

On the Physics of Non-Diffusive
Momentum Transport and the
Origins of Intrinsic Rotation in
Tokamaks.

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for summary and numerous references.

Many others in talk.

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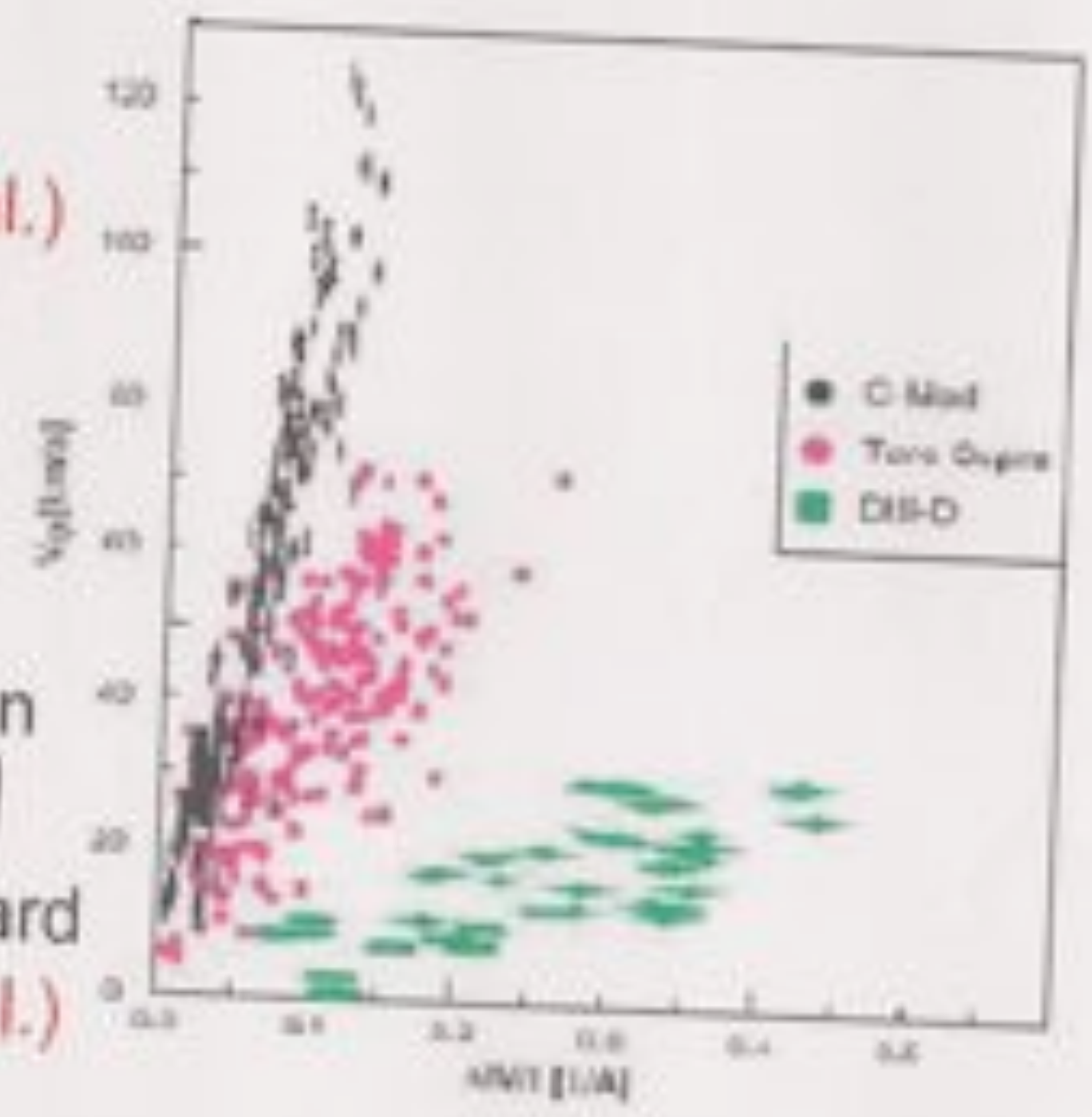
$W \rightarrow \langle v_{\phi}^2(r) \rangle$

$Q \rightarrow v_{\phi}$
Conversion

i. Summary of Phenomenology

a) Intrinsic Rotation Basics - Tokamak Plasma as Engine!?

- Intrinsic (spontaneous) toroidal rotation observed in nearly all tokamaks
- H-mode phenomenology demonstrates clear empirical trends, L-mode phenomenology remains complex and unclear \rightarrow SOL interaction?
- In H-mode:
 - rotation typically co-current
 - $\Delta v_{\phi} \sim \Delta W / I_p$, $MA \sim \beta_N$ (Rice et al.)
 - no apparent scalings with ρ^* , ν^*
 - offset in torque scan matches intrinsic rotation (Solomon et al.)
- "Intrinsic rotation ~ 1 beam"
- Observations appear consistent with rotation originating at the edge with transition (L \rightarrow H)
 - Observed co-current velocity builds inward from periphery (Ince-Cushman, Rice et al.)
 - rotation direction inverts at L \rightarrow H mode transition (certain cases)



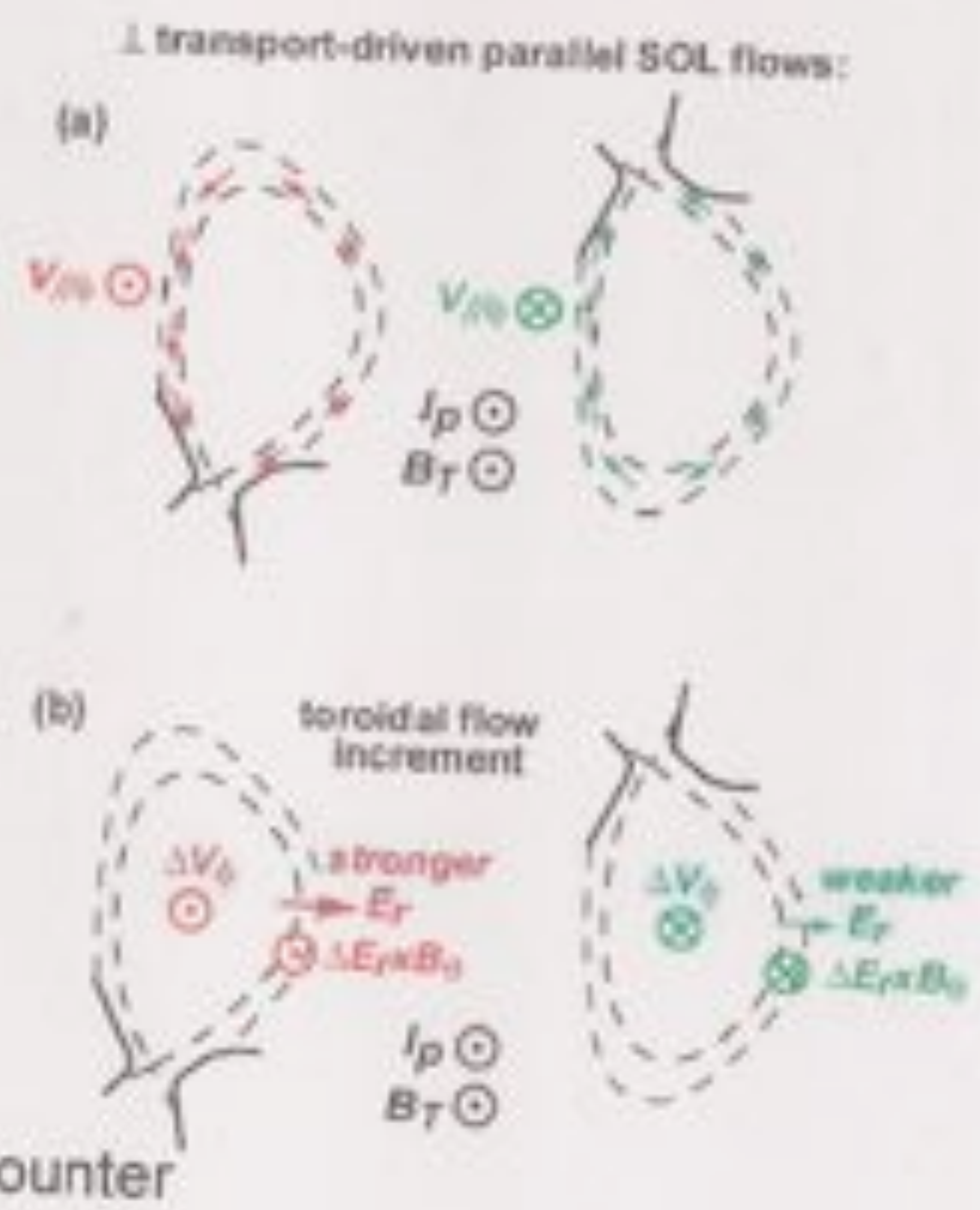
I_p unfavorable?!

What of $\langle \frac{1}{2} \rho \overline{v_{\phi}^2} \rangle / W$?
 \rightarrow Efficiency?!
Factor!

b) Boundary Condition Effects - SOL → Core Coupling in L-mode

“Tail wags the dog...”

- Strong SOL flows observed with
 - “strong ballooning” particle flux → outboard mid-plane source
 - SOL symmetry breaking (LSN, USN)
- SOL flow correlated with Δv_ϕ increment in L-mode i.e. C-Mod (LaBombard et al. '04)



LSN → $V_{\nabla B}$ toward X-point → Δv_ϕ co
 USN → $V_{\nabla B}$ away from X-point → Δv_ϕ counter

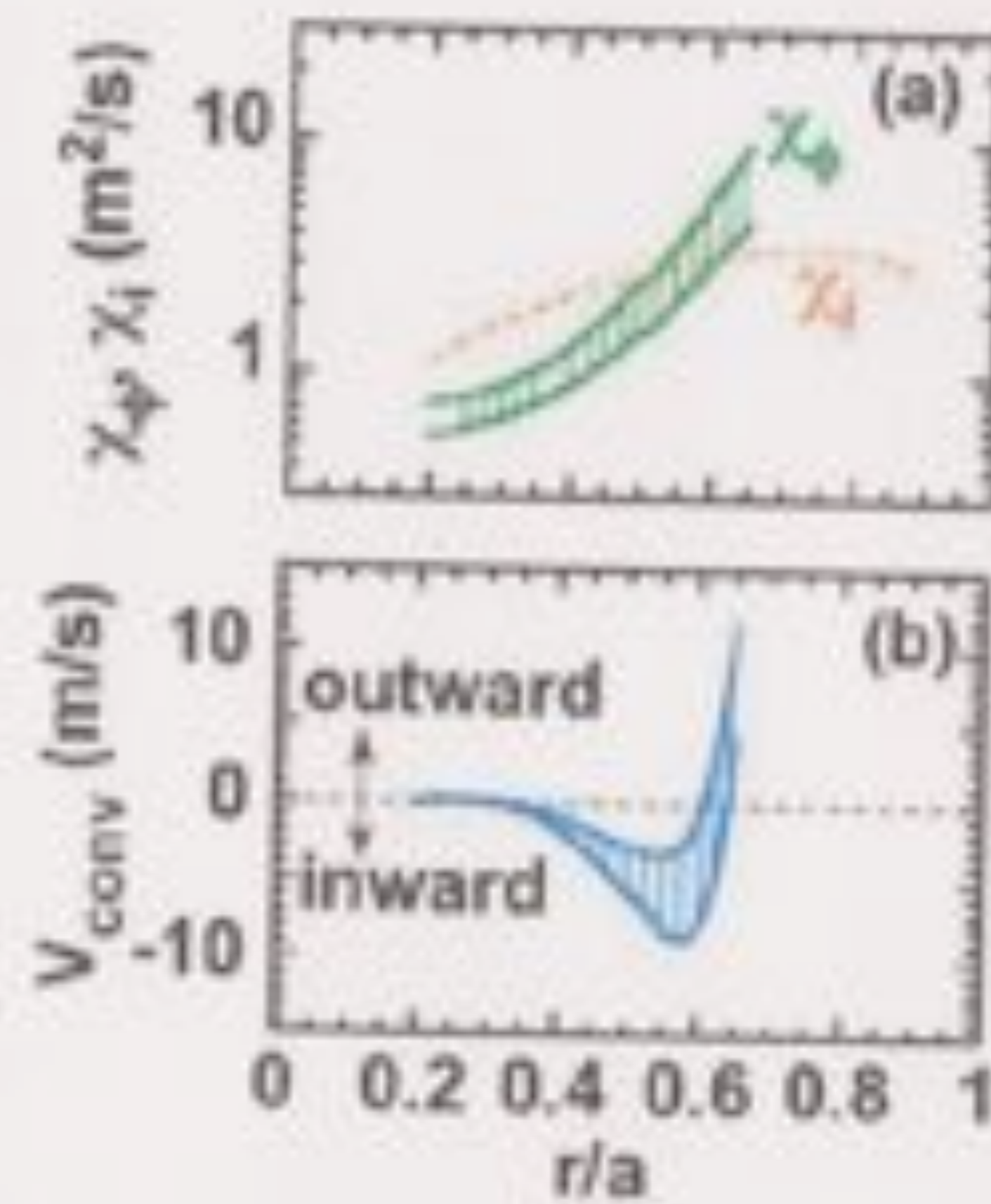
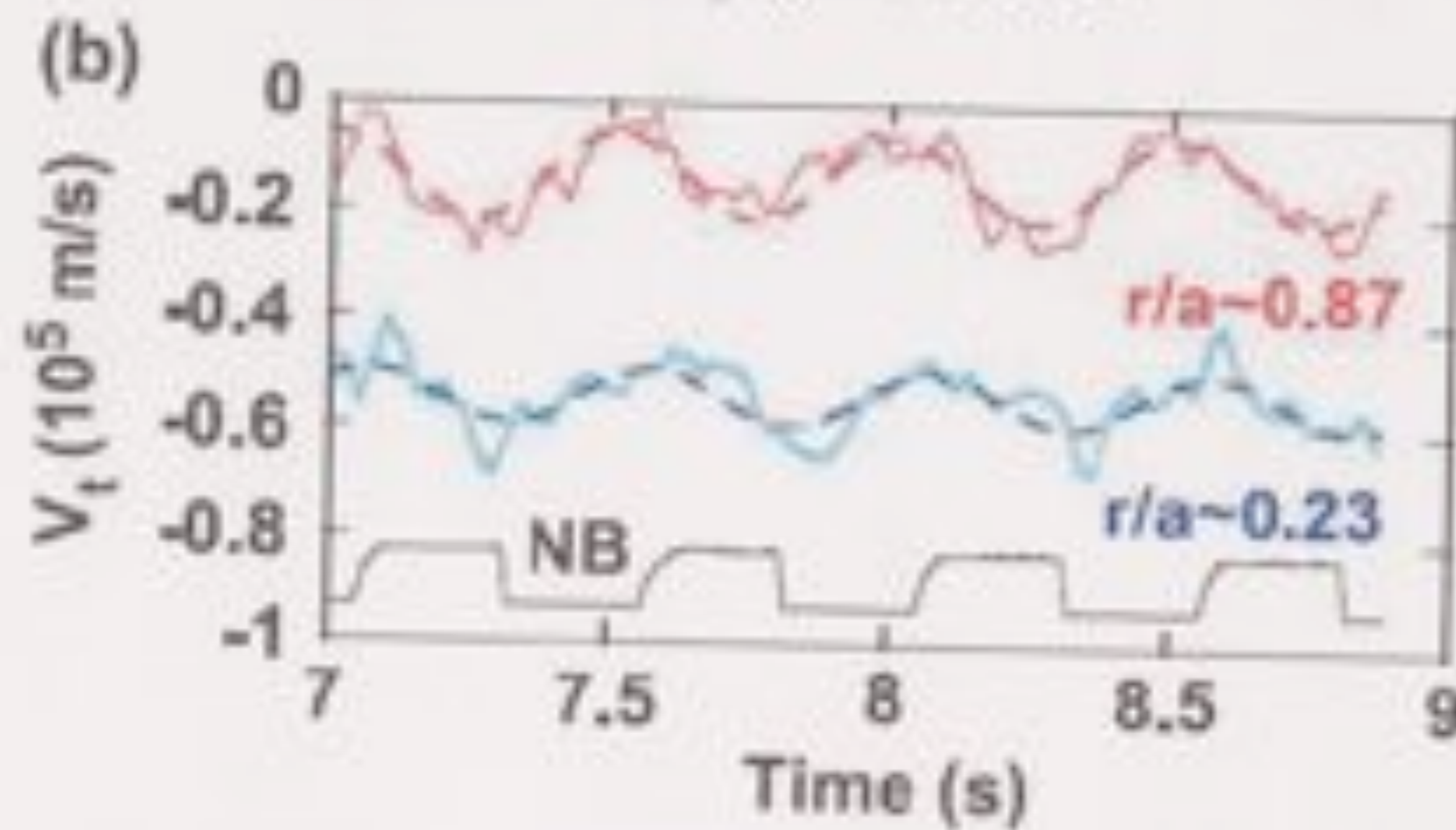
But:

