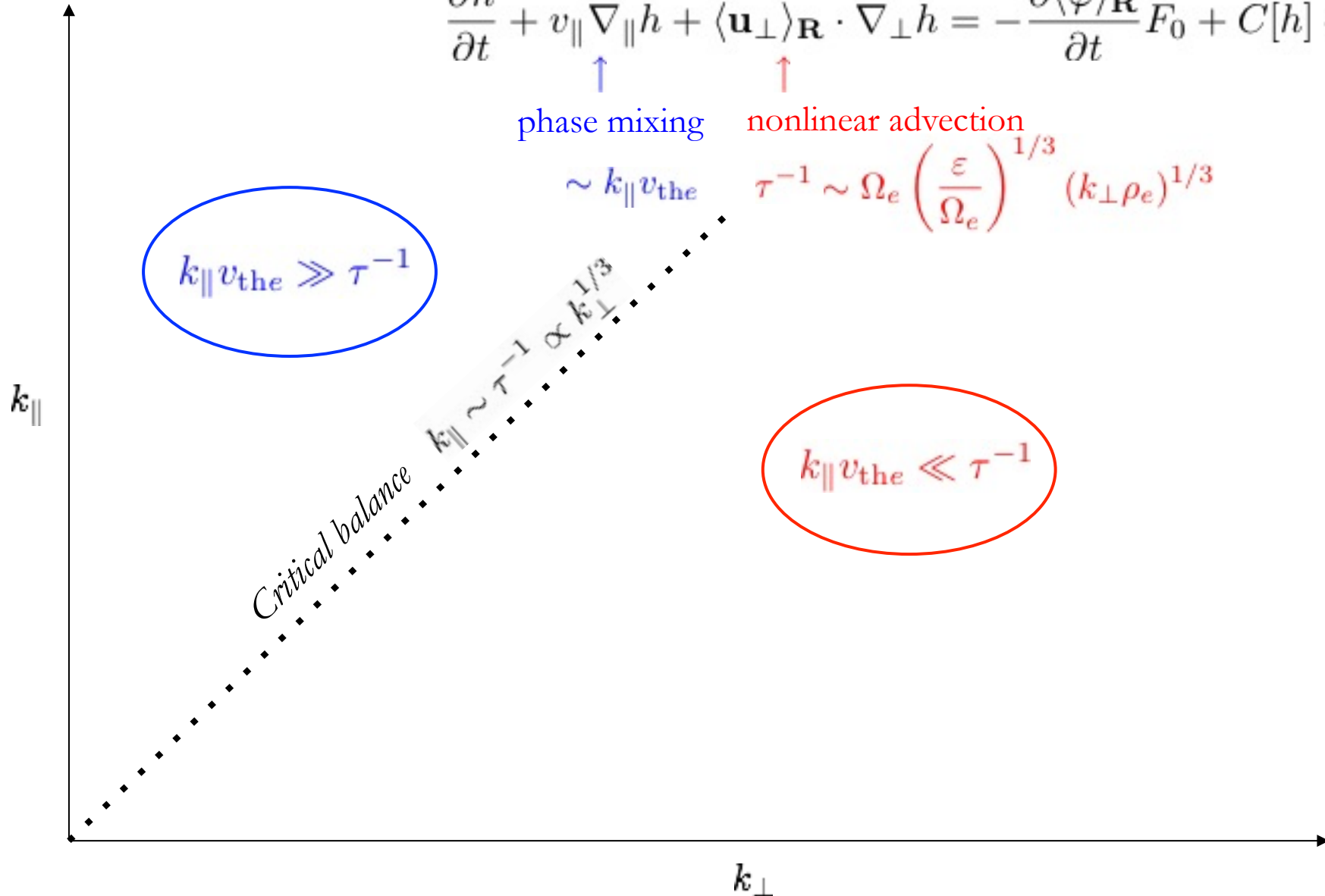
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$$k_{\parallel} v_{\text{the}} \gg \tau^{-1}$$

$$k_{\parallel} v_{\text{the}} \ll \tau^{-1}$$

Critical balance

$$k_{\parallel} \sim \tau^{-1} \propto k_{\perp}^{1/3}$$



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k_{\parallel}

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✓ By pure kinematics of
correlation functions, in 2D,

$$E_{\varphi} \sim \text{const } k_{\perp}^3 + \dots \text{ as } k_{\perp} \rightarrow 0$$

