

# Dynamics of Rotating Fluids

Equations of motion

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \mathbf{u} + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \pi + v \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

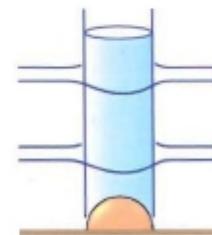
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times (2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}) = 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = 0$$

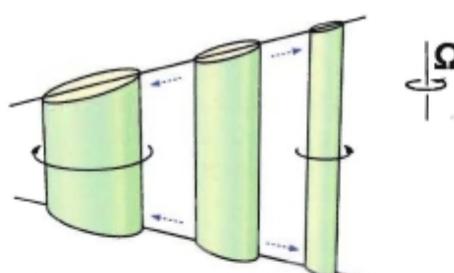
Proudman-Taylor-theorem

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = 0$$

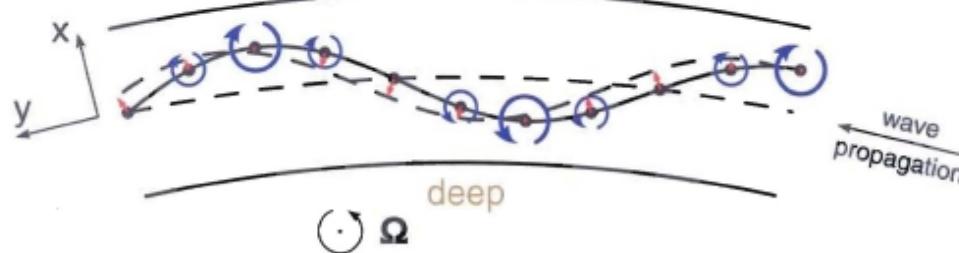
Taylor column



Rossby waves

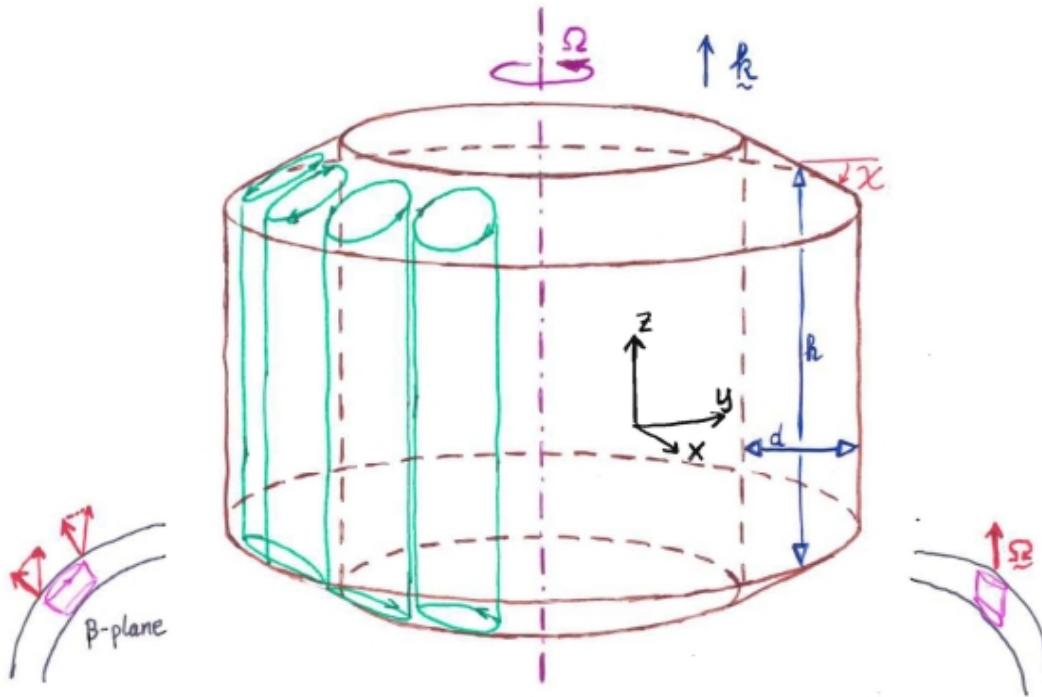


shallow



$$\text{for } \mathbf{u} \approx \exp\{i\alpha y + i\omega t\} \cos \gamma x$$

$$\omega = -\frac{2\Omega\alpha\eta}{\alpha^2 + \gamma^2}$$



## Rossby Waves in the Rotating Cylindrical Annulus

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + 2\Omega \times \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \pi$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla \psi(x, y) \times \mathbf{k} e^{i\omega t} + \dots$$

$$-\imath \omega \Delta_2 \psi - 2\Omega \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla u_z = 0 \quad \Delta_2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\int_{-\frac{h}{2}}^{\frac{h}{2}} dz = -i\omega \Delta_2 \psi - 2\Omega \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla u_z = 0$$

~~$\mathbf{u}_z$~~

$$u_z = \eta_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$

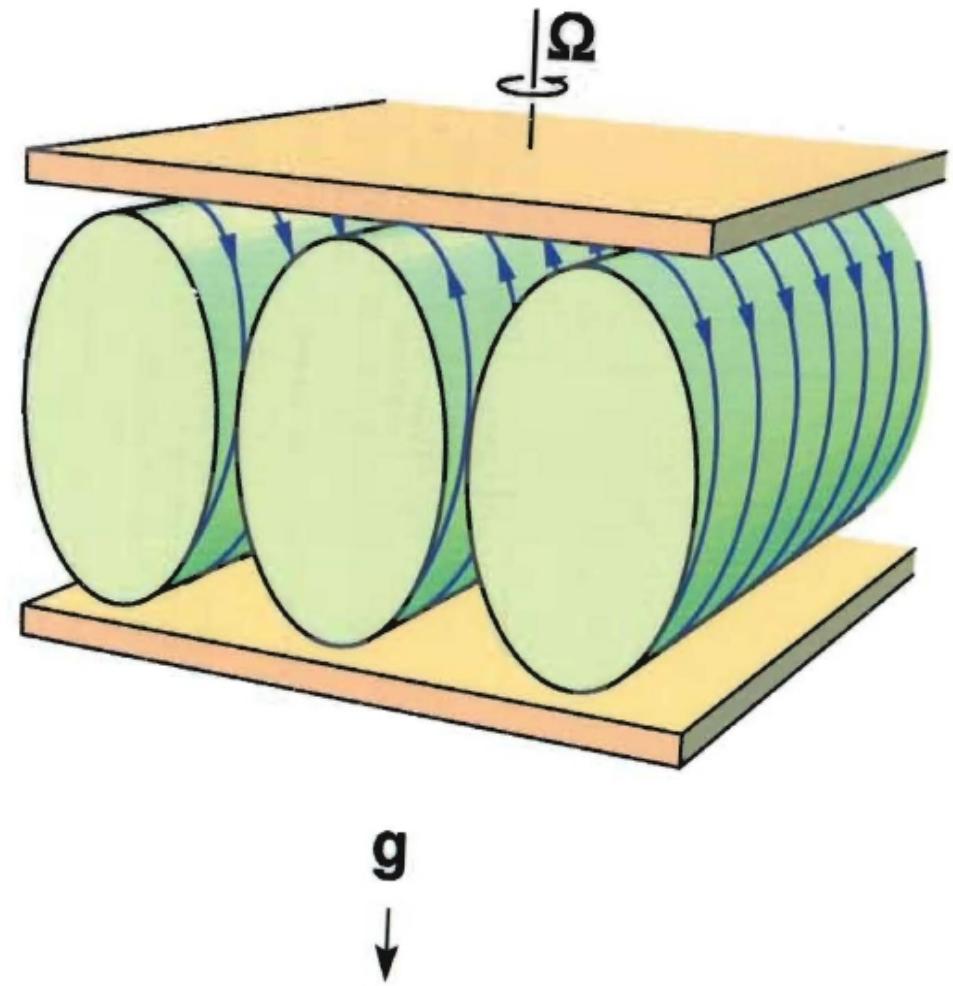
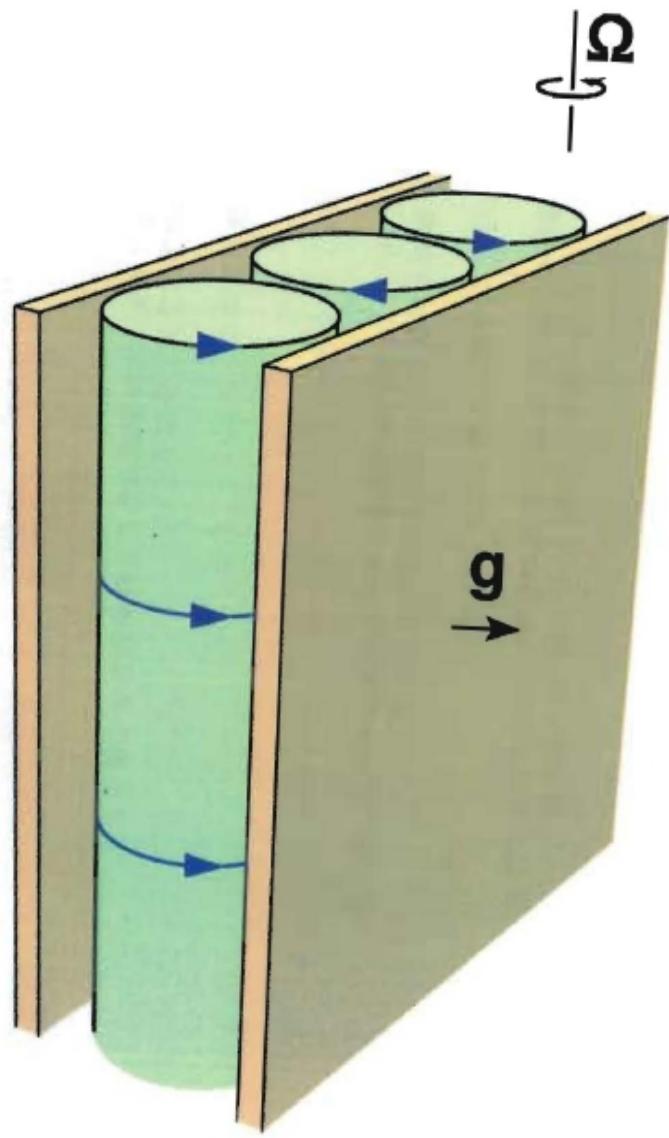
$$\text{at } z = \pm \frac{h}{2}$$