- in H-mode, Δv_ϕ is always co
 “Tail cut off...”

⇒ $\begin{cases} \text{ETB forms} \\ \Gamma_n(\theta) \text{ symmetrized by } V_E' \end{cases}$

c.) Indications of Off-Diagonal Momentum Flux (Internal)

- Historically, $\chi_\phi \sim \chi_i$ (S. Scott et al. '90; Mattor, P.D. '88), yet many deviations from $Pr \sim 1$ observed. $Pr < 1$ (now) \Rightarrow off diagonal component?
- ∇P_i -driven momentum pinch suggested by inductive analysis (Ida et al. 2001, extending 1995 paper)
- Perturbation Experiments From JT-60U (Yoshida et al. 2006)
 - ripple loss + pulsed beams \Rightarrow pulsed torque
 - inward V clearly indicated

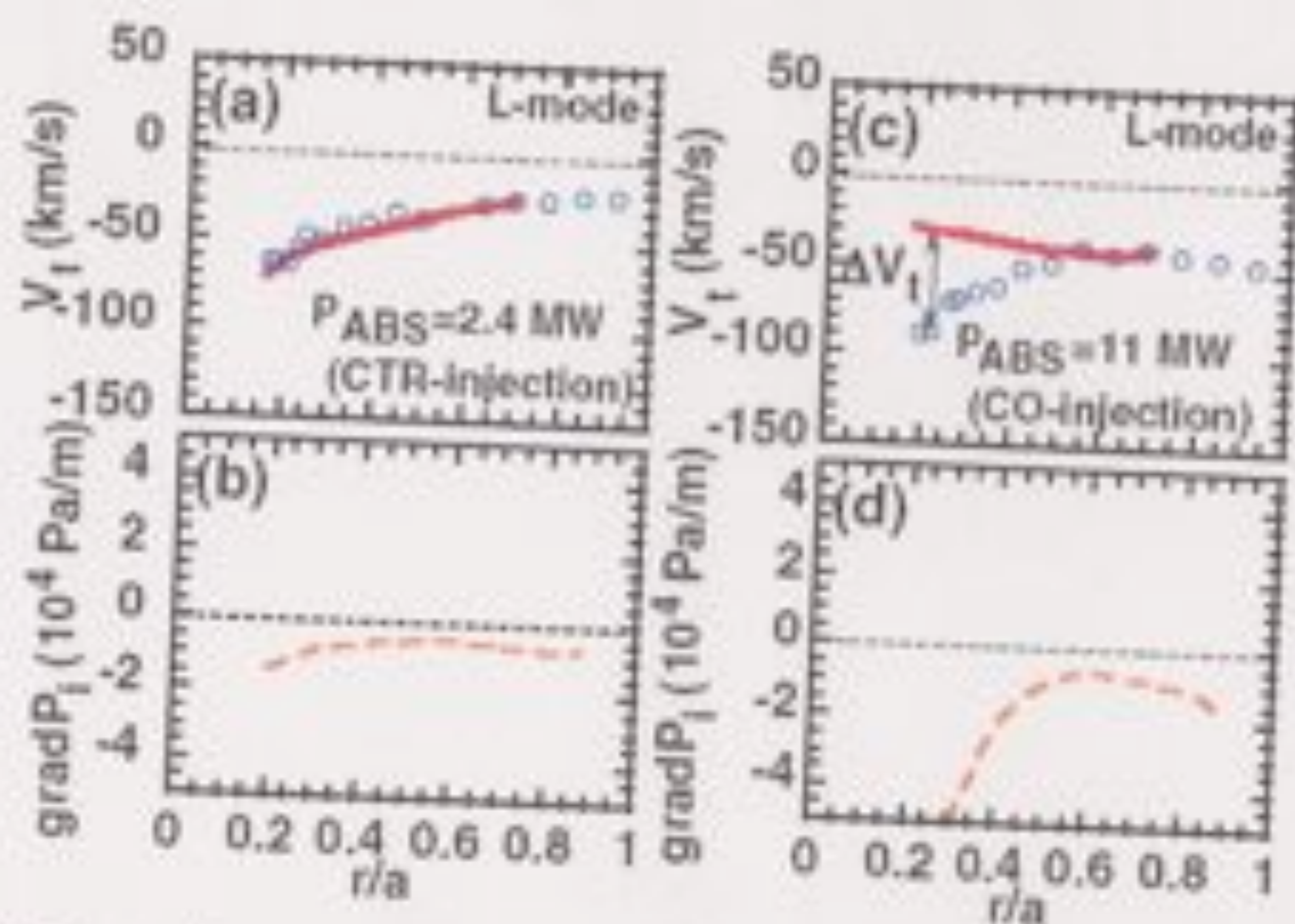


$\chi_\phi > \chi_i$
!?

χ_ϕ, V_{conv}

c.) Indications of Off-Diagonal Momentum Flux contd

- $V_{residual} = V_{measured} - V_{perturbation}$ observed in β -scan on JT-60U (Yoshida et al. 2008)
 $V_{residual}$ coincident with region of steep ∇P_i



- Interestingly, χ_p, V appear insufficient to account for profiles, at high β .
- Departure $\rightarrow \nabla P_i$.

II.) Confronting the Phenomenology, 3

$Q \rightarrow V_\phi$
conversion

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(i) "Intrinsic" character:

→ seeming irrelevance of fast particles (C-Mod):
i.e. OH H-mode recovers trend

→ Solomon off-set experiment:

1 beam ctnr $\Rightarrow V_\phi, V_\phi' \rightarrow 0$ → idling the engine

(ii) Beyond "Edge source" + pinch:

→ perturbative χ_ϕ, V fails to recover JT60U profiles, high β . (Yoshida)

→ TCV } internal momentum profile bifurcations
C-Mod } at rising n ($V_{te} \rightarrow V_{tr}$)

(iii) Role of $\langle V_E \rangle'$: → symmetry breaking

→ correlation with, flow reversals at H-mode

→ $\langle \nabla_r \bar{\sigma}_{||} \rangle$ correlation with $\langle V_E \rangle'$ → TJII (Hidalgo)
peak

II. Addressing the Phenomenology, 6

→ Structure of Momentum Flux → the key point

i. Focus: Off-Diagonal Momentum Flux in Electrostatic Drift Wave Turbulence - INWARD COMPONENT?!,
- anything else?

→ ii. Beyond "Diffusion and Convection"

- particle number conserved → $\Gamma_n = -D \frac{d\langle n \rangle}{dr} + V \langle n \rangle$
• pinch is only "off-diagonal" for particles

- but: wave-particle momentum exchange possible!
 $\Pi = \langle n \rangle (\text{Reyn. Str.}) + \langle v_\phi \rangle \Gamma_n$

→ $\Pi_{r,\phi} \cong \langle n \rangle \langle \tilde{v}_r \tilde{v}_\phi \rangle + \langle v_\phi \rangle \langle \tilde{v}_r \tilde{n} \rangle$

$$\langle \tilde{v}_r \tilde{v}_\phi \rangle = -\chi_\phi \frac{\partial \langle v_\phi \rangle}{\partial r} + V \langle v_\phi \rangle + \Pi_{r,\phi}^{\text{resid}}$$

pinch ↕ "residual stress"

→ residual stress/flux possible and distinct from pinch, index V .

→ residual stress acts with boundary condition to generate intrinsic rotation → can accelerate plasma from rest.

What of V , Π^{resid} ? → Foundations
→ General Features
→ Specifics
→ symmetry breaking is crucial.

→ For net intrinsic rotation:

(volume integrated)⁹

$$\partial_t \langle P_\phi \rangle = - \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\Pi}_{r,\phi}$$

$$\Pi_{r,\phi} = \eta m \left[-\chi_\phi \frac{\partial \langle v_\phi \rangle}{\partial r} + \underbrace{V}_{\downarrow} \langle v_\phi \rangle + \underbrace{\Pi_{r,\phi}^{\text{resid}}}_{\downarrow} \right]$$

$$\partial_t \int_0^a dr \langle P_\phi \rangle = - \Pi_{r,\phi} \Big|_0^a$$

{ Intrinsic rotation is
 $\Pi_{r,\phi} = 0$ state with
 non-trivial $0 \langle v_\phi \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \langle v_\phi \rangle}{\partial r} \Big|_a = \left[\left(\underbrace{\Pi_{r,\phi}^{\text{resid}}}_{\uparrow} + \underbrace{V}_{\uparrow} \langle v_\phi \rangle \right) / \chi_\phi \right] \Big|_a$$

∴ to maintain intrinsic rotation, need:

* → $V \Big|_a < 0$, $\langle v_\phi \rangle \Big|_a \neq 0$ → inward velocity pinch

and/or

→ SOL flow

→ $\langle v_\phi \rangle \Big|_a \neq 0$

* → $\Pi_{r,\phi}^{\text{resid}} \Big|_a \neq 0$

→ residual stress → edge pinch is critical.

→ can accelerate flow from rest, no slip b.c.'s.


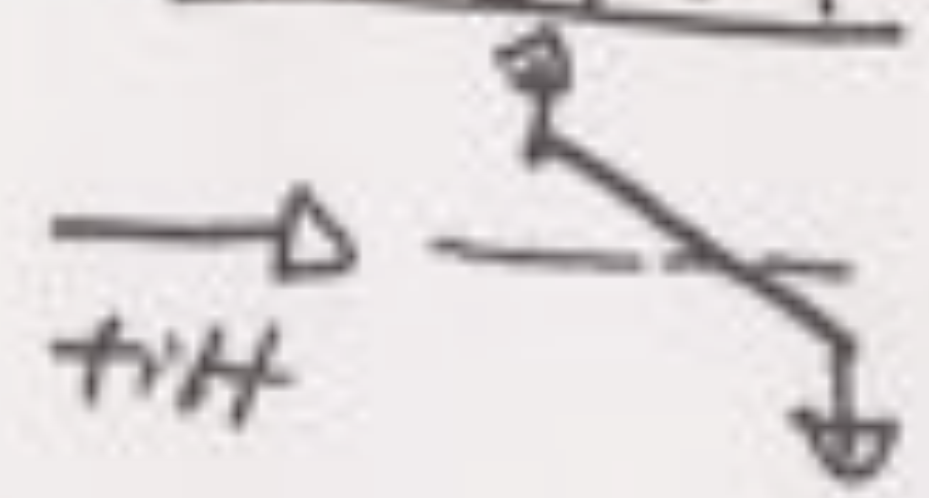
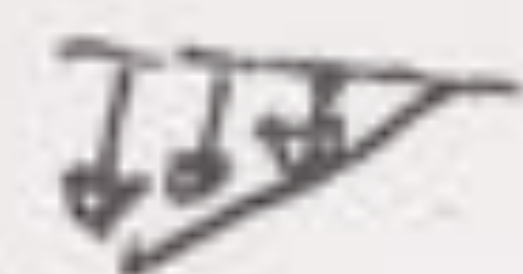
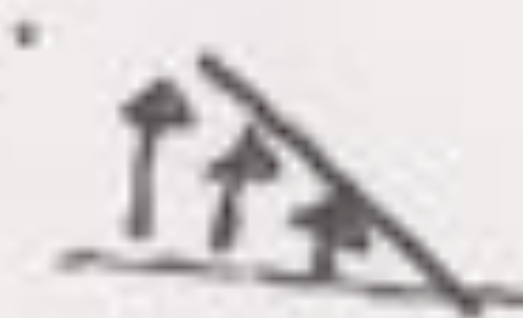
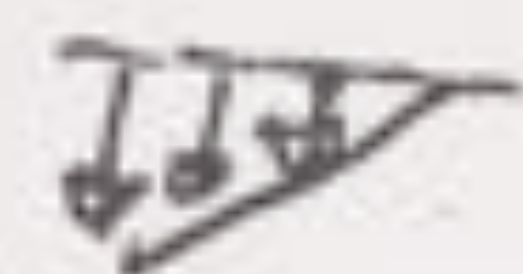
What?
 (ii.) Why? a Residual Stress? I → Significance 10.