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at the phase-mixing threshold

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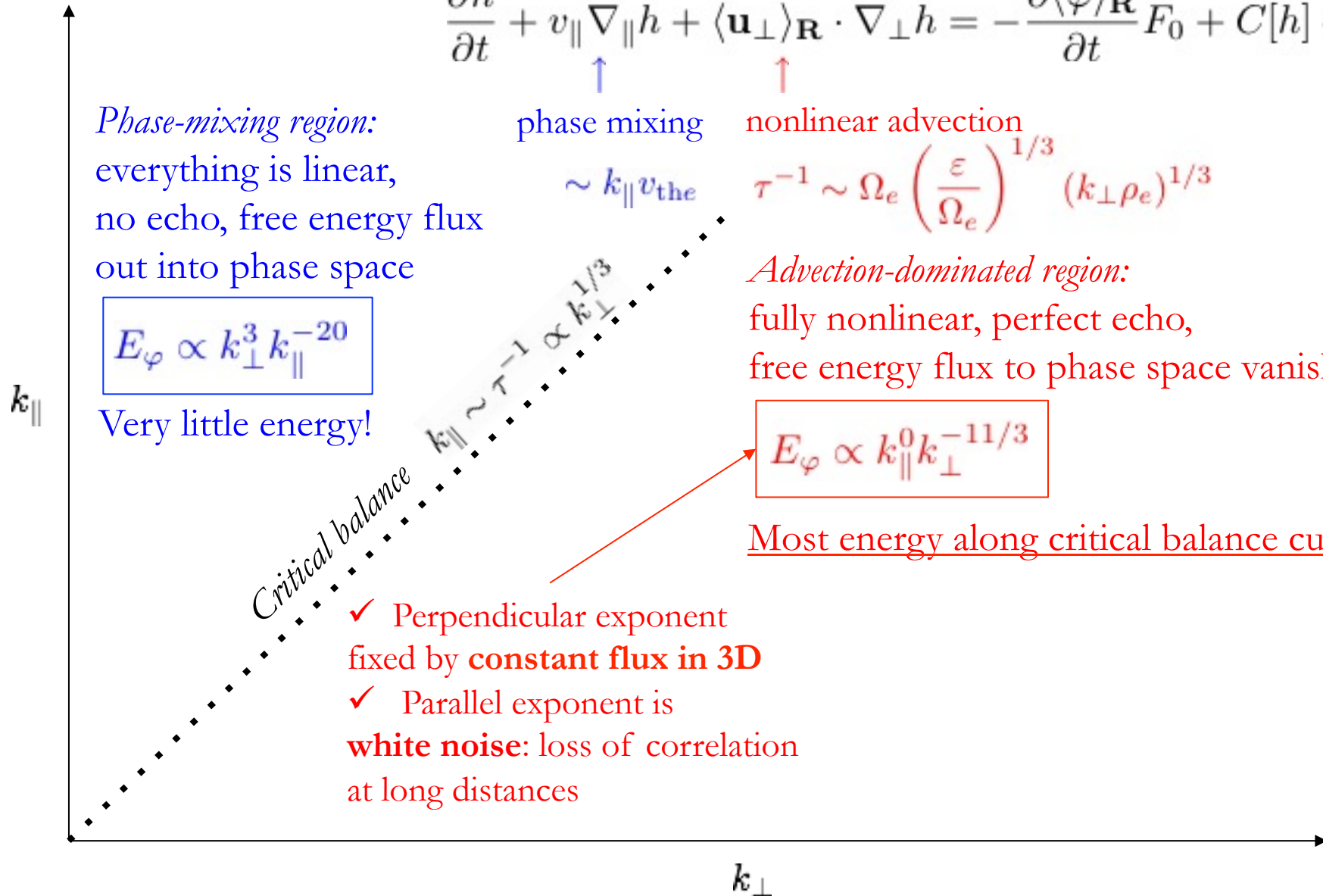
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- ✓ Parallel exponent is **white noise**: loss of correlation at long distances