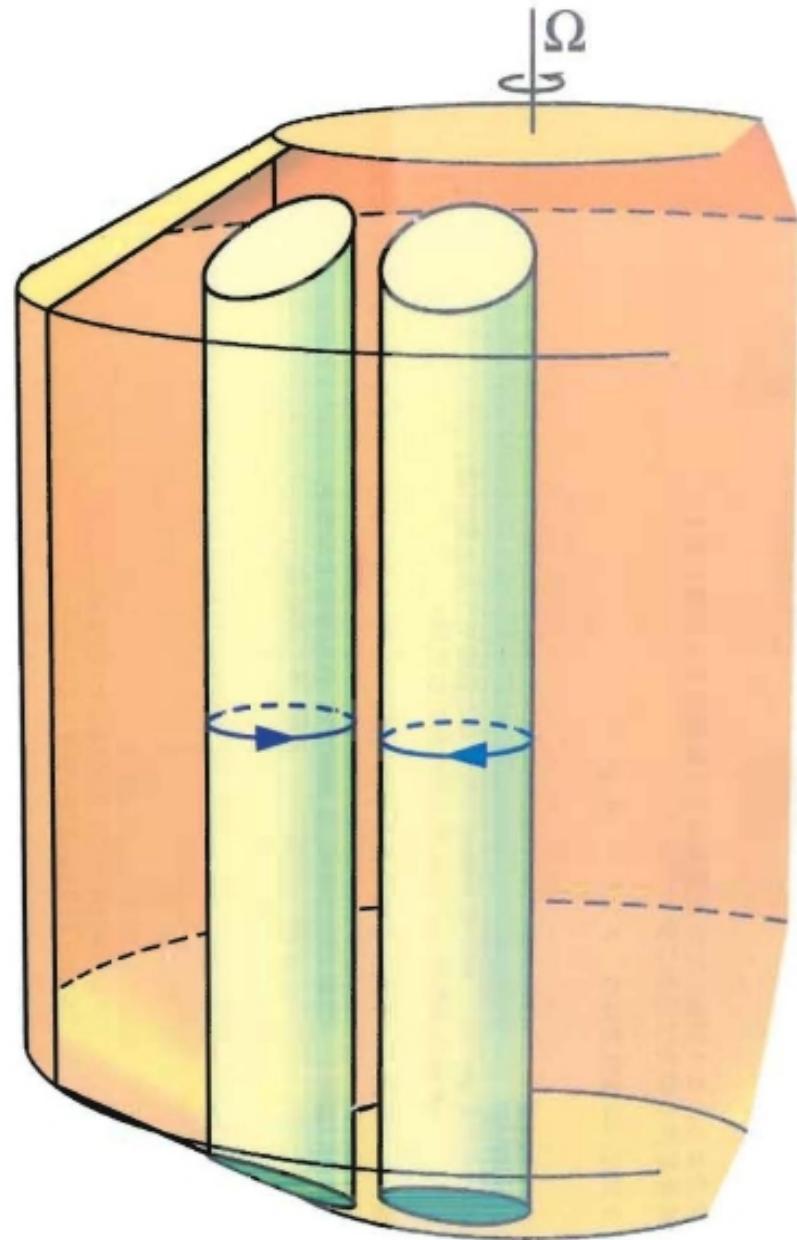
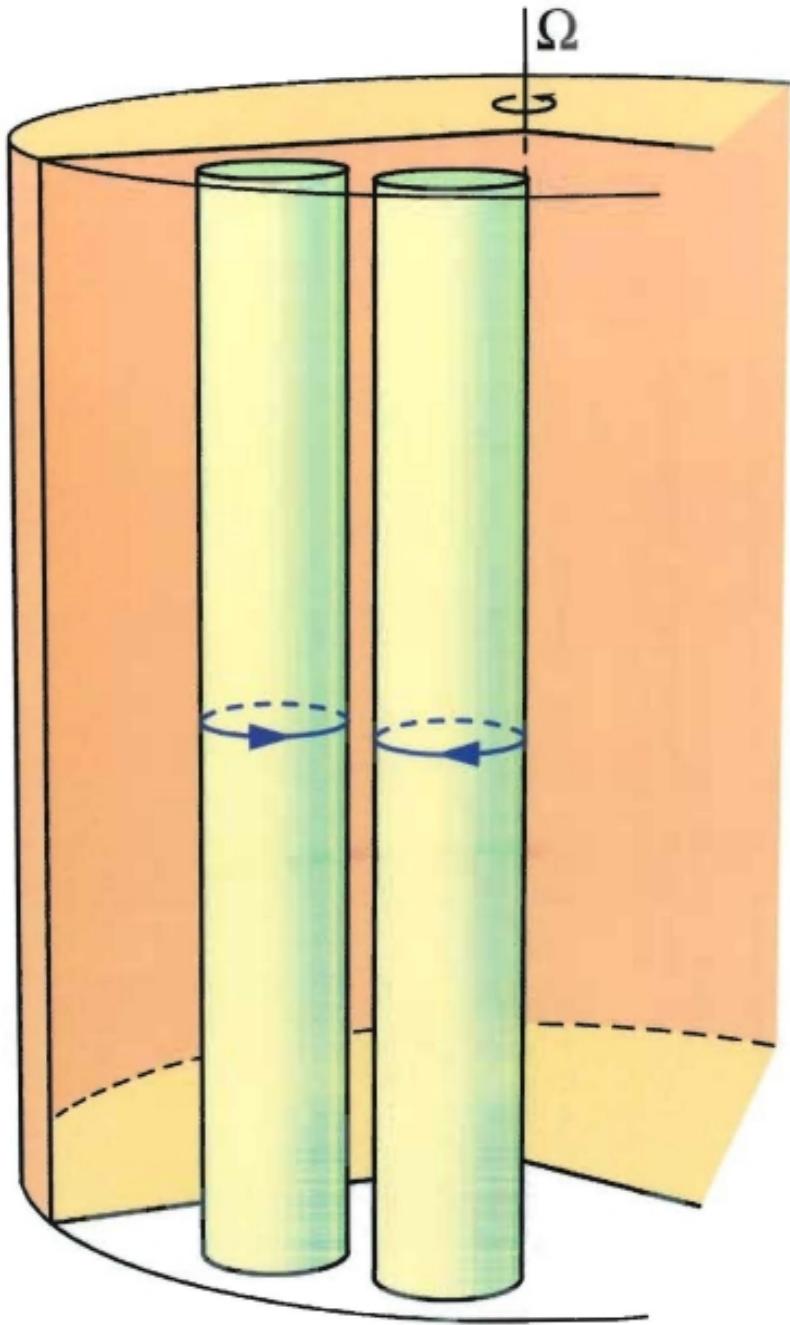
$$\eta_0 = \tan \chi$$

$$-i\omega \Delta_2 \psi + \frac{4\Omega}{h} \eta_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \psi = 0$$