→ $S_{r,\phi}^{resid.}$ is only way to spin-up from rest, in principle
 i.e. $\langle v_\phi \rangle, \langle v_\phi \rangle' \rightarrow 0$

$$\partial_t \int_0^a \langle v_\phi \rangle dr = - \langle v \rangle S_{r,\phi}^{resid} \Big|_0^a \Rightarrow \text{tries acceleration to } S_{r,\phi}^{resid} (a) \rightarrow \text{(edge gradients)!}$$

$\sim \Delta P / \text{edge}$

→ N.B. → $S_{r,\phi}^{resid} = F(\Delta T_i, \Delta P_i, \Delta n, \text{etc.})$ { converts $Q_i \rightarrow$ momentum }
 → \bar{V} alone cannot spin-up, absent \downarrow Converter in engine
 $v_\phi(a) \neq 0.$

→ Boundary Condition is Critical → Reynolds stress is transport.
Flux ⇒ dipole shear no net momentum
Flux + BC ⇒ net momentum
 i.e. $v_\phi(a) = 0$
 i.e.  →  or 
 i.e.  or 

iii.) Properties of σ^{resid}

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- sign of σ matters → co vs counter, but
- either sign σ generates rotation.

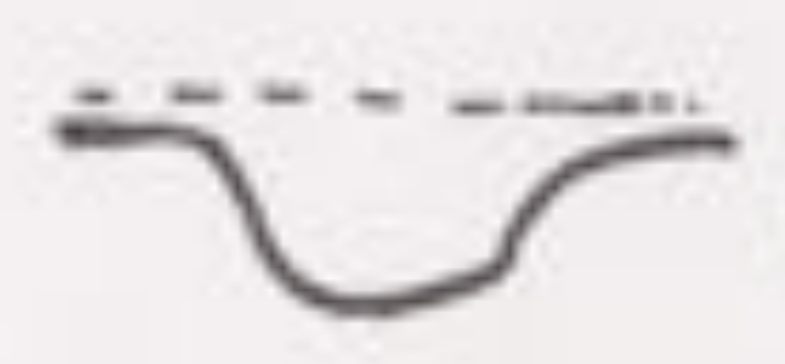
i.e. consider $V_{\phi}(a) = 0, \quad V = 0$ (simplicity)
 $\pi_{n,q} = 0 \Rightarrow$ intrinsic rotation solution

$$\pi_{n,q} = -\chi_{\phi} \frac{\partial \langle V_{\phi} \rangle}{\partial r} + \sigma^{res}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\phi}(r) = - \int_r^a \frac{\sigma^{res}}{\chi_{\phi}} dr \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma^{res} < 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\text{co-rotation}}$$

$$\sigma^{res} > 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\text{counter-rotation}}$$

i.e. $\sigma^{res} < 0$
 $\sigma^{res} > 0$



contrast convection:
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V > 0 \rightarrow \text{unfavorable} \\ V < 0 \rightarrow \text{favorable} \end{array} \right.$

of course, $\sigma^{res}(r)$ can change sign in radius...
 \Rightarrow localized reversals.

Properties, cont'd

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→ $S_{r,d}^{\text{resid}}$ converts $\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta T} \rightarrow \Delta V_p$ via $\begin{cases} \text{Flux} \\ \text{B.C} \end{cases}$ *

→ Contrast with pinch:

- balance with $\chi_p \Rightarrow L_{V_p}$ for pinch

$\Rightarrow \partial V_p / \partial r$ for S^{resid}

- each can play in different regions of profile

- only one sign of ∇ ($< 0 \rightarrow$ inward) is good for rotation.

- pinch cannot accelerate rotation from rest

∴ Residual stress is conceptually distinct from a pinch.

N.B. likely that pinch and residual stress work together to form rotation profiles.

but where does Π resid really come from? \rightarrow Physics¹³

iii. Key Theoretical Issues \rightarrow Foundations of Mean Field / Q.-L.

- \rightarrow { - flux of wave momentum?
- origins of symmetry breaking?

Theory for Momentum.

$\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{Where do O.D.s come from?} \\ \rightarrow \text{waves} \end{array} \right\rangle$

a) Wave Momentum (P.D. et al. 2008) \rightarrow often simpler to account for

\rightarrow Momentum Budget: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Resonant + Non-Resonant} \\ \text{Particles + Fields} \end{array} \right\}$ classic Q.L conservation structure.

"Non-Resonant" = "Waves"

\rightarrow Wave momentum flux crucial for fluid-like DWT, and for conservation

a) Calculating $\Pi_{r,\parallel}^{wave}$

- Necessary to compute radial flux of parallel mom. $\leftrightarrow \Pi_{\parallel}^{IV} \equiv \sum_k v_{grz} k_{\parallel} N_k$
- In simplest scenario, finite momentum flux requires:

- radial wave flux $\leftrightarrow \langle v_{grz} \rangle \neq 0$
- symmetry breaking $\leftrightarrow \langle k_{\parallel} \rangle \neq 0$

* c.i.e. transport of momentum often more transparent via looking at waves.

Foundations

Wave Momentum Flux I.

- Proceed via Chapman-Enskog expansion (radiation hydrodynamics in large optical depth limit) in Wave Kinetics

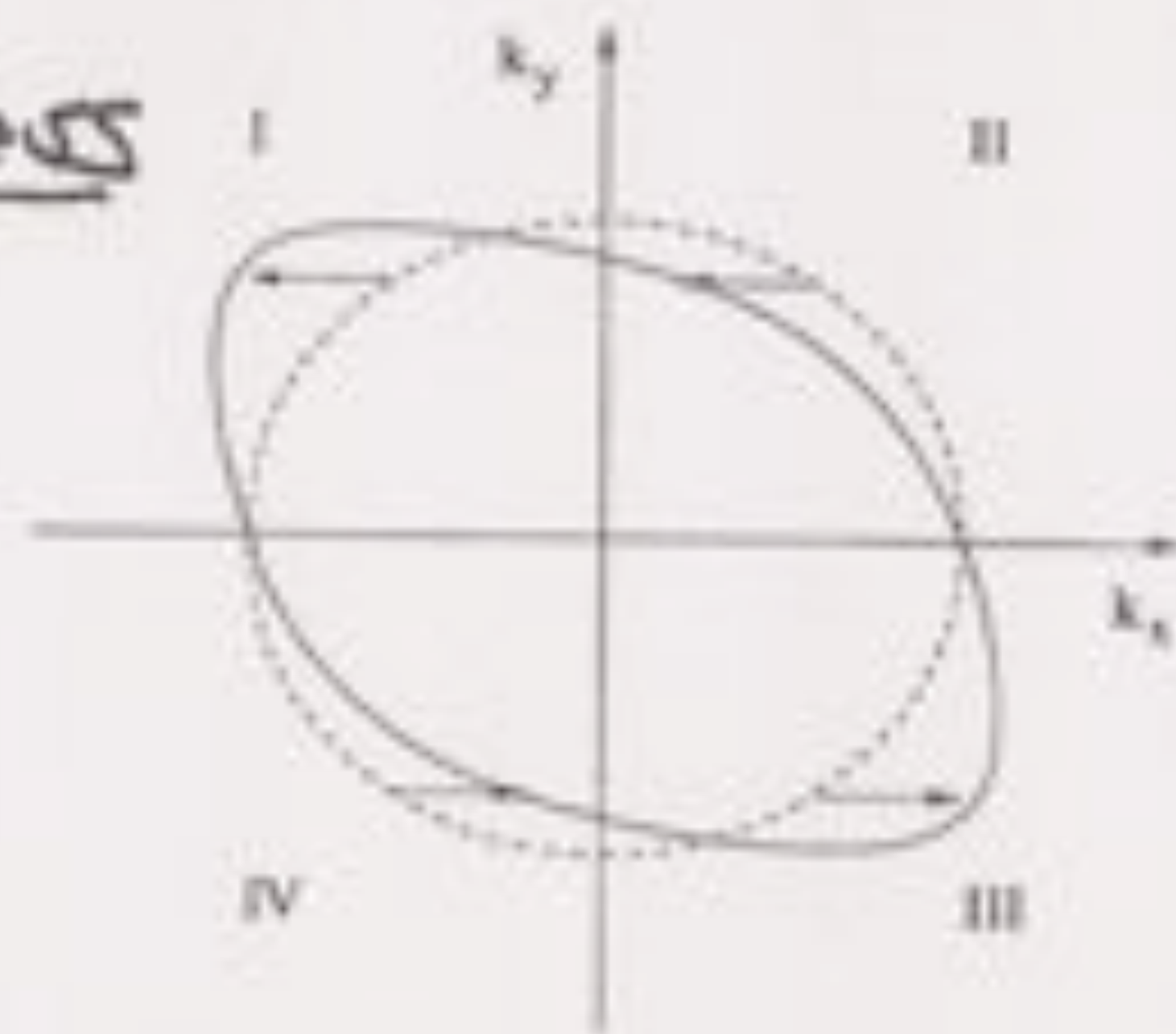
- in short mean free path limit, expansion parameter given by: $\tau_{c,k} (v_{gr}/L_I), \tau_{c,k} \langle v_E \rangle \sim \epsilon$ some similarity to modulation instability

- Lowest order: $C_w(N_k) = 0 \Rightarrow$ saturated spectrum due to wave interactions spatial k -space

- Next order, yields: $\delta N_k = -\tau_{c,k} v_{gr} \frac{\partial \langle N_k \rangle}{\partial r} + \tau_{c,k} k_\theta \langle v_E \rangle' \frac{\partial \langle N_k \rangle}{\partial k_r}$

- 1st term $\sim \tau_{c,k} / \tau_{ln N}$ modulation of wave field 2nd term $\sim \tau_{c,k} \langle v_E \rangle'$

\Rightarrow induces stress



Wave Momentum Flux (cont'd)

- Wave momentum flux:

flux in space

shearing/wind-up
 $\downarrow \Rightarrow$ Flux in k_r

$$\Pi_{r,\parallel}^w = \int dk k_{\parallel} \left\{ \langle v_{or} \rangle \langle N_k \rangle - \underbrace{\tau_{e,k} v_{gr}^2}_{\sim 0_{GB}} \frac{\partial \langle N_k \rangle}{\partial r} + \tau_{e,k} v_{gr} k_{\theta} \langle v_E \rangle' \frac{\partial \langle N_k \rangle}{\partial k_r} \right\}$$

mode dependent $\langle N(r) \rangle$

- Second term \leftrightarrow radiative diffusion of quanta
 - requires gradient in turbulence intensity profile (universally increasing)
 - related to momentum flux from edge? \Rightarrow inward

\rightarrow related spreading... (quanta flux)

$\Rightarrow \langle k_{\parallel} \rangle \rightarrow$ co us c ntr.

- Third term \leftrightarrow refraction induced wave population imbalance

- crucial for regimes of strong shear flow
 - \rightarrow most active near edge, or ITB
 - \rightarrow sensitive to L \rightarrow H mode transition, local steepening in ∇P

$\langle v_E \rangle'$ - driven wave momentum flux \Rightarrow ITB

mode dependence, via v^*

\rightarrow possible TCV relevance

(electron \rightarrow ITB DW \Rightarrow flow reversal)

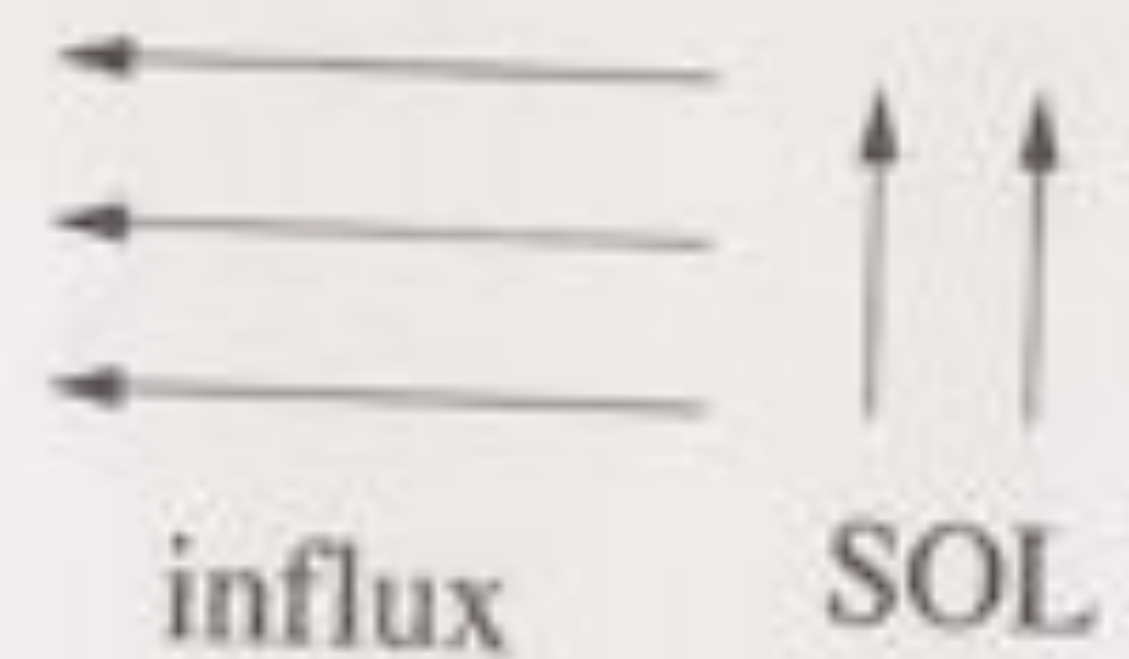
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Momentum Flux (cont'd)