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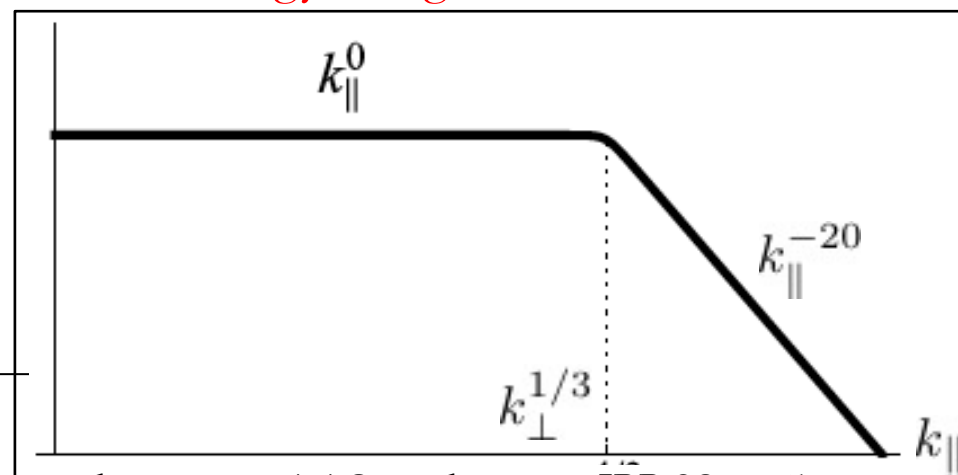
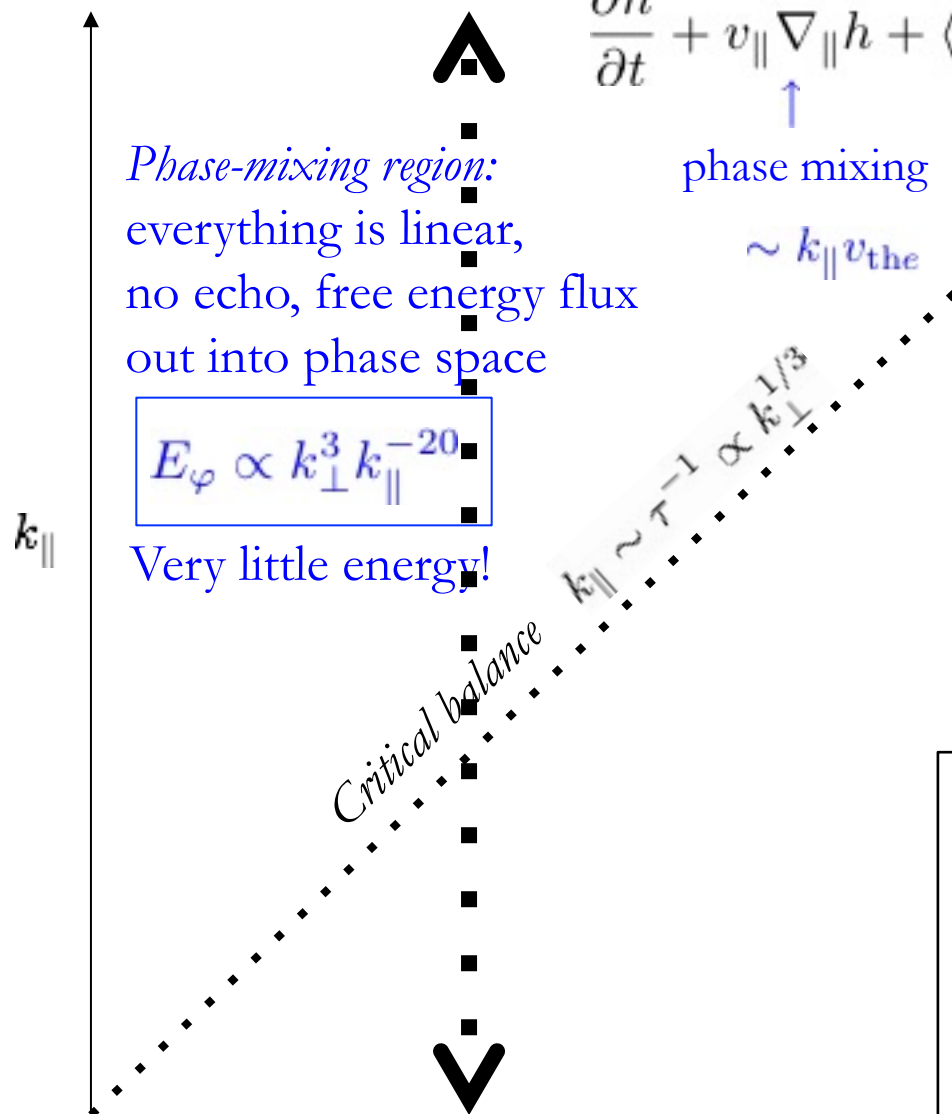
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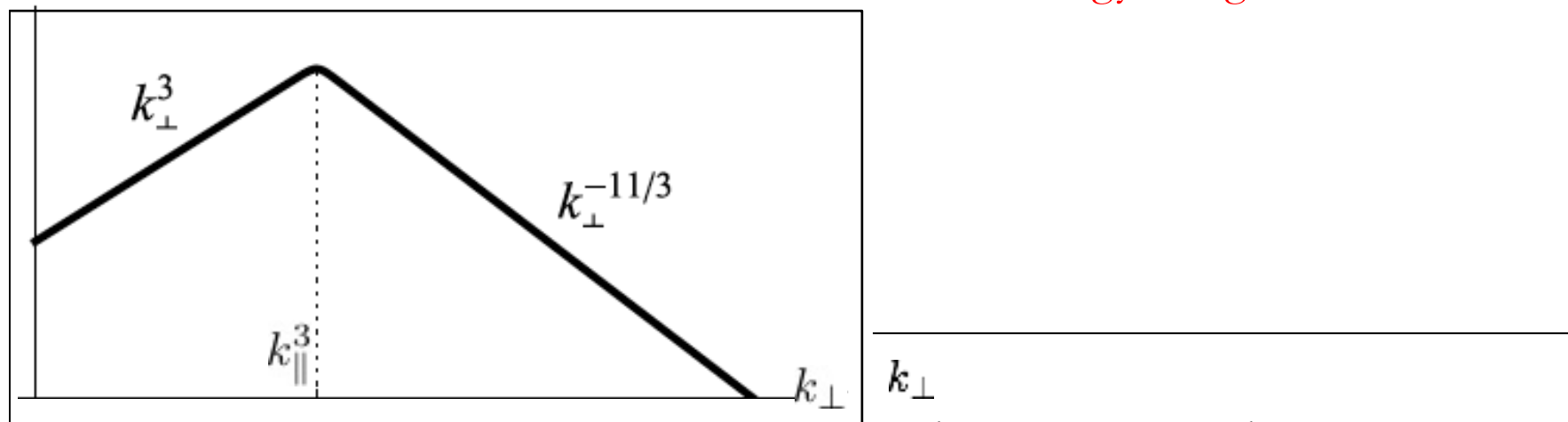