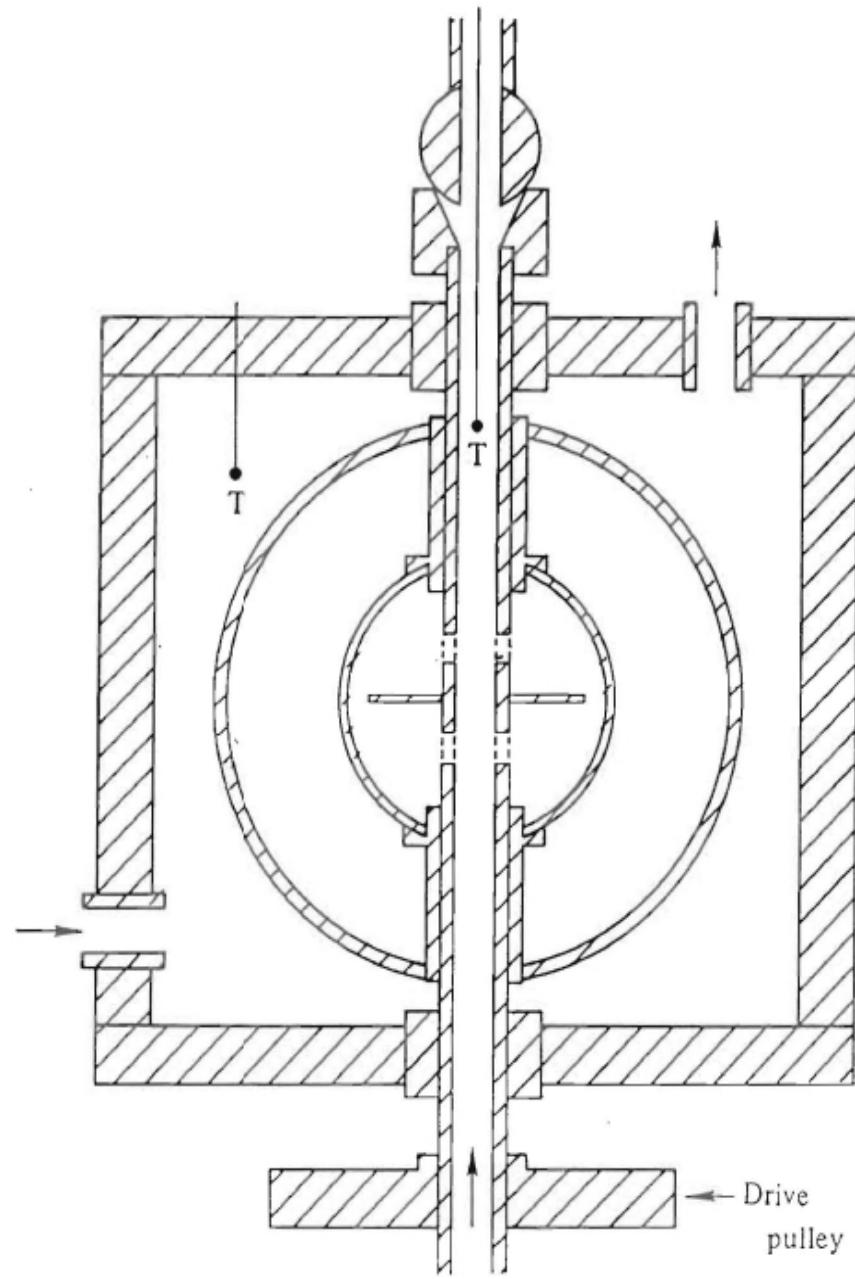
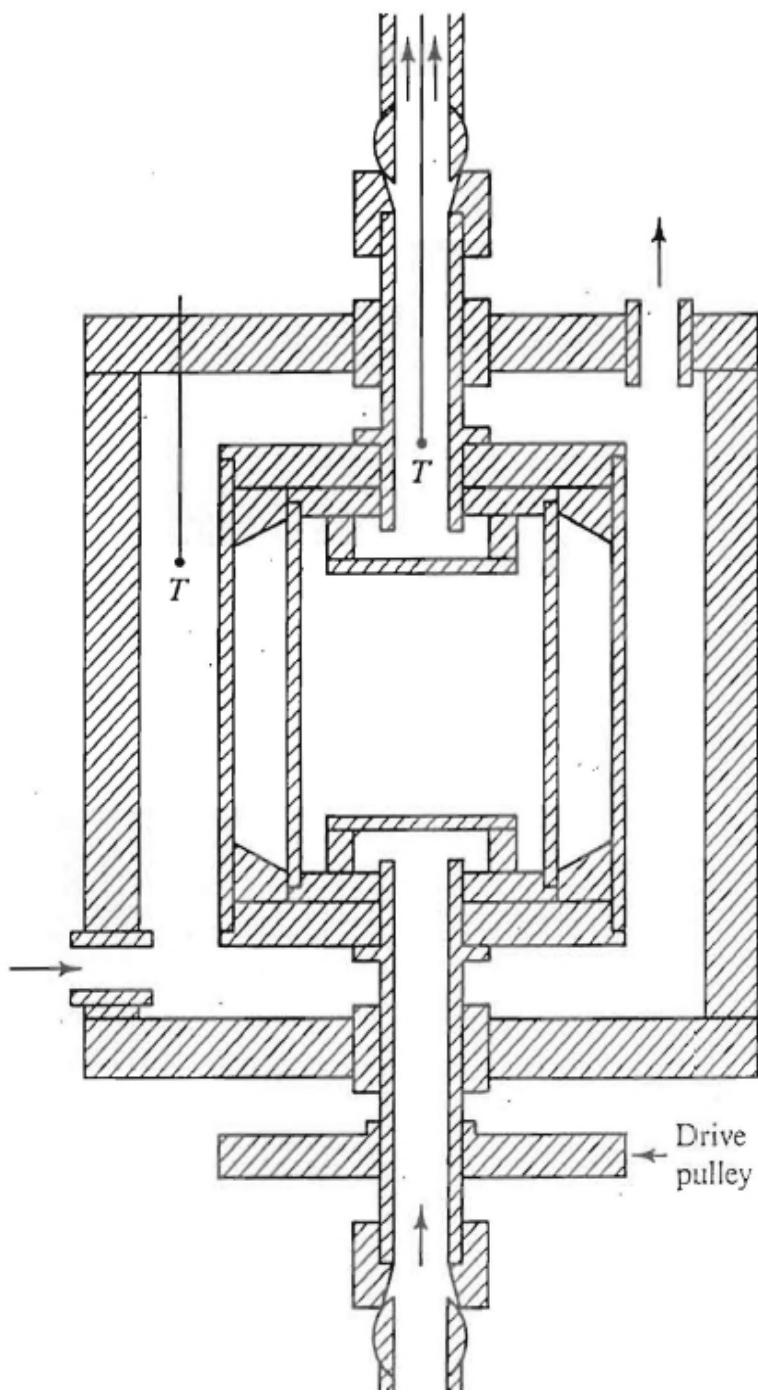
$$\psi(x, y) = \cos \frac{\pi}{\alpha} x \times \exp \{i\alpha y\}$$

$$\omega = -\frac{4\eta_0 \Omega \alpha}{h \left( \frac{\pi^2}{\alpha^2} + \alpha^2 \right)}$$

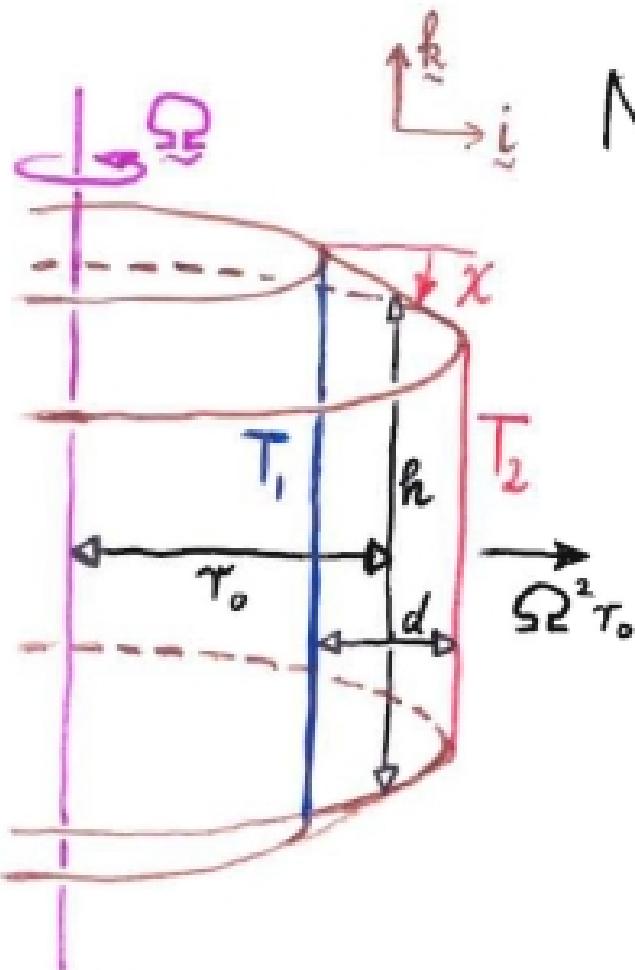








# Buoyancy Effects in the Rotating Cylindrical Annulus



Non-dimensionalisation

length  $d$ , time  $\frac{d^2}{\nu}$ , temperature  $(T_2 - T_1)/\nu$

Basic Equations

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underline{u} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} + 2\Omega \underline{k} \times \underline{u} = -\nabla \Pi - i R \Theta + \nabla^2 \underline{u}$$

$$P \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \Theta = -i \cdot \underline{u} + \nabla^2 \Theta$$