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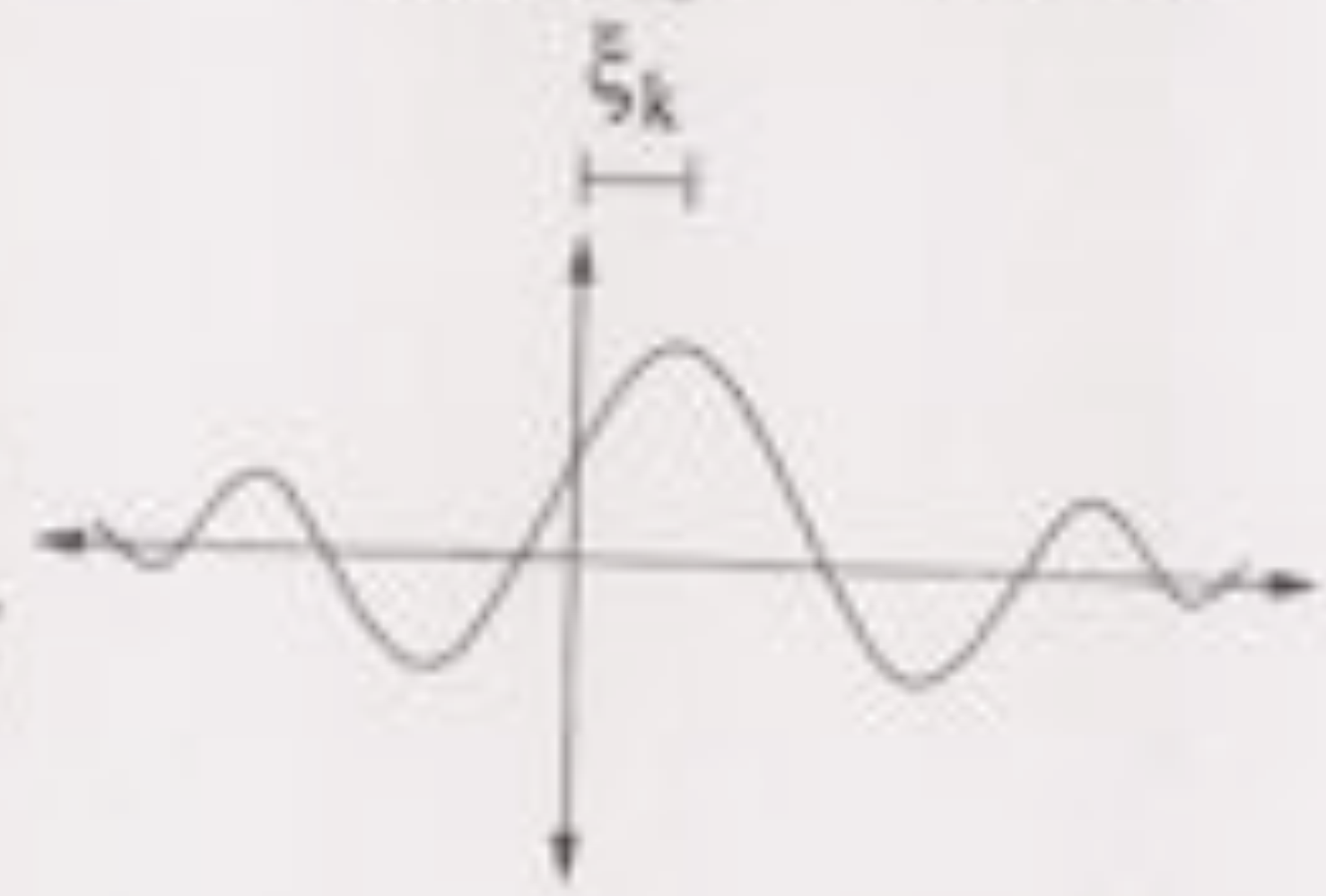
Mechanisms of symmetry breaking: → Moments of W.K.E.

- 1. Influx: radial inflow of wave momentum
 - potentially critical in edge region
 - captures possible influx of momentum from SOL



→ 2.
most intensively studied

- 2. Wind-up: mode sheared by poloidal velocity
 - ala' spiral arm
 - requires magnetic shear, i.e. $\partial k_{||} / \partial k_r \neq 0$
 - critical in barrier regions, either pedestal or ITB, but not limited to these



- 3. Growth asymmetry
 - enters due to parallel velocity shear - unlikely
- 4. Refraction due to GAMs → refractive force
 - largely unexplored
 - likely to be most important near edge

$$\langle k_{||} \rangle = - \int dH \frac{\partial k_{||}}{\partial k_r} h_2 \langle v_E \rangle' \langle N \rangle$$

$$\sim \langle v_E \rangle'$$

Conclusion → Residual stress conceptually viable.

v.) Analogues of Residual Stress - it should not be a surprise....

① → Some similarity to turbulent heating

c.e. $\frac{d\bar{T}_i}{dt} = C_{i,e}^{colln} + C_i^{turbulent}$

$\frac{d\bar{T}_e}{dt} = C_{e,i}^{colln} + C_e$
↑ anomalous heating
↓ turbulent

turbulent fluctos.
↓
heating

but $\int dx [C_i^t + C_e^t] = \int dx \langle \underline{\tilde{E}} \cdot \underline{\tilde{J}} \rangle$

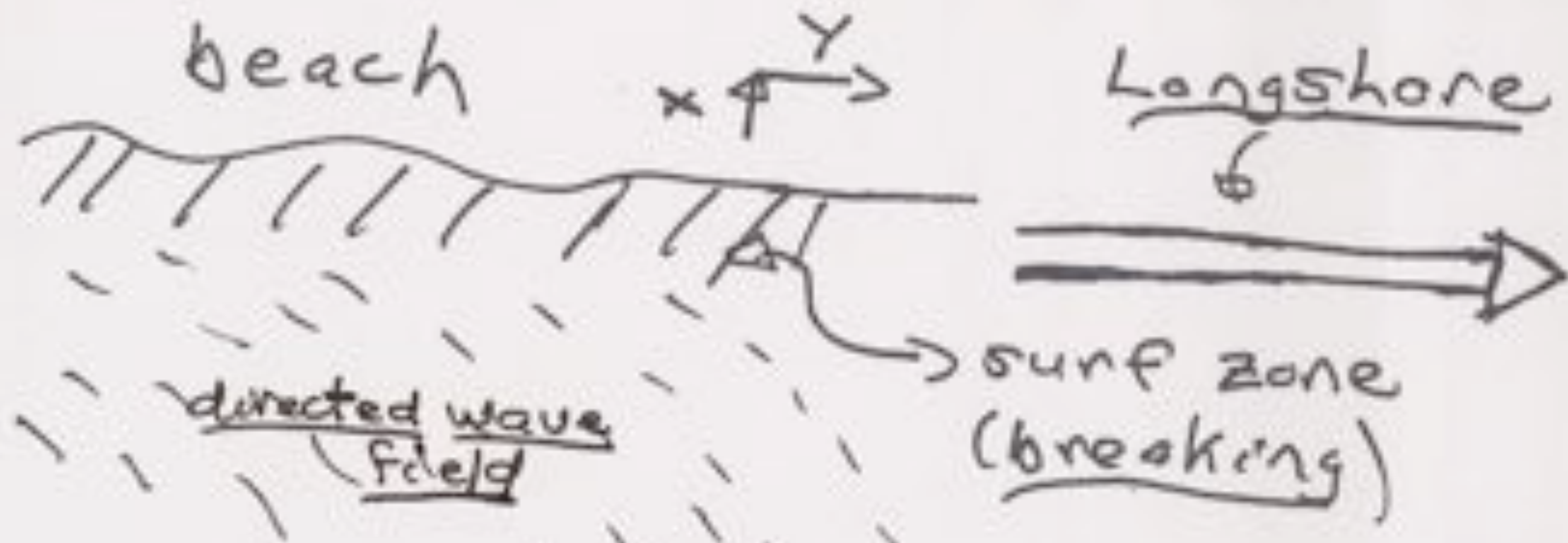
$= - \oint_{boundary} \tilde{\phi} \tilde{J}_n$ c.f. { Tang, Manheimer 77

→ turbulent heating:

- local, fluctuation driven heat source/sink
- globally constrained to integrate to 0.

→ residual stress may be viewed as globally constrained turbulent torque density.

② → Longshore Current (why III-D is second best flow generator in S.O.)



↳ mean flow generated parallel to beach.

impinging wave field
 → wind driven
 → incident stress field $\langle \tilde{v}_i, \tilde{v}_j \rangle$

⇔ description boils down to:

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-\nu_T \frac{\partial \langle v_y \rangle}{\partial x} \right) + S_{x,y} = 0$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{eddy viscosity due breaking}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{wave stress}} \quad \rightarrow \text{residual stress (wave energy)}$

$\rightarrow \chi_\phi$

→ ultimately ν_T is $\nu_T [S]$
 → close analogy with rotation obvious
 → b.c. important here, too.

The Calculations

V.)

Physics of Residual Stress due $\langle V_E \rangle'$

- Key Point: $\rightarrow \langle V_E \rangle'$ converts poloidal flow shear into toroidal flow shear via: **asymmetry in wave to particle momentum deposition**
- finite $\langle V_E \rangle'$ + generic drift-acoustic coupling
 - \rightarrow shifted spectral envelope (persists in torus)

$$\langle k_{\parallel} \rangle \neq 0$$

[S. Itoh, PF '92, Dominguez et al., PFB '93, Diamond et al., IAEA '94]

\rightarrow special case of refraction-induced "winding" asymmetry (see previous)

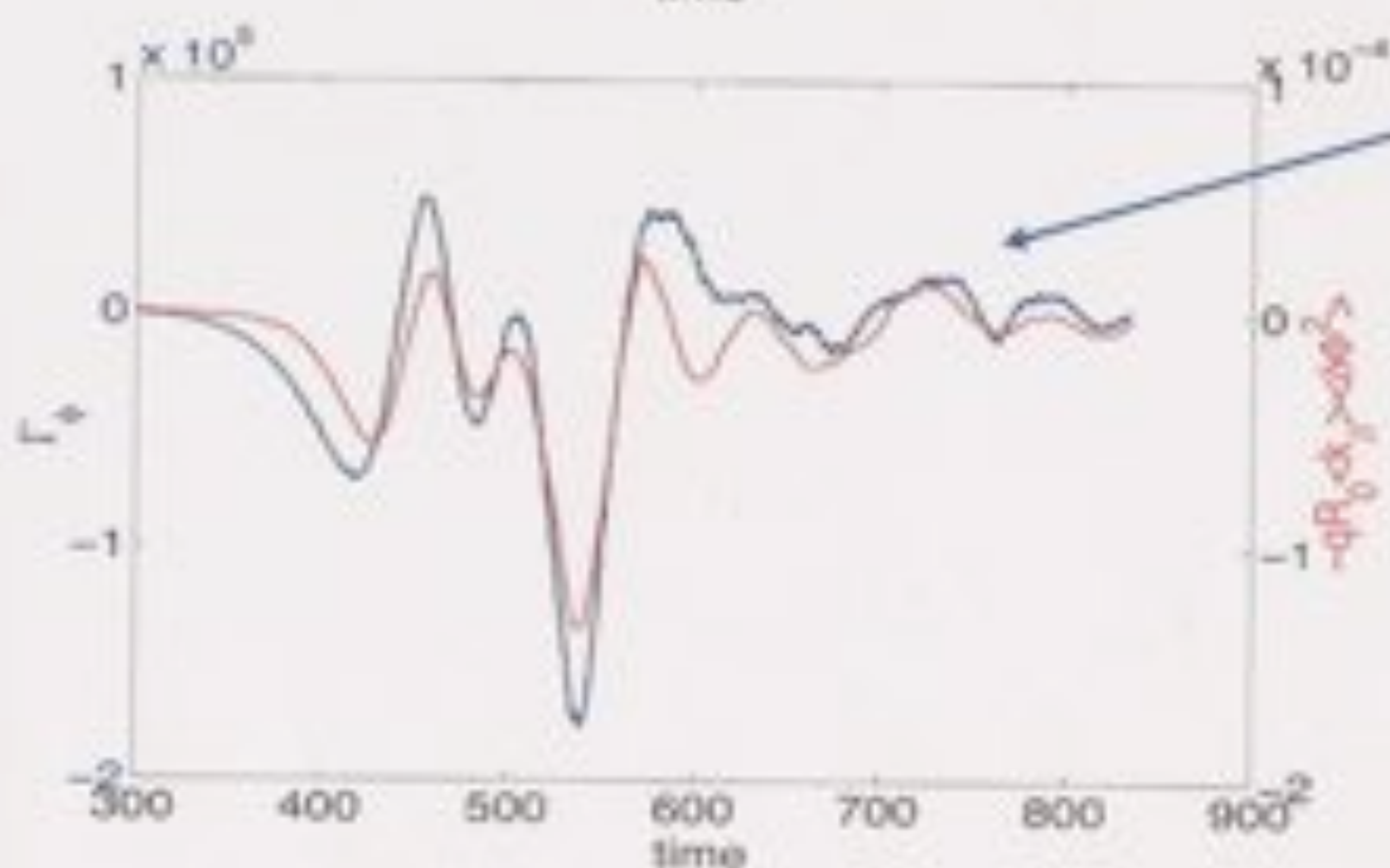
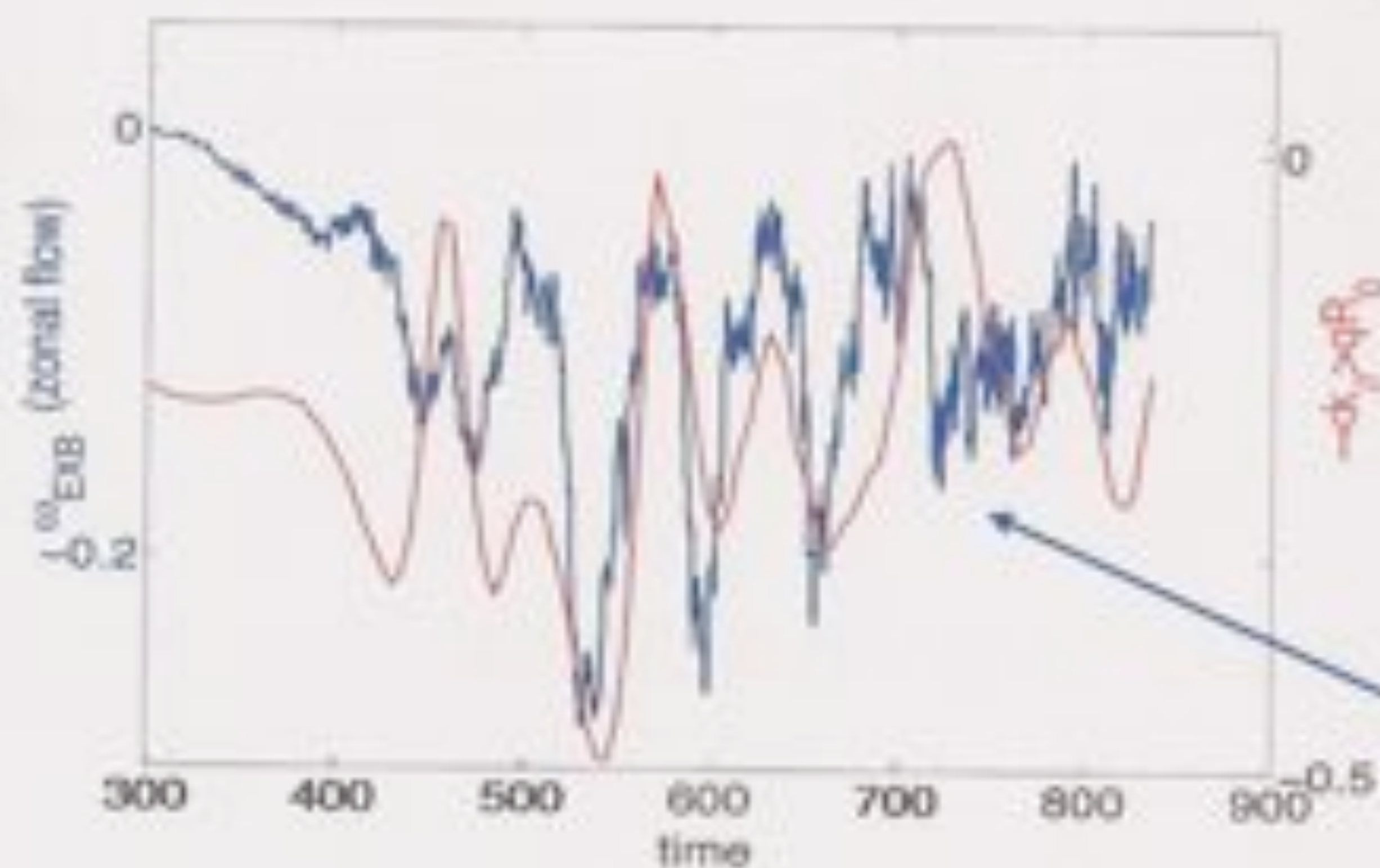
- * • directional imbalance in
 - \rightarrow acoustic wave populations
 - \rightarrow profile of momentum deposition by ion Landau damping