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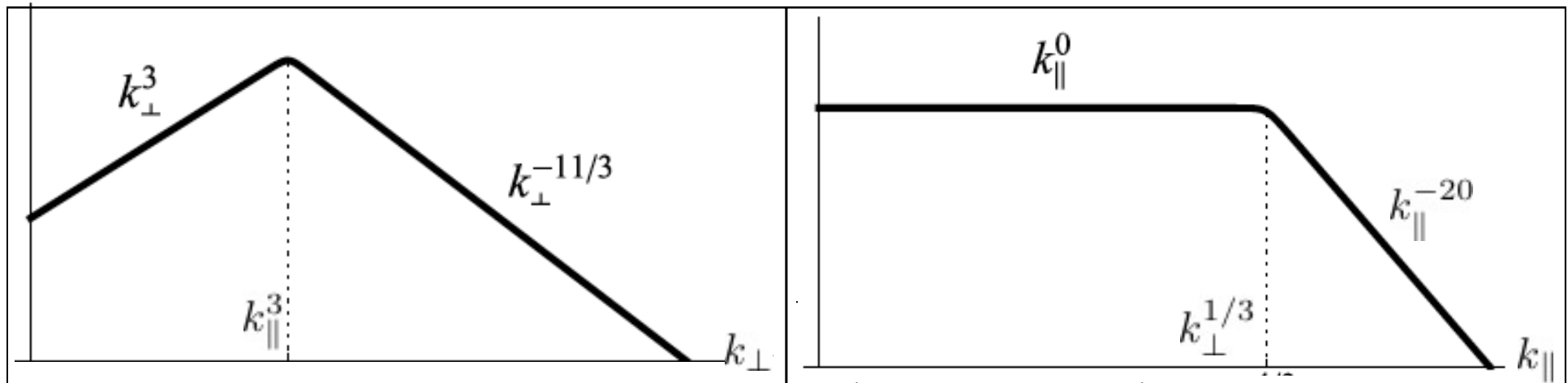
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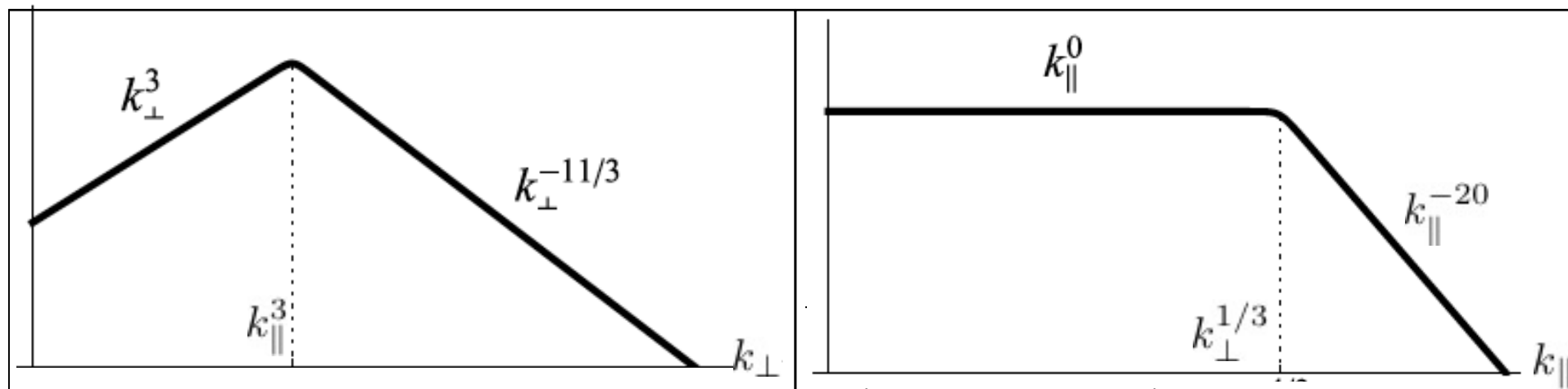
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(same as derived above) very steep!