Dimensionless Parameters:  $\Omega = \frac{\Omega_0 d^2}{\nu}$ ,  $R = \frac{\nu(T_2 - T_1)\Omega_0^2 r_0^3}{\nu \sigma e}$ ,  $P = \frac{\nu}{\alpha}$

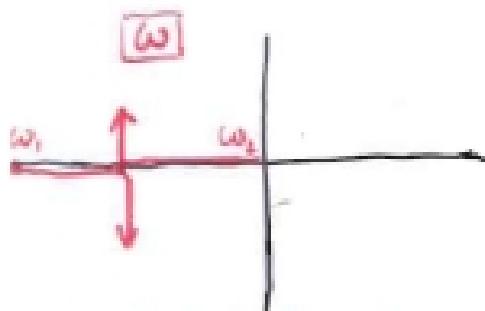
Inviscid linear analysis :  $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \psi(x,y) \times \hat{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\omega t}$ ,  $\Theta = \hat{\Theta} e^{i\omega t}$

$$(-i\omega \Delta_c + \eta^* \frac{\partial}{\partial y}) \psi - R \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{\Theta} = 0 \quad \eta^* = 4\eta_0 \Omega d/k$$

$$iP\omega \hat{\Theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \psi = 0$$

$$\psi = \cos \pi x e^{i\alpha y}$$

$$\hat{\Theta} = -\frac{\alpha}{\omega P} \psi$$



Instability for

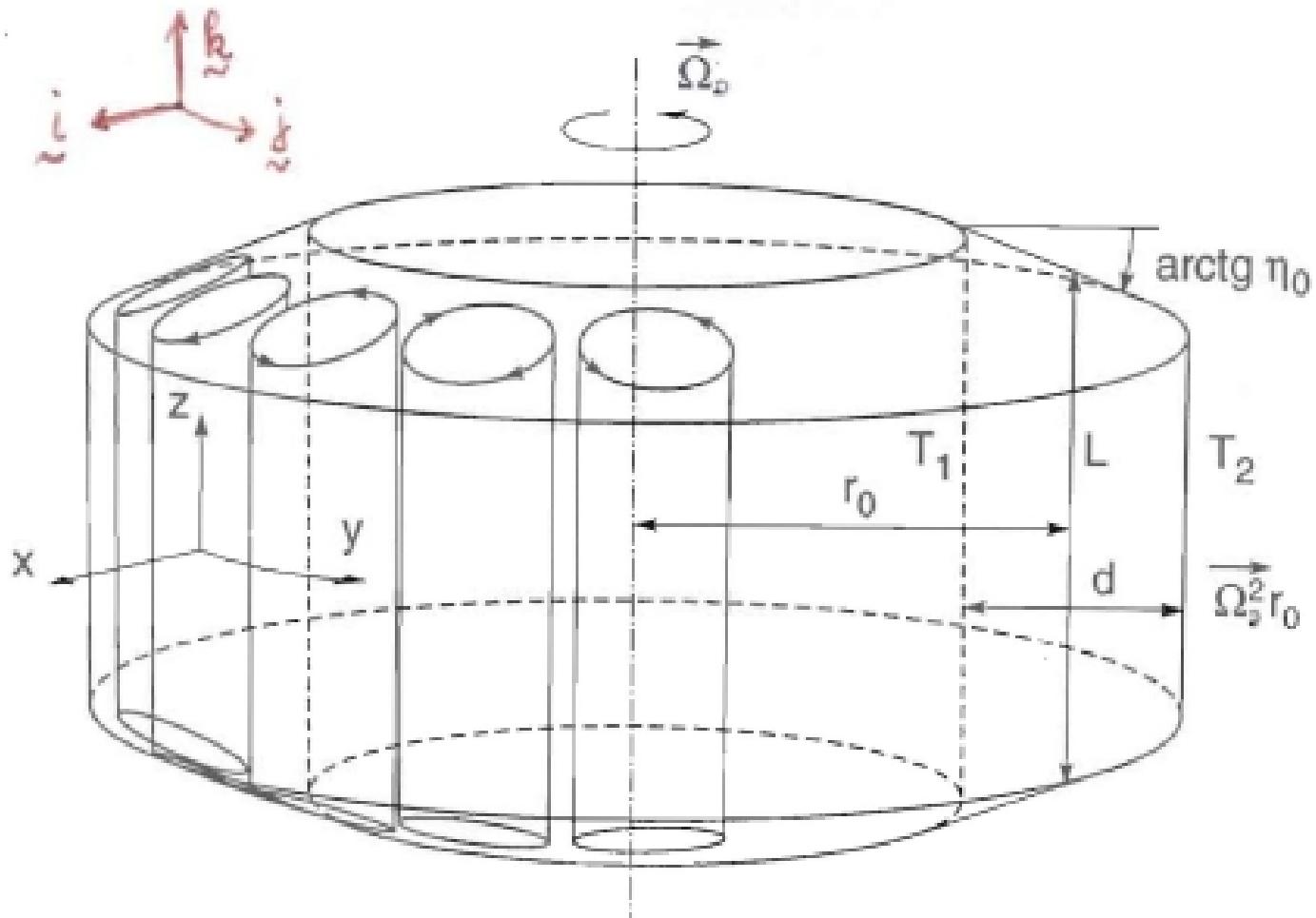
$$R > \frac{\eta^{*2} P}{4(\pi^2 + \alpha^2)}$$

$$P_i \omega (i\omega (\pi^2 + \alpha^2) + i\alpha \eta^*) - R \alpha^2 = 0$$

$$\omega = -\frac{\alpha \eta^*}{2(\pi^2 + \alpha^2)} \pm \sqrt{\frac{(\alpha \eta^*)^2}{4(\pi^2 + \alpha^2)^2} - \frac{R \alpha^2}{P(\pi^2 + \alpha^2)}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= \frac{-\alpha \eta^*}{\pi^2 + \alpha^2} \\ \omega_2 &= -\frac{R \alpha}{\eta^* P} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } R \ll \eta^{*2} P$$

# Convection in a Rotating Cylindrical Annulus



Scales:

length  $d$   
time  $d^2/\gamma$   
temperature  $(T_i - T_b)/P$

$$g = g_0 (1 - \gamma(T - T_b))$$

Basic Equations:  $\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underline{u} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} + 2\Omega \underline{k} \times \underline{u} = -\nabla \pi - iR\vartheta + \nabla^2 \underline{u} \quad \otimes$$

$$P \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \vartheta = -i \cdot \underline{u} + \nabla^2 \vartheta$$

Dimensionless Parameters:  $\Omega \equiv \frac{\Omega_D d^2}{\nu}$ ,  $R \equiv \frac{\gamma(T_i - T_r) \Omega_D^2 \tau_o d^3}{\nu k}$ ,  $P \equiv \frac{\gamma}{\nu}$

Boundary Conditions:  $u_z \pm \eta_0 u_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vartheta = 0$  at  $z = \pm \frac{L}{2d}$ ,  $u_x = \vartheta = 0$  at  $x = \pm \frac{L}{2}$

Quasi-geostrophic Balance:  $2\Omega \underline{k} \times \underline{u} \approx -\nabla \pi \Rightarrow \underline{u} = \nabla \psi(x, y, t) \times \underline{k} +$

Operation  $-\overline{\underline{k} \cdot \nabla \times \otimes}^2$  yields:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Delta_2 \psi + \overline{\underline{u} \cdot \nabla \Delta_2 \psi} + \frac{2\Omega d}{L} u_z \Big|_{z=\pm \frac{L}{2d}} = R \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{\vartheta} + \Delta_2^2 \psi$   
 where  $\Delta_2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$

Two-dimensional  
Problem:  $\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right] \Delta_2 \psi - \overline{\eta^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \psi - \Delta_2^2 \psi = -R \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vartheta$

with  $\eta^* \equiv \frac{4\eta_0 \Omega d}{L}$

$$P \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right] \vartheta + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \psi - \Delta_2 \vartheta = 0$$