broken symmetry in turbulence \rightarrow a kin α -effect in dynamo theory.



Toroidal Momentum Flux strongly correlated with Zonal Flow Shear in GTS ITG Simulations

W. Wang et al., Paper TH/P8-44, IAEA '08]
P. R. L., 2009



Self-generated zonal flow is quasi-stationary in global ITG simulations
Conversion: (no input V_ϕ)
Poloidal \rightarrow Toroidal Zonal Flow
Strong correlation among Zonal flow shear, k_{\parallel} spectra, Inward Momentum Flux

Mechanism:

Generation of Residual Stress due to k_{\parallel} symmetry breaking induced by ZF shear:
(extending the mechanism due to mean ExB shear)

[Gurcan et al., PoP '07]

{ Zonal structures only \rightarrow need global solution for contr. rct

→ Closer Look at Theory → Solo man Experiment

- observe $\langle V_E \rangle'$ drives $\langle V_\phi \rangle'$, yet $\langle V_E \rangle'$ given by

$$b) (E_r / B_\theta)' = \frac{V_\phi'}{r} + \partial \left(\frac{1}{n_e B_\theta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \right)' - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (U_\theta B_\theta)$$

⇒ Feedback loop for $\langle V_\phi \rangle'$

⇒ renormalization of χ_ϕ \downarrow ⇒ is intrinsic rotation modulationally driven \downarrow

- if consider $\langle V_r V_\phi \rangle_{NR} \rightarrow \Pi_{r,\phi}$
diffusion of momentum (resonant)

(i.e. anisotropic wave pressure)

$$\partial_t \langle V_\phi \rangle - \partial_n \chi_\phi \partial_n \langle V_\phi \rangle = - \partial_n \Pi_{r,\phi}^{wave} + \tau_{ext}$$

\downarrow
external torque density

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \delta \Pi_{r,\phi}^{wave} &= \int dk_{\parallel} v_{gr} k_{\parallel} \delta N \\ \delta N &= \tau_{c, \text{matten}} \left[k_{\parallel} \langle V_E \rangle' \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial k_{\parallel}} - v_{gr} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial r} \right] \end{aligned} \right.$$

↳ broken symmetry via $\langle V_E \rangle'$

response to test $\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\delta \text{hecn} \\ &\text{inhomogeneity} \end{aligned} \right.$

∴ stationarity:

wave stress

$$T_{\text{ext}}^{\text{net}} = \int dk_{\parallel} k_{\perp} v_{gr} \tau_0 \left[k_{\perp} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial k_{\parallel}} \langle v_E \rangle' - v_{gr} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial r} \right] \Big|_0 - n m \chi_{\phi} \frac{\partial \langle v_{\phi}(a) \rangle}{\partial r} \leftarrow \text{momentum diffusion}$$

relates external torque T^{ext} to $\langle v_{\phi}(a) \rangle'$ and wave turbulence spectrum.

⇒

$$\frac{\partial \langle v_{\phi}(a) \rangle}{\partial r} = \left[T_{\text{ext}} - \left\{ \left(\int dk_{\parallel} k_{\perp} v_{gr} \tau_0 k_{\perp} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial k_{\parallel}} \right) \langle v_E \rangle' + D_{\text{rad}} \frac{\partial \langle P_H \rangle}{\partial r} \right\} \right] / n m \chi_{\phi, R}(a)$$

{hint of modulational instability of toroidal flow.

$$\chi_{\phi, R}(a) = \chi_{\phi}(a) - \left(\frac{1}{n m} \int dk_{\parallel} k_{\perp} v_{gr} \tau_0 k_{\perp} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial k_{\parallel}} \right)$$

→ renormalized χ_{ϕ} via feedback

$$\langle v_E \rangle_0' = v_{\text{die}}' - (v_0 B_{\phi})' / B_{\phi} \quad \text{sgn of } \chi_{\phi} \rightarrow \text{sgn } k_{\parallel} \rightarrow \text{sgn } \langle v_E \rangle_0'$$

In particular:

$$\langle V_{\phi} \rangle' = \frac{1}{nm \chi_{\phi R}(a)} \left[T_{ext} - \overset{\text{off-set}}{\downarrow} T^{(0)} \right]$$

↑
proportionality is renormalized χ_{ϕ}

→ determines the "cancelling" torque
→ off-set linear plot for edge shear

$$T^{(0)} = \overset{\downarrow}{\text{Wave momentum profile}} \text{Grad} \frac{\partial \langle P_{||} \rangle}{\partial r} + \left(\int dr k_{||} v_{gr} T_c k_{\perp} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial k_{\perp}} \right) \overset{\downarrow}{\text{parallel zonal growth}} \langle V_E \rangle'$$

$V_d' + V_o'$

$T_{ext} = T^{(0)}$ zeroes intrinsic rotation (compare Z.F. modulation)

$$\chi_{\phi R}(a) = \chi_{\phi}(a) - \frac{1}{nm} \int dr k_{||} v_{gr} T_c k_{\perp} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial k_{\perp}}$$

↓

$\text{sgn } k_{||} \Rightarrow \delta \chi_{\phi} > 0 \rightarrow \chi_{\phi} \gtrsim \chi_{ci}$ possible
 $\delta \chi_{\phi} < 0 \rightarrow$ enhanced flow.

n.b. unlikely:
 $\chi_{\phi R} < 0$, as
 $k_{||} \ll k_{\perp}$.

Some Observations

→ Feedback loops of zonal flows.

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→ intrinsic rotation shear driven by:

- wave momentum population gradient, v_d' , v_e'

- parallel modulational growth \leftrightarrow

resembles \pm ZF modulational instability

→ a) "negative viscosity phenomena" at work in intrinsic rotation ($d\chi_\phi < 0$)

b) perturbative $\chi_\phi > \chi_i$ plausible, as includes $d\chi_\phi$. (cf. Yoshida)

→ since $\langle k_{||} \rangle \sim \langle v_e \rangle'$, modulational growth could be substantial at $L \rightarrow H$ transition

→ expect toroidal Z.F.s (cf. WXW simulation) "choppy" toroidal flow profiles.

→ alternative mechanism: Polarization (McDevitt, P.O., TSH; 2008)

VII) Physics of the Momentum Pinch

→ the other part of the story....

① → TEP Pinch → robust, universal effect

Key: $\nabla \cdot \underline{V}_{E \times B} \neq 0$, in torus
⇒ relaxation/mixing to 'canonical profiles'
 $\nabla(L\phi/B^2) \rightarrow 0$

② → Thermoelectric Pinch

key: ∇T_i drives inward $\pi_{\parallel, \phi}$

③ → Recoil Pinch of Velocity

key: Interplay of Particle and Momentum Transport

* Role of Pinch: → Synergistic with Residual Stress.
→ build profile, once π^{resid} triggers rotation
→ couple to SOL flow at LCFS; as trigger/initiator mechanism.

① Turbulent Equipartition of Magnetically Weighted Quantities

- ▶ Turbulence Equipartition Pinch (TEP) of density has been demonstrated via simple model with nonuniform B [Yankov '94, Naulin '98] c.e. $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Freezing-in} \\ \text{Law} \\ \text{effect} \end{array} \right.$

$$\partial_t n + \nabla \cdot (n \mathbf{v}_E) = 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_E \neq 0 \quad (\partial_t + \mathbf{v}_E \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{n}{B} \right) = 0$$

- ▶ Extended to trapped electrons in tokamaks [Isichenko et al. '97, Baker-MNR '98] "Frozen in" quantity

- ▶ Turbulence Mixing \rightarrow Relaxation towards canonical profiles c.e. $\nabla(n/B) \rightarrow 0$, above

- ▶ Inward Pinch in the observed field n as a consequence of a tendency towards homogenization of the locally conserved field n/B

- ▶ For angular momentum density [Hahn et al. PoP 2007]

$$\partial_t (n U_{\parallel} R) + \nabla \cdot (n U_{\parallel} R \mathbf{v}_E) \approx 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_E \neq 0 \quad (\partial_t + \mathbf{v}_E \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{n U_{\parallel} R}{B^2} \right) \approx 0$$

Compressibility of $\underline{E} \times \underline{B}$ velocity is key, again.

- Inward Pinch in observed quantity $n U_{\parallel} R$ is a consequence of a tendency towards Homogenization of the locally conserved quantity $n U_{\parallel} R / B^2$

\Rightarrow produces 'TEP pinch'

$\rightarrow n, v_{\parallel}$ frozen to B, each

$\rightarrow 1/B^2 \rightarrow$ volume weighting factor

② Turbulent Equipartition Pinch of Angular Momentum

[Hahm, Diamond, Gurcan, Rewoldt, PoP 2007, 2008, Gurcan et al., PRL 2008]

From angular momentum conservation and compressible ExB flow

$$\partial_t (nU_{\parallel}R) + \nabla \cdot (nU_{\parallel}R\mathbf{v}_E) \approx 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_E \neq 0 \quad (\partial_t + \mathbf{v}_E \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{nU_{\parallel}R}{B^2} \right) \approx 0$$

Mixing/Diffusion of Magnetically weighted angular momentum $nU_{\parallel}R/B^2$

→ **Inward Pinch** in observed quantity nU_{\parallel}

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{MWA} &= \langle \delta v_r \delta (nU_{\parallel}R/B^2) \rangle = \dots \text{quasilinear calculation} \dots = -\chi_{MWA} \frac{d}{dr} (nU_{\parallel}R/B^2) \\ &= \left[-\chi_{\phi} \frac{d}{dr} (nU_{\parallel}) + V_{TEP} (nU_{\parallel}) \right] \frac{R}{B^2} \end{aligned}$$

with $\frac{V_{TEP}}{\chi_{\phi}} = -\frac{B^2 d}{R dr} \frac{R}{B^2} \cong -\frac{3}{R} \Rightarrow$ *TEP pinch robust, inward, but tied to R.*

(with definitions w.r.t. angular rotation freq: $\omega_{\phi} \equiv U_{\parallel}/R$, $\frac{V_{TEP}}{\chi_{\phi}} \cong -\frac{4}{R}$)

also from derivation based on conservative gyrokinetic equation [Hahm, PF 1988]

Symmetry Breaking from Ballooning Fluctuations

→ Density and Momentum TEP strongly correlated

Alternative Perspective \rightarrow Angular Momentum

Homogenization (Garcia, P.O., TSH

'08)

\rightarrow turbulence will tend to mix or "homogenize"

$L\phi$, absent external torque \Rightarrow General trend

\rightarrow first proposed by R. Hide, '69 ; in Planetary context.