NB: this is also the frequency spectrum



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➤ This all the tip of a larger iceberg – **PHASE-SPACE TURBULENCE:**

Hermite spectrum: $E_h(m, k_{\parallel}) \propto m^{-19/2}$
 $m \sim (\delta v_{\parallel} / v_{the})^{-2}$

Spectrum of parallel phase-mixing: super-steep, so

Landau damping is heavily reduced!

Hankel spectrum: $E_h(p) \propto p^{-4/3}$
 $p \sim (\delta v_{\perp} / v_{the})^{-1}$

Spectrum of perpendicular phase-mixing (entropy cascade)
[Plunk et al. 2010, JFM, 664, 407]

Cf. linear case: $E_h \propto m^{-1/2}$
[Kanekar et al. 2014, JPP 81, 305810104]

Details: another talk... or (exercise) derive this yourself by analogy with this paper

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Conclusions



- Turbulence associated with the kinetic species at sub-Larmor scales can be understood in terms of **entropy cascade**, intimately associated with nonlinear **perpendicular phase mixing** (small-scale spatial structure imprints itself on the velocity space due to Larmor gyration of particles).

- **Spectra** at electron sub-Larmor scales:

$$\text{density } E_n \propto k_{\perp}^{-10/3}, \text{ electric field } E_E \propto k_{\perp}^{-4/3}, \text{ magnetic field } E_B \propto k_{\perp}^{-16/3}$$

These appear to have numerical, experimental and perhaps observational support.

- **Parallel phase-mixing** is a subdominant effect (but this has **not** been checked!)

- Phase-space dynamics, statistics, scalings, etc. remain largely unexplored.

THIS IS THE NEW FRONTIER (imho): both for theoreticians & for observers.

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“*Turbulent Dissipation Challenge*”
what it should be about:
cascade via **phase space** or **position space**?

THOR?
velocity-space
structure!