# Linear Analysis

Solution for  $\varepsilon=0$ :

$$\Psi_0 = \sin \pi(x + \frac{z}{L}) \exp\{i\alpha y + i\omega t\}, \quad \mathcal{G}_0 = \frac{-i\omega \Psi_0}{P_i \omega + \pi^2 + \alpha^2}$$

Condition for  $R_0, \omega$ :  $[P_i \omega + \alpha^2 + \pi^2] \left\{ (i\omega + \pi^2 + \alpha^2)(\pi^2 + \alpha^2) + i\alpha y^* \right\} - R_0 \alpha^2 = 0$

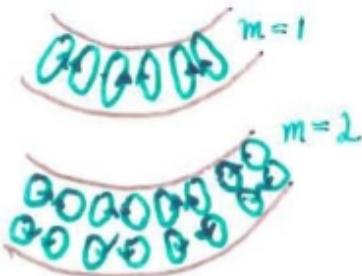
$$\Rightarrow \omega = \frac{-\alpha y^*}{(1+P)(\pi^2 + \alpha^2)}, \quad R_0 = \frac{(\pi^2 + \alpha^2)^3}{\alpha^2} + \frac{(y^* P)^2}{(1+P)} (\pi^2 + \alpha^2)^{-1}$$

Minimisation of  $R_0(\alpha)$  for  $y^* \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\alpha_c = \left[ \frac{y^* P}{\sqrt{2}(1+P)} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad R_c = 3\alpha_c^4$

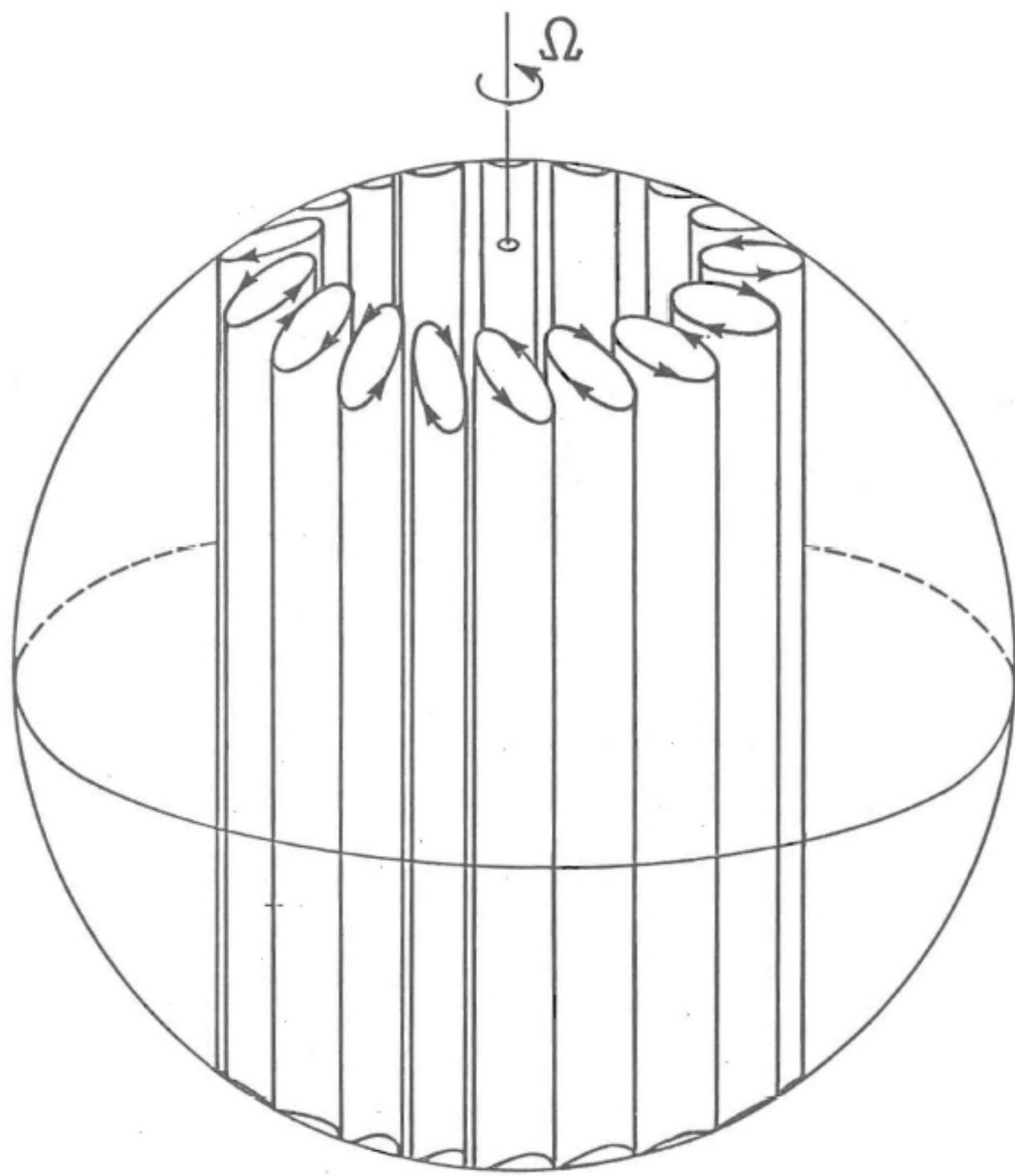
$\Rightarrow$  Onset of convection independent of  $D$  for given temperature gradient!

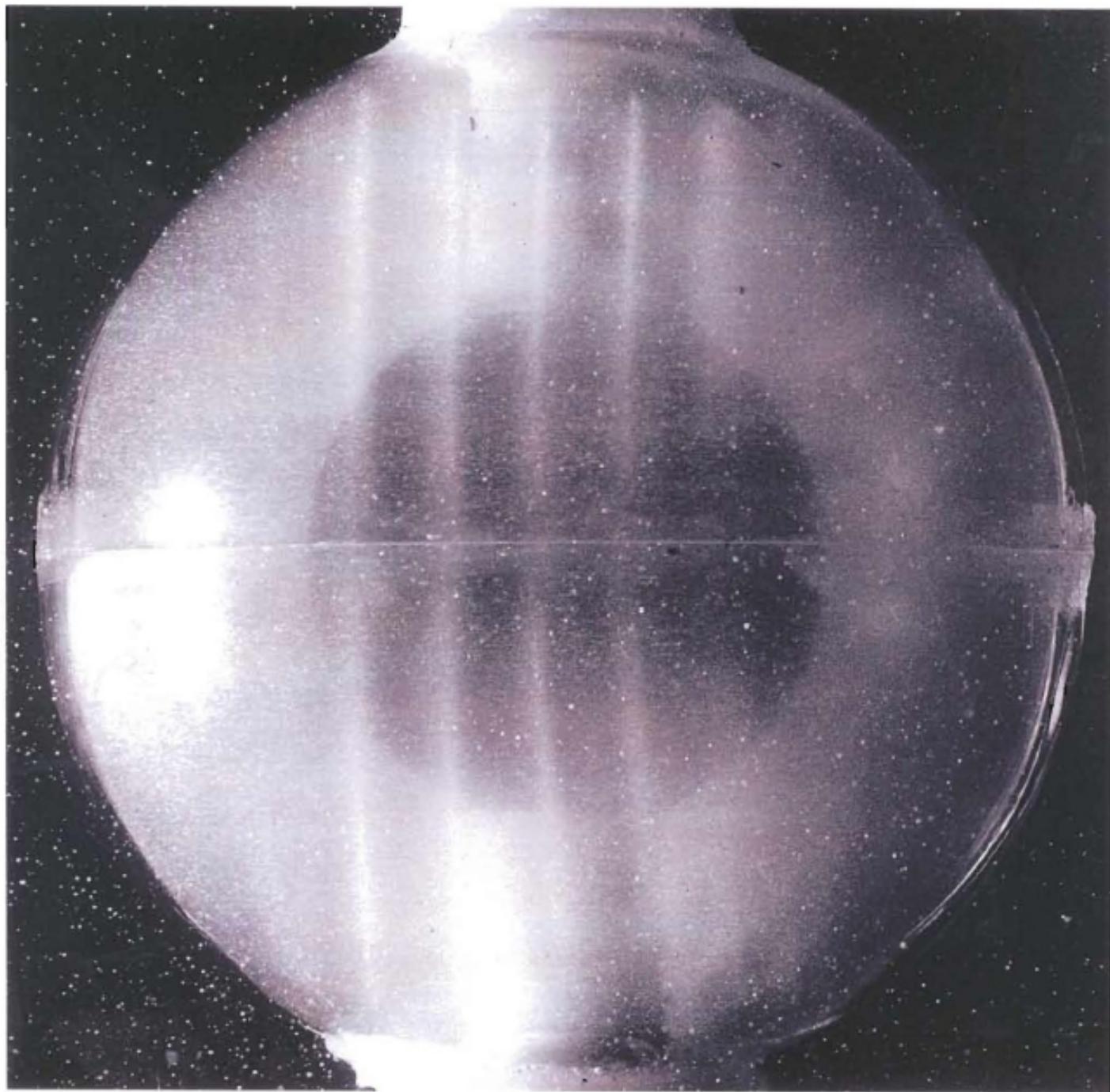
$$g \frac{T_e - T_i}{D \alpha \nu} g = 3 \left( \frac{\alpha_c}{D} \right)^4 = 3 \left( \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_c} \right)^4 \quad (\Rightarrow \text{Application to sphere!})$$