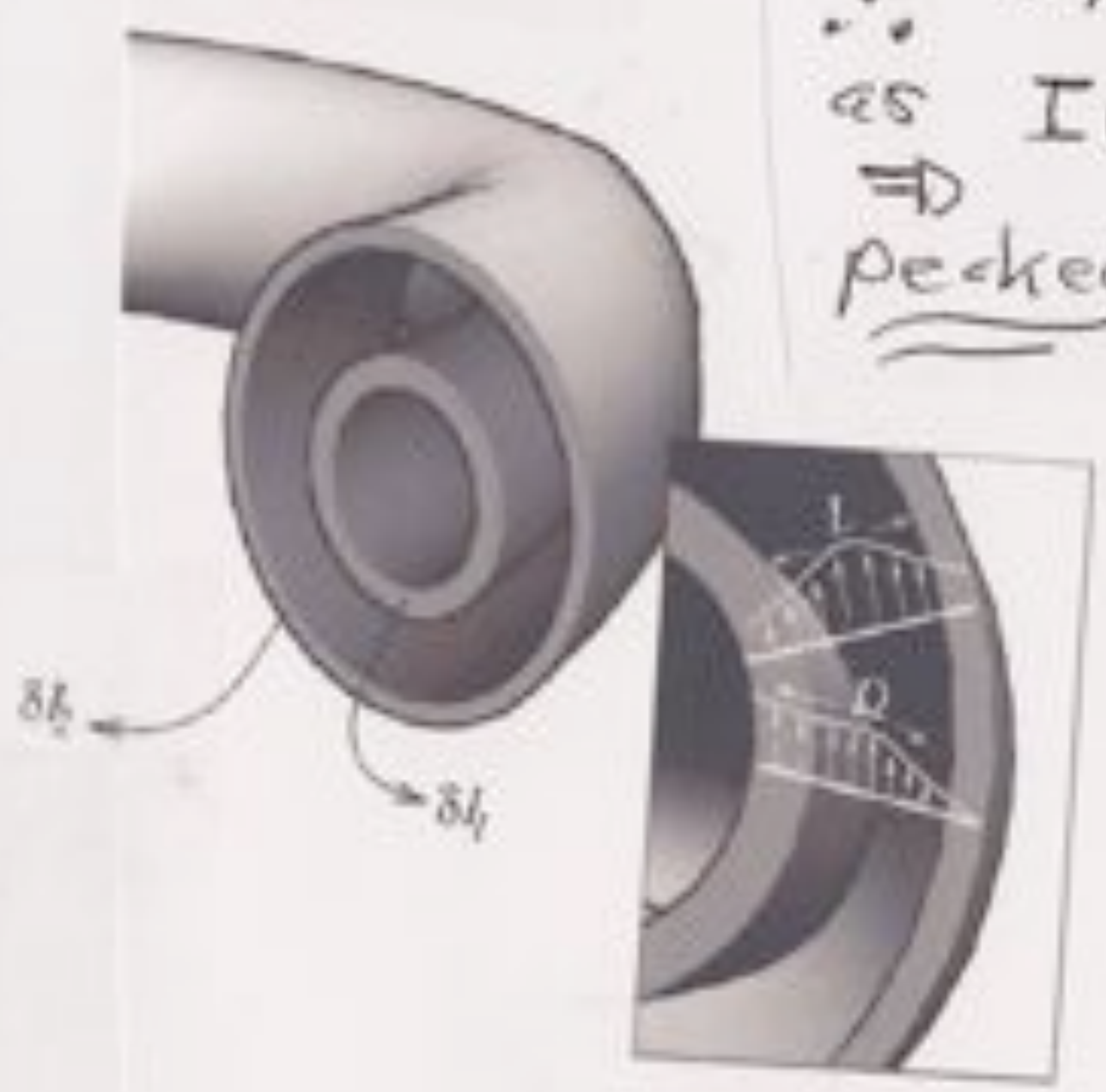
\rightarrow Basic Ideas :

$L\phi \rightarrow$ homogeneous

$\therefore L\phi(r) \sim I(r) \Omega\phi(r)$

as $I(r)$ increasing with $r \Rightarrow \Omega\phi(r)$ decreases.

peaked rotation profiles



\Rightarrow advection $NU_{in}R/B^2$ emerges from moment of inertia volume factors

\rightarrow promising for simplicity.

Thermo-electric Pinch

V_{TH} : Thermo-dynamic, piece of Reynolds stress related to δT_i

$$V_{TH} = 4 \left\langle \frac{c}{B} \sum_k k_\theta \operatorname{Re} \left(\tau_c \omega_{di} \delta \phi^* \left(\delta T_i / T_i \right) \right) \right\rangle$$

dependent on mode-characteristics (e.g., phase angle between δT_i and $\delta \phi$)
sensitive to gyrofluid approximation, dispersion relation,
 and frequency broadening/shift etc.

$V_{TH} < 0$ always (inward) for V_e direction mode (TEM)

$V_{TH} > 0$ **typically** (outward) for V_i direction mode (ITG)

c.f. ITG-specific calculation by [Peeters et al., PRL '07]

Convective Momentum Pinch also exists

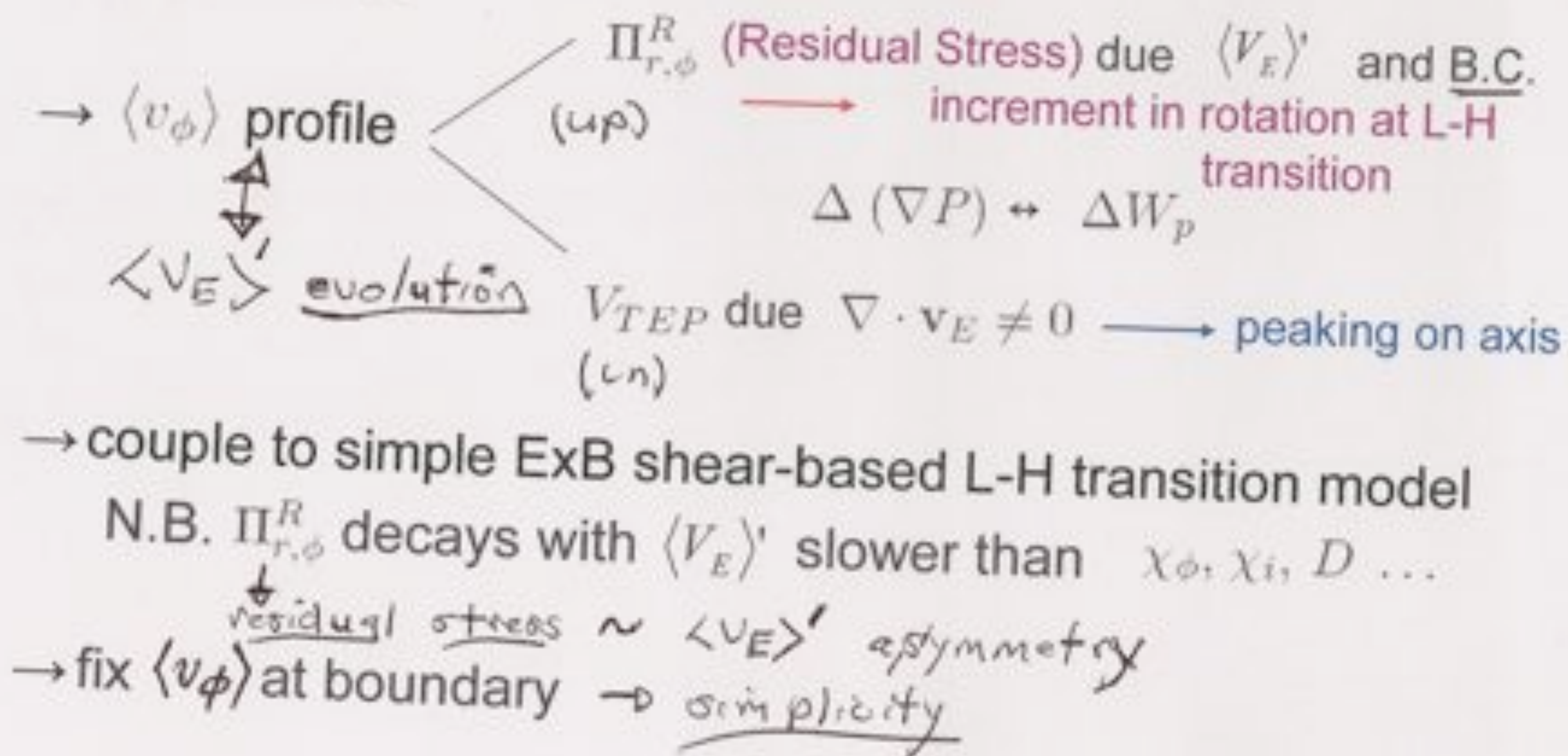
$$\Pi_{r,\phi} \cong \langle n \rangle \langle \tilde{v}_r \tilde{v}_\phi \rangle + \langle v_\phi \rangle \langle \tilde{v}_r \tilde{n} \rangle$$

originates from particle

$$\underline{f / u_x}$$

VIII.) Towards a simple illustrative model of Intrinsic Rotation in H-mode

Key Elements:



Simple Illustrative Model

the Engine

Spring-up →
Transport bifurcation
Coupling

Conservation Laws:

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \Gamma_n) = S_n$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r Q) = H$$

$$\frac{\partial L_\phi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \Pi_\phi) = \tau_\phi$$

Angular Momentum
extract V_ϕ using n

Radial Force Balance:

$$E_r \cong \frac{1}{ne} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} - u_{\theta, Neo} B_\phi + u_\phi B_\theta$$

(converter)

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{1 + \beta \left(\frac{\partial u_{Ey}}{\partial r} \right)^2}$$

ExB Shear Reduction
(Hinton, PF-B 91)

Fluxes:

$$\Gamma_n = -D_0 \frac{\partial n}{\partial r} - D_1 \varepsilon \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial r} + V_r n \right)$$

$$\Pi_\phi = -\nu_0 \frac{\partial L_\phi}{\partial r} - \nu_1 \varepsilon \left[\frac{\partial L_\phi}{\partial r} + V_r L_\phi \right] + S$$

$$S = -\varepsilon \alpha(r) \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{P_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \right) \frac{\partial v_{Ey}}{\partial r}$$

$$Q = -\chi_0 \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} - \chi_1 \varepsilon \frac{\partial P}{\partial r}$$

TEP Pinch for
Momentum
and Density

Residual Stress
due to ExB Shear
(converter)

L-mode Turbulence Intensity ε_0
only adjustable parameter

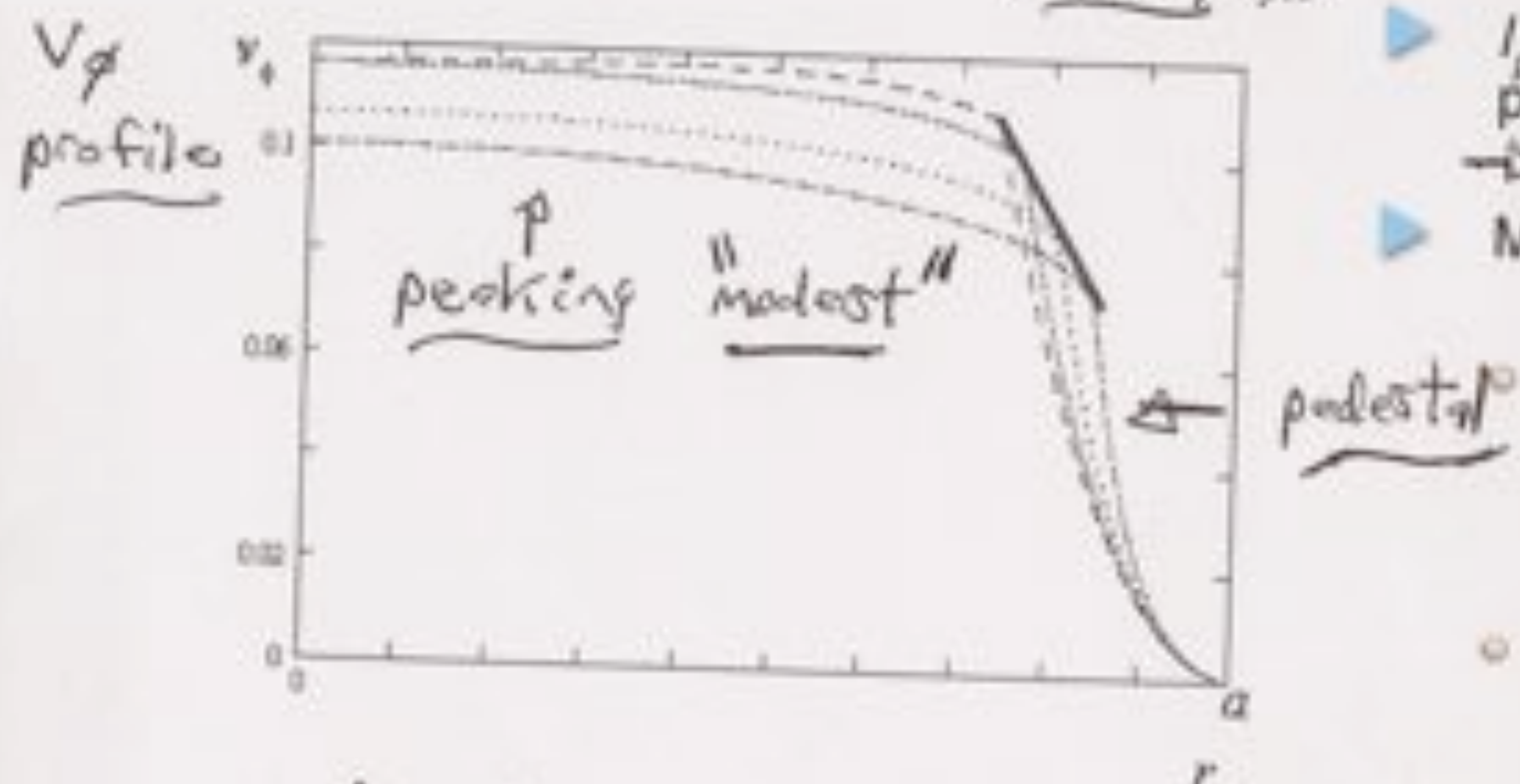
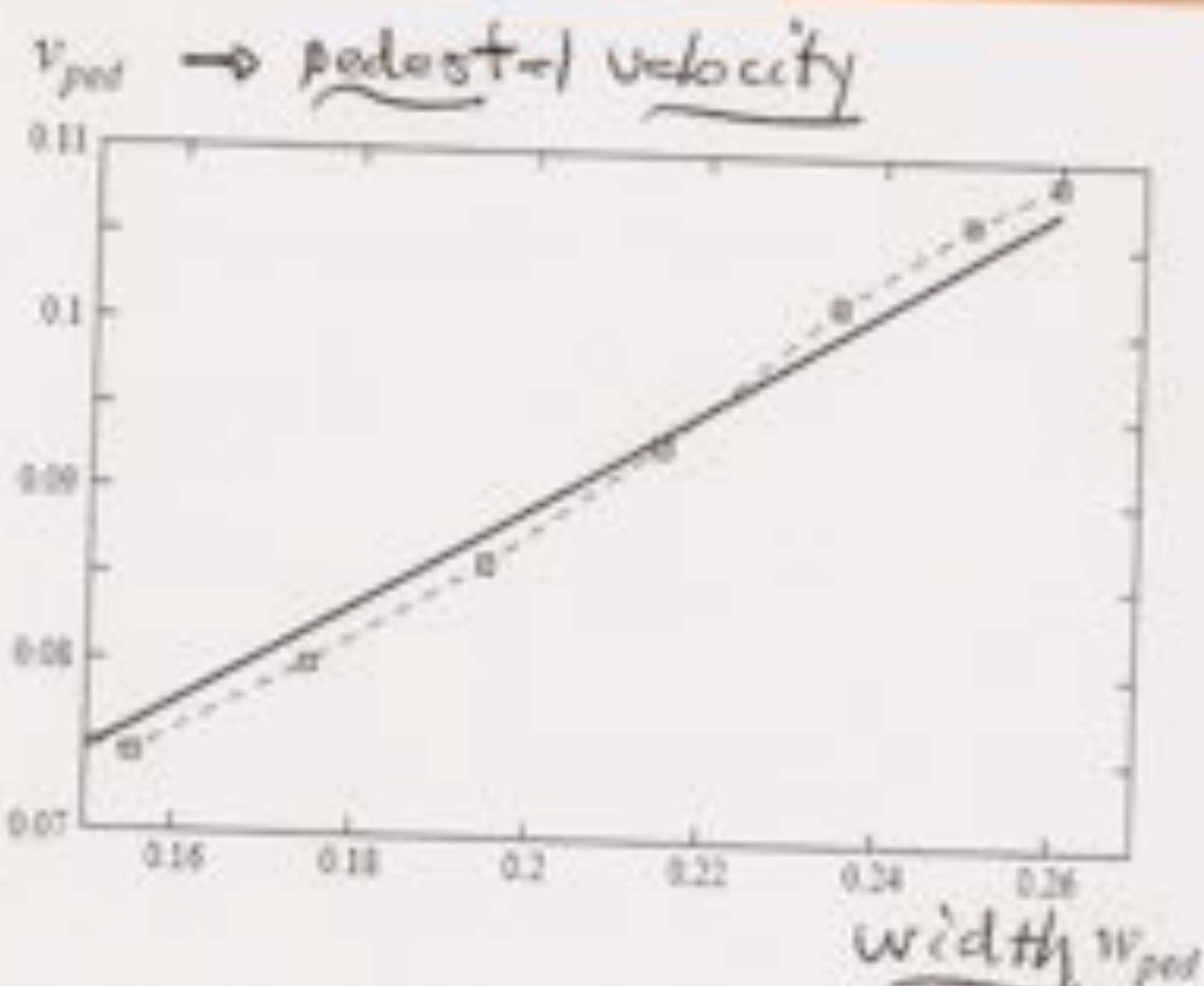
B.C.'s: $L_\phi(a), V_\phi(a), n(a)$: given