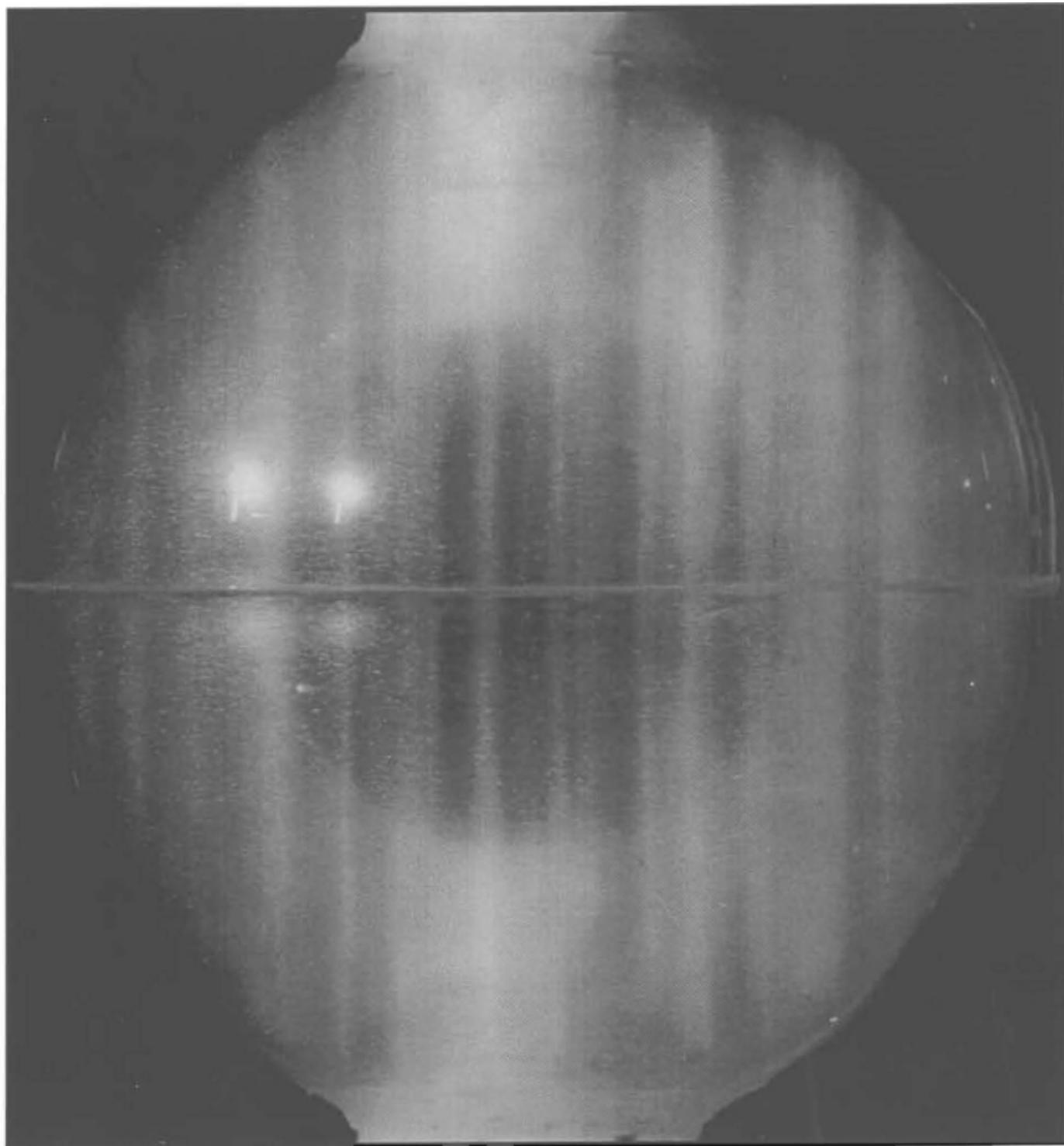
$\Rightarrow$  Modes with  $\Psi_0 = \sin m \pi(x + \frac{z}{L}) \exp\{i\alpha y + i\omega t\}$  have nearly the same critical Rayleigh number for  $y^* \rightarrow \infty$ .

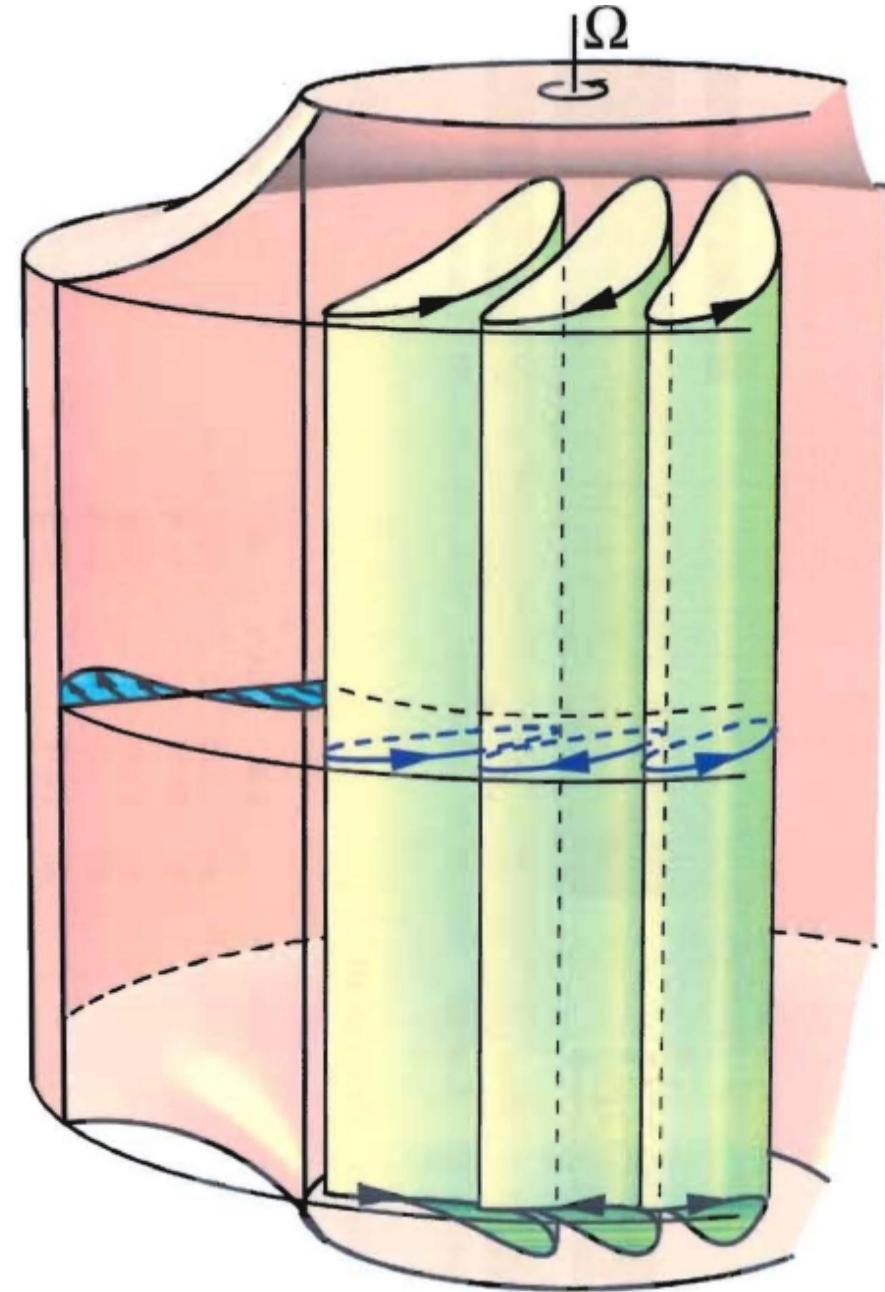
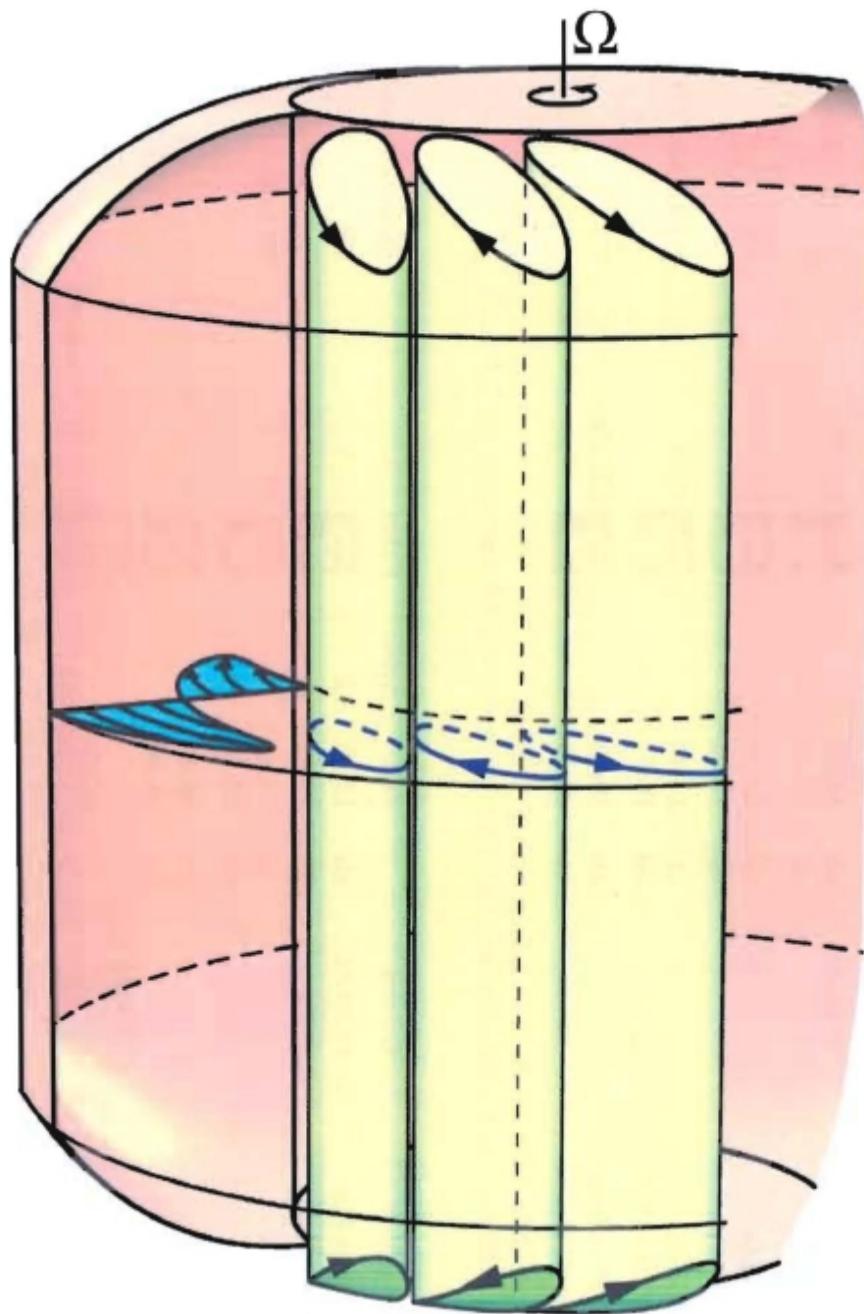


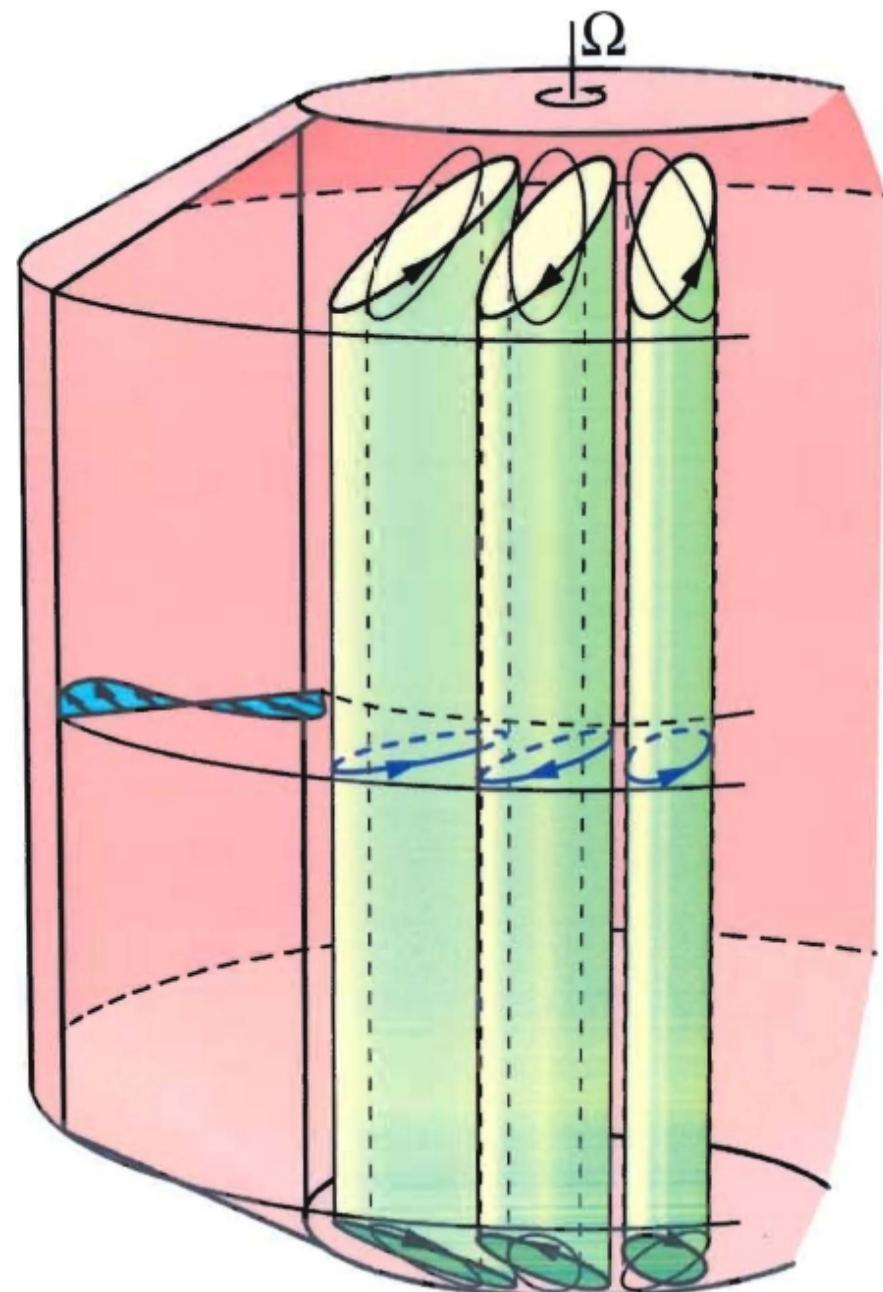
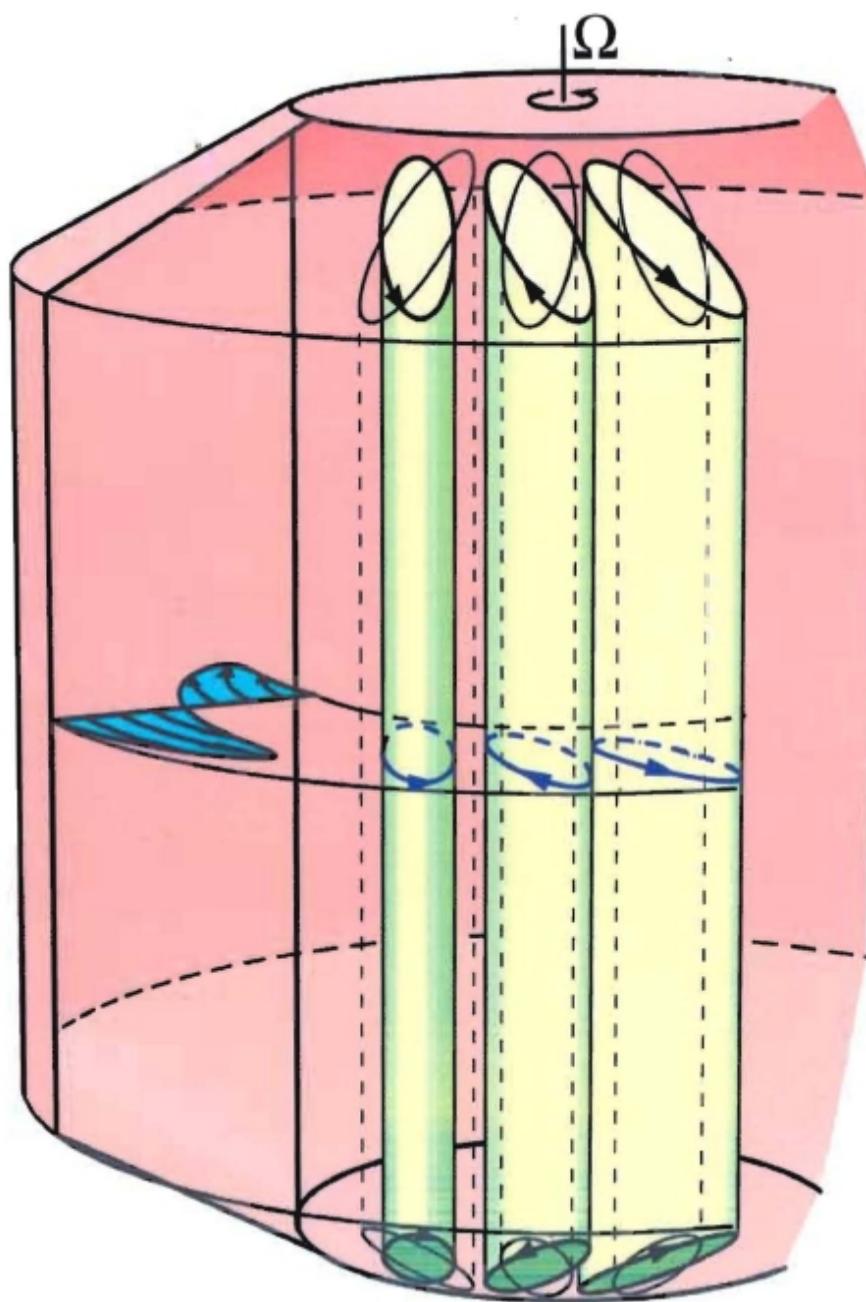
$$R_{mc} = 3\alpha_c^4 \left( 1 + \frac{m^2 \pi^2}{\alpha_c^2} + \dots \right) \quad \text{for } m=1, 2, 3, \dots$$