$$\gamma \sim \langle v_E \rangle' \Sigma$$

$$\chi_\phi \sim \varepsilon$$

etc

Scaling Trends manifested by Model



- Dimensional analysis for pedestal flow velocity suggests scaling with width:

$$v_{\phi} / v_{Ti} \propto (\Delta_{Turb} / a) (\Delta_{ped} / a) \propto (\rho^*)^{\alpha} (\Delta_{ped} / a)$$

Scaling with ρ^* from turbulence characteristics

- With the simple model linking width to height,

$$\Delta_{ped} \propto P_{ped} \rightarrow \Delta v_{\phi} / v_{Ti} \propto (\rho^*)^{\alpha} \Delta W_p$$

where ΔW_p : Incremental Stored Energy

- I_p scaling not recovered for GB model → pedestal/edge turbulence issues?

→ try Snyder model

- Model is not quantitatively accurate,

predicts a scaling of the pedestal toroidal velocity with the pedestal width.

$$V_{\phi, ped} \propto \Delta_{ped} \propto P_{ped}$$

- but recovers qualitative behavior

Punch Line : Model ties H-mode intrinsic rotation to pedestal structure.

Some Observations → Rather speculative

→ though model simple, it gives testable qualitative predictions

- strong correlation between pedestal quantities and intrinsic rotation (c.f. C-Mod results)

c.e. $V_{\phi} > V_{\phi, ped} \sim W_{ped}$

$$V_{\phi}/V_{Te} \sim \left(\frac{\Delta n}{a}\right)_{Turb} (A_{ped}/a) \sim \rho_{+}^{\alpha} (A_{ped}/a)$$

- $\text{Engine Efficiency} \sim \rho_{+}^{2\alpha} (A_{ped}/a)^2$ → could be augmented by more active pinch

if $\alpha = 0$ (pedestal) ⇒ $\text{Eng. Eff.} \sim (A_{ped}/a)^2$
↓
as usual,
edge turbulence critical.....
(low)

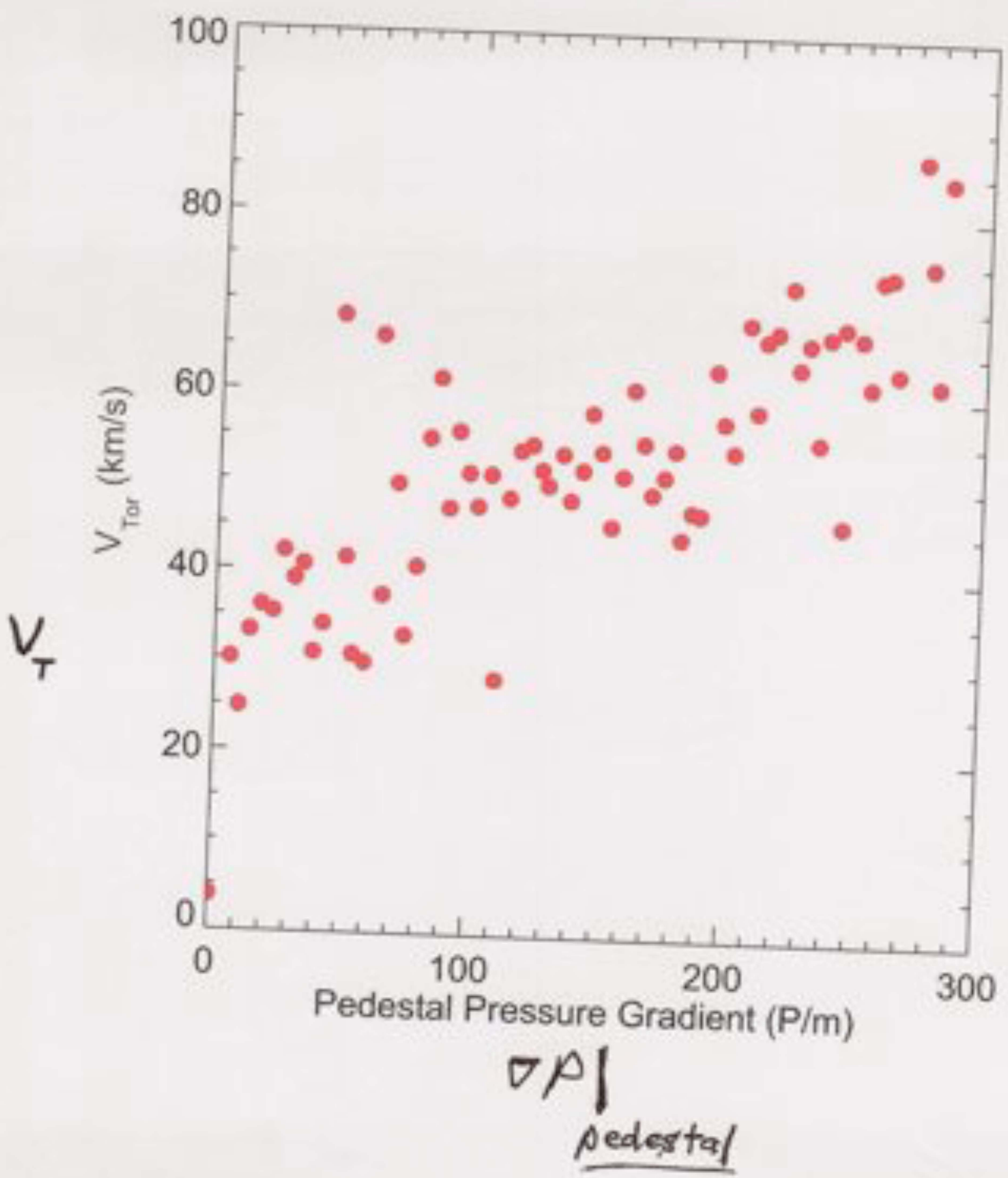
→ if take $\alpha \sim 0$ and $A_{ped}/a \sim (\beta_p)^{1/2}$ (Snyder - semi-empirical)

⇒ $V_{\phi}/V_{Te} \sim \sqrt{\beta_p}$ ⇒ ⊕ Rice scaling → unfavorable
Engine Eff.: $\sim (A_{ped}/a)^2 \sim \beta_p$ $\xrightarrow{\text{I.p. via pedestal physics}}$

→ low efficiency, low loss engine

Tokamak - as - Engine

Courtesy: J. Rice \rightarrow Q-Mod Scans

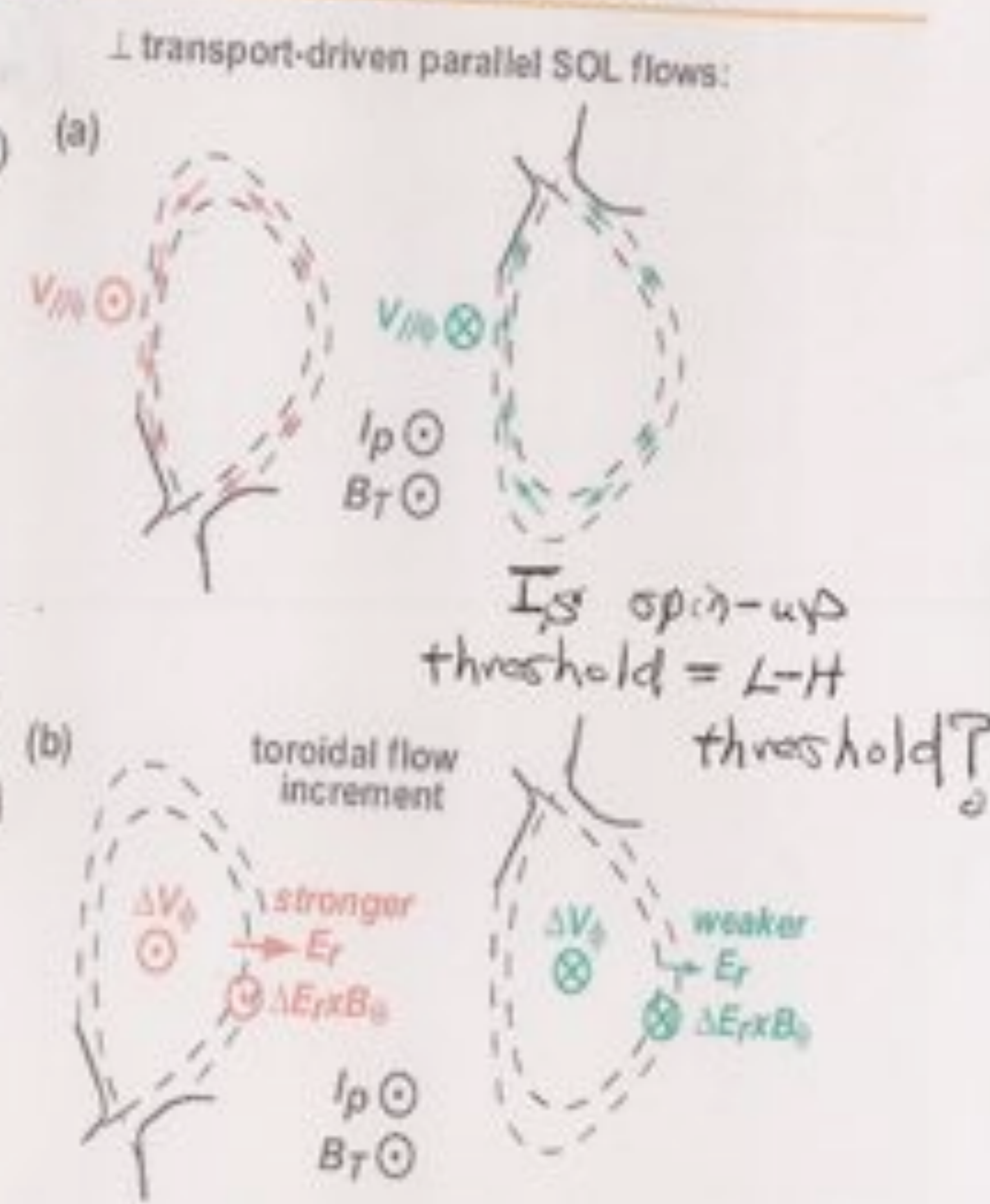


Key Issue! \leftrightarrow also important in L-H threshold 35.

Physics of Boundary Condition Effects

- SOL Flows: [LaBombard et al., NF '04]
- "ballooning" particle flux produced by outboard source and SOL symmetry breaking (LSN vs USN)
- Influence core Δv_ϕ in L-mode

LSN $\rightarrow V_{\nabla B}$ toward X-point $\rightarrow \Delta v_\phi$ co
 USN $\rightarrow V_{\nabla B}$ from X-point $\rightarrow \Delta v_\phi$ counter
 DN \rightarrow little SOL flow
 But, in H-mode, Δv_ϕ is always CO



- Key question: How can SOL flow influence core plasma? $\Rightarrow \nabla \langle v_\phi \rangle|_a$ Pinch + sep. flow
- For $S_\parallel(r)$ = speed profile of SOL flow

$\frac{dS_\parallel(r)}{dr} > 0$ in SOL \rightarrow Inward viscous stress of SOL flow on core $\Rightarrow \langle v_\phi \rangle|_a \neq 0$

Key: SOL symmetry breaking sets Δv_ϕ direction
 Strong for parallel shear flow instability for $\nabla V_{\parallel} > \nabla n$
 Alternative: Recoil from Blob Ejection (Myra), Pinch

But: Core plasma also influences SOL flow. \Rightarrow synergy

→ Further Thoughts on Boundary Condition 37.

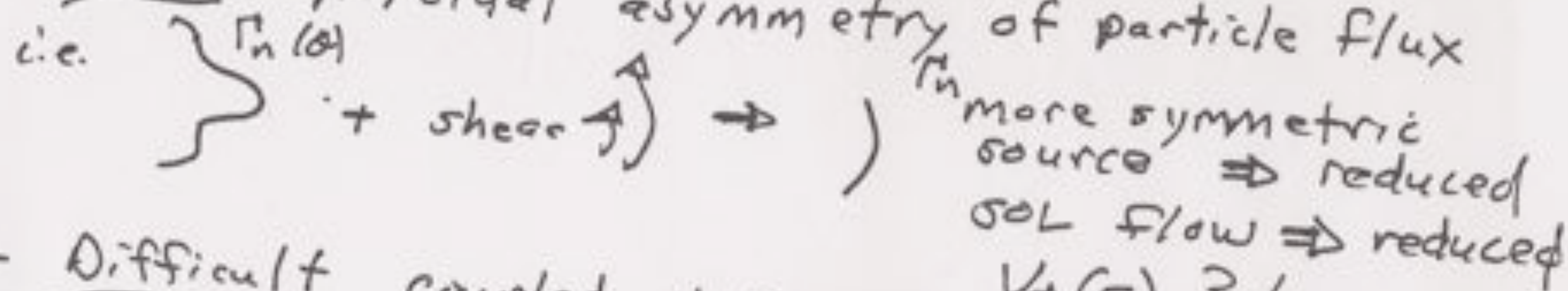
- B.C. is dynamic - evolves with core turbulence at transition
- ↓
can't treat as fixed

- SOL Flow produced by:

- poloidal asymmetry of particle flux
- SOL symmetry breaking (USN vs LSN vs DN)

but

- increasing $E \times B$ shear may tend to reduce poloidal asymmetry of particle flux



- Difficult coupled dynamics of edge/pedestal and SOL flow may be central to intrinsic rotation.

Speculations on Stiffness

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→ Y. Kamada (JAEA) asks the simple yet interesting question:

"Why are T_i profiles generally stiffer than v_p profiles, yet $\chi_p \sim \chi_i$?"

→ There may be a simple answer!

Contents

- Q_i, Π_p physics essentials, for ion transport regimes
- { Origin of T_i stiffness
- { Formation of $1/Lv_p$ for { intrinsic rotation
 $\chi_p \neq 0$
- Lessons
- What of Electron Regimes?

c.) Transport Essentials - Ion Regime

→ $Q_i = - \underset{\textcircled{a}}{\chi_i} \nabla T_i - \underset{\textcircled{b}}{\chi_i^{neo}} \nabla T_i$ + convection

$\Pi_{i\phi} = - \chi_\phi \frac{\partial \langle V_\phi \rangle}{\partial r} + V \langle V_\phi \rangle + \Pi_{i\phi}^{resid}$

distinct from threshold

→ $\chi_{i\phi} = f_{\text{thresh}}(L_{Te}/L_{Ti} - 1) \langle \nabla_r^2 \rangle \chi_i / [1 + \sigma \langle V_E \rangle'^2] \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \langle V_E \rangle$
 shear suppression

① threshold function - ITG physics (includes ZF, etc)

② correlation times ⇒ resonant fraction ratio

③ $\langle V_E \rangle' \rightarrow$ radial force balance $\sigma R, V_e, V_\phi$

①, ②, ③ → transport knobs

④ $V \approx \chi_\phi \left(\frac{a}{R} + \frac{b}{L_{Ti}} + \frac{c}{L_p} \right)$ convective (non-ad. electrons)
 TEP thermoelectric

⑤ $\Pi^{resid} \approx \chi_\phi \frac{\sigma}{L_p} \langle V_E \rangle' \rightarrow$ simplified model

Comments

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- F_{thresh} not purely linear \Rightarrow can contain physics of Ocmits shift, Z. F. damping, etc
- form of shear quench is approximate. $\langle V_{\theta} \rangle$ is major unknown.

→ should distinguish:

"raw" Prandtl # $\sim (\pi / \langle N_{\phi} \rangle) / (Q / \langle T_i \rangle)$ from:

"intrinsic" Prandtl # $\sim \chi_{\phi} / \chi_i$

$$\Rightarrow L_T \sim L_{Tc} \Rightarrow \chi_{\phi} / \chi_i \sim \frac{(v_{ph} / v_T)^2}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{v_{ph}}{v_T} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{v_{ph}}{v_T} \right)^4 \right]} \sim 0.2 \rightarrow 0.7$$

set by resonance physics $\rightarrow T_{\phi} / T_i$

n.b. $\chi_i^{neo} \gg \chi_{\phi}^{neo}$

→ Momentum 0.0.5

$V \rightarrow$ TEP, thermoelectric, convective \rightarrow { mode dependent
signs can flip

$\pi_{c, \phi}^{resid} \rightarrow$ understanding still developing... (cf IAEA Th 1-1; primarily active in pedestal Gurcen, et al. '07)

(ii) Relative Stiffness $\leftrightarrow T_i, V_\phi$

Compare: \rightarrow heat balance $\Rightarrow \langle T_i \rangle'$

v_s \rightarrow momentum balance $\Rightarrow \langle V_\phi \rangle'$
for intrinsic rotation

\rightarrow momentum balance with torque

illustrates
relative stiffness

a) Heat Balance

$$Q_{in} = - \left\{ \frac{f \left(\frac{H_0}{L} - 1 \right) \langle V_\phi \rangle' \tau_i}{(1 + \alpha \langle V_E \rangle'^2)} \right\} \frac{\partial \langle T_i \rangle}{\partial r} + Q_{neo}$$

- strongly nonlinear diffusion, via { threshold fctn.
E-field shear

- implies $\Delta (\partial T_i / \partial r) \sim P_{in}^\alpha$, $\alpha < 1 \rightarrow$ "stiffness exponent"
increment from marginal, typically $\alpha \sim 1/2$

- $E \times B$ shear (including V_ϕ') can reduce "stiffness coefficient" i.e. magnitude χ_i , via quenching

* - as transport is strongly nonlinear, stiffness exponent seems more useful than stiffness coefficient

b.) Momentum Balance - Intrinsic Rotation

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→ $T_{ext} = 0 \Rightarrow \pi_{r,p} = 0$

→ π^{resid} primarily active in pedestal (cf. Ahm, this mty.)
in core, balance χ_p and V_p , i.e.

$\chi_p \lesssim \chi_i$

$$\frac{1}{L_v} = \frac{1}{V_p} \frac{\partial V_p}{\partial r} \cong \frac{V}{\chi_p} \cong \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ R & L_{Ti} & L_n \\ \delta_{TEP} & \delta_{TH} & \delta_{conv.} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} a < 0 \\ b \lesssim 0 \\ c \gtrsim 0 \end{matrix}$$

→ no leading dependence on $L_{Ti}/L_r - 1 \Leftrightarrow$ some weak dependence in a, b, c .

→ profile is not "stiff" vis-a-vis pinning to marginality $\Leftrightarrow L_v$ not enter χ_p , except via $\langle V_E \rangle$

→ yet, V_p "self-organizes", and is controlled

by R, L_{Ti}, L_n , dynamically \Rightarrow "preferred" L_v should appear.

→ for strong, inward thermoelectric momentum pinch, L_{Ti} stiffness $\Rightarrow L_v$ stiffness possible outcome (probably a rarity)

c.) Momentum Balance - Torque

→ for $T_{ext} \neq 0$, have $\Pi_{\phi} \neq 0$

→ simplest $T_{ext} = -\chi_{\phi} \frac{\partial \langle V_{\phi} \rangle}{\partial r} + \Pi_{res}$

$$\approx - \left\{ \frac{F \left(\frac{V_{\phi}}{4} + 1 \right) \langle \psi^2 \rangle \gamma_{\phi}}{(1 + \alpha \langle V_E \rangle^2)} \right\} \frac{\partial \langle V_{\phi} \rangle}{\partial r}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_{\phi} \text{ enters} \\ \chi_{\phi} \text{ only} \\ \text{via } \langle V_E \rangle' \end{array} \right.$

- if subcritical to ITB,
 - linear diffusion; $\chi_{\phi} \approx \chi_i$
 - $\alpha \sim 1 \rightarrow$ stiffness exponent ~ 1 .

\Rightarrow momentum profile not stiff

→ for ITB, $\langle V_E \rangle'$ loosens both T_i , V_{ϕ}

→ suggests a cross-over when T_{ext} drives V_{ϕ} sufficient to exceed intrinsic V_{ϕ}^0 !
 i.e. T_{ext} vs $\partial_r \Pi^{resid}$. → Solomon experiment.

→ Answer

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- rotation stiffness "different" and usually "weaker" than T_i stiffness a consequence of ITG threshold insensitivity to V_{ϕ} , except via $\langle V_E \rangle$
- heat transport → nonlinear diffusion, $\alpha \ll 1$
- momentum transport → "self-organization", $\alpha \sim 0$ (intrinsic)
or
→ linear diffusion, $\alpha \sim 1$ (driven)
- from torque balance:
$$\gamma_{\text{ext}} - \pi_{\text{resid}} = -\chi_{\phi} \frac{\partial \langle V_{\phi} \rangle}{\partial r} + V \langle V_{\phi} \rangle$$

∃ critical γ_{ext} for $\alpha \sim 0 \rightarrow \alpha \sim 1$ transition
Theory should predict this → HW for ITPA.
- T_e stiffness may leave footprint on V_{ϕ} → avalanches!

Lessons

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- more than 1 type of "profile resiliency" or "stiffness" is possible:
 - i.e. contrast:
 - threshold nonlinearity $\Rightarrow DT_c$
 - pinch vs χ_ϕ self organization $\Rightarrow DV_\phi$
- $\langle VE \rangle'$ may release both stiffness'.
- stiffness "exponent" may be useful, in addition to "coefficient"
- Intrinsic rotation studies should replace global scalings with:
 - rotation profile structure studies \rightarrow resiliency, scaling in core?
 - T_{crit} for $\alpha=0 \rightarrow \alpha=1 \Rightarrow$ quantify π_{resid} ?
 - dual perturbation experiments

→ What of Electron Regimes?

- for CTEM, threshold function is 'softer'
- $T_e \rightarrow T_i$ coupling critical for $V_{E'_{OP}}$ feedback

⇒ expect less disparity between resilience of electron temperature, V_{ϕ} profiles

⇒ $P_{re} = \chi_{\phi} / \chi_e$ becomes true FOM.

Likely < 1 , as ions non-resonant in CTEM.

⇒ Theory should predict these, as HW for next meeting.

Conclusions: what have we learned?

- Momentum Transport \rightarrow Off-diagonal Flux : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Residual Stress} \\ \text{Pinch} \end{array} \right.$

 Π^{resid}

requires $\langle k_{\parallel} \rangle \neq 0$ symmetry breaking
which can come from $\langle V_E \rangle'$

two
components

with B.C., can accelerate $\langle v_{\phi} \rangle \rightarrow$ "converter" for
intrinsic rotation engine

 V_{pinch}

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_{TEP} \text{ robust, universal, related to particle pinch, } \underline{\text{albeit}} \\ V_{TH} \text{ mode-dependent } \rightarrow \text{ a mess... } \underline{\text{mess}}$

V_{recoil} — very important for boundary interaction

- Intrinsic Prandtl Number in Stiff Profiles $\chi_{\parallel}/\alpha_i < 1$
- Off-diagonal Π^{resid} + B.C. \rightarrow Intrinsic Rotation \rightarrow tokamak-as-engine
— Model recovers essentials

$$V_{\phi, ped} \propto \Delta_{ped} \propto P_{ped} \propto \Delta W_p ; \quad E_{eff} \sim (\Delta_{ped}/a)^2 \quad \Delta_{Snyder} \rightarrow \text{Rice.}$$

- Physics of B.C. is a major unknown.

- Relative stiffness of Momentum, Temperature ρ / \dots
May be explained simply, ..

Ongoing and Future Theoretical Work

- Electromagnetics:

- saturation of intrinsic rotation with β [McDevitt, Diamond, PoP '08]
- Alfvénic waves in burning plasmas \rightarrow field momentum

Alternative symmetry breaking mechanism

Polarization effects \rightarrow McDevitt, et al. submitted \Rightarrow Polarization stress

GAMs and refractive force

SOL effects \rightarrow couple via $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{q}$.

- Poloidal Rotation \leftrightarrow coupled to toroidal via $\langle V_E \rangle'_0$

- correct neoclassical theory for ITB, ETB regimes
- anomaly: off-diagonal elements
- Charney-Drazin theorem constraints \rightarrow ZF. analogue for toroidal rotation

SOL-Core coupling Dynamics $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Need expand scope of SOL flow -} \\ \text{particle transport coupling} \end{array} \right.$

SOL Stress on Core \rightarrow stress \neq or $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{t}$.

symmetrization at L-H transition \rightarrow source for SOL? \rightarrow fate in $\#$ -mode.

blobs and wave breaking

Detailed Modelling Work \rightarrow Specific Phenomenology

FSP will solve all

Challenges to Experimentalists

- Boundary Condition ↔ SOL Flow-Core interaction ?
 - dynamics/evolution during slow transitions
 - Low vs high neutral opacity regime comparisons
 - SN vs DN comparisons
 - Poloidal Rotation: is it neoclassical ? → *RF-Preheating, et al., suggest subtleties...*
- Core Transport Dynamics
 - $\Pi_{r,\phi}^R$ in Core (c.f. JT-60U) --- Residual Rotation ?
 - Compare momentum pinch and particle pinch
 - ITB regime intrinsic rotation --- $\langle V_E \rangle'$, magnetic shear sensitivity --- *RF driven ITB.*
 - Intrinsic Prandtl Number in Stiff Profiles ?
 - Corrugated $\langle v_\phi \rangle$ Profile due Zonal Flows?
- Intrinsic Rotation in Electron-dominated Plasmas (ITER relevant!)
 - CTEM as transport agent
- Relative Stiffness of
 - ion channels ?
 - electron channels ?
 - toroidal momentum

Big Picture

"General Circulation in the Tokamak" as a fascinating and critical problem?! → Can we sell it as real science?

- Ocean/Atmosphere
 - rotation (earth)
 - continents
 - solar heating
 - eddys
 - jets
 - Hadley cells
 - annular modes
 - western boundary layer

- Tokamak
 - *B*-geometry
 - boundary
 - heat flux
 - drift-ITG
 - zonal flows
 - poloidal flows
 - KH of zonal flows
 - pedestal

hierarchical structure of "global" flow pattern?