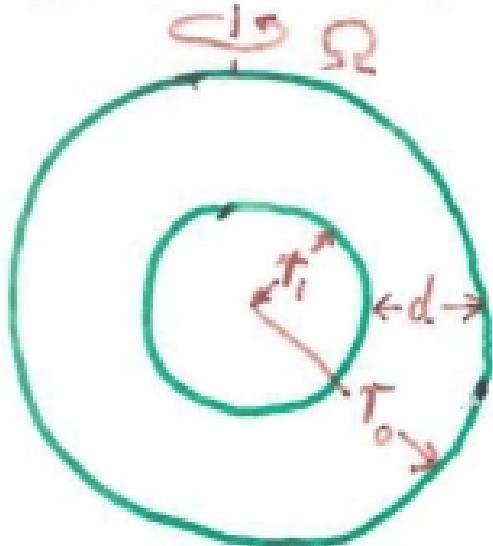








# Convection in Rotating Spherical Shells



$$\text{Basic State: } T_s = T_0 - \frac{1}{2} \hat{r}^2 \beta$$

$$\mathbf{g} = -\gamma \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$S = S_0 (1 - \alpha_c (T - T_0))$$

$$\text{Scaling: } [d], \left[ \frac{d^2}{\nu} \right], \left[ \frac{\beta d^2 \nu}{\kappa} \right]$$

Basic Equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underline{u} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} + \tau \underline{k} \times \underline{u} = -\nabla \pi + \underline{\Gamma} R \underline{\theta} + \nabla^2 \underline{u}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \theta + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \theta \right) P = \underline{\Gamma} \cdot \underline{u} + \nabla^2 \theta$$

Representation:  $\underline{u} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{r} \Phi) + \nabla \Psi \times \underline{r}$

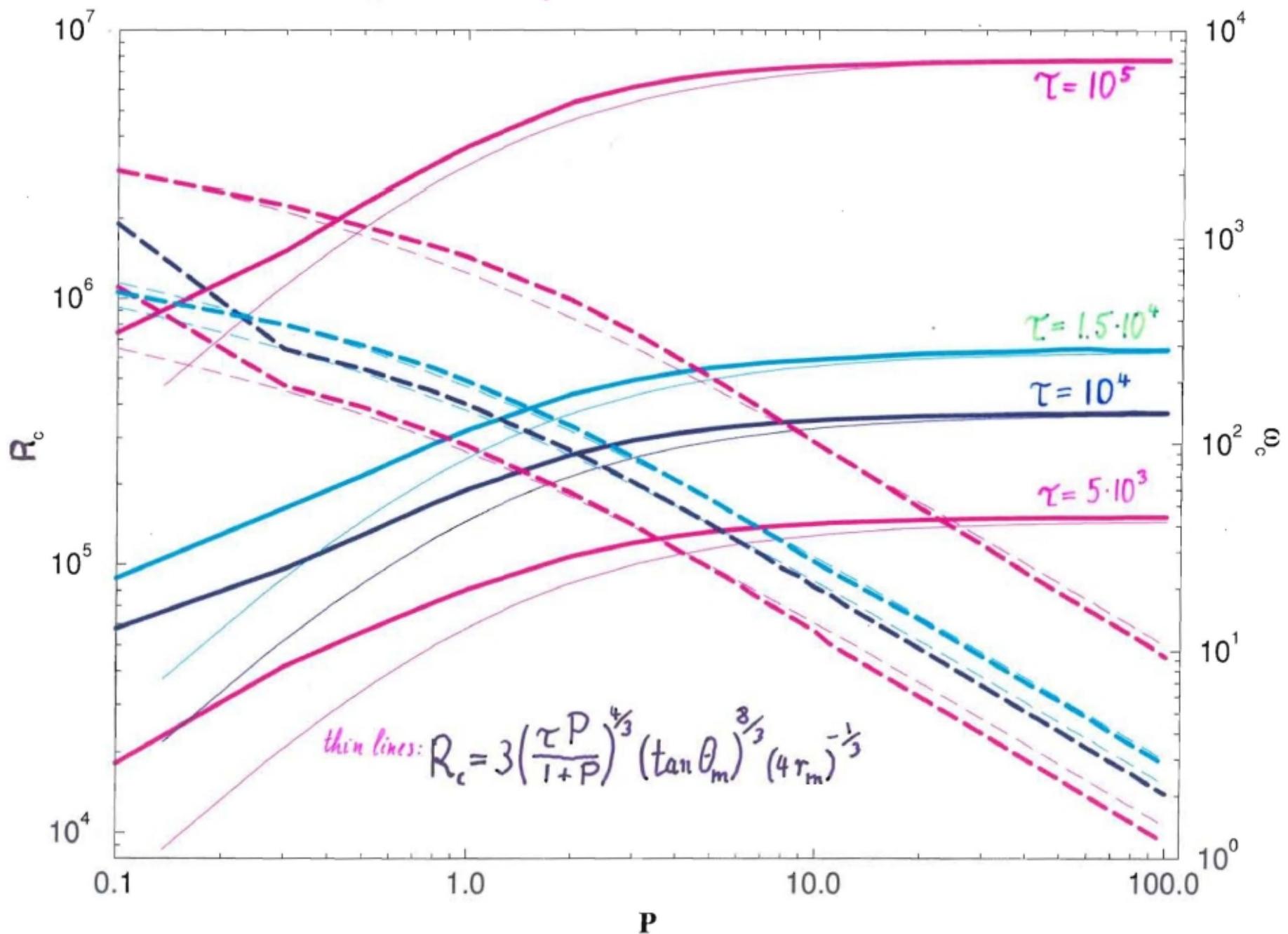
$$\left. \begin{aligned} & \left[ (\nabla^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) L_2 + \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial \Psi} \right] \nabla^2 \Phi + \tau Q \Psi - R L_2 \Theta = - \underline{r} \cdot \nabla \times (\nabla \times (\underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u})) \\ & \left[ (\nabla^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) L_2 + \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial \Psi} \right] \Psi - \tau Q \Phi = \underline{r} \cdot \nabla \times (\underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u}) \\ & (\nabla^2 - P \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) \Theta + L_2 \Phi = P (\underline{u} \cdot \nabla \Theta) \end{aligned} \right\} \otimes$$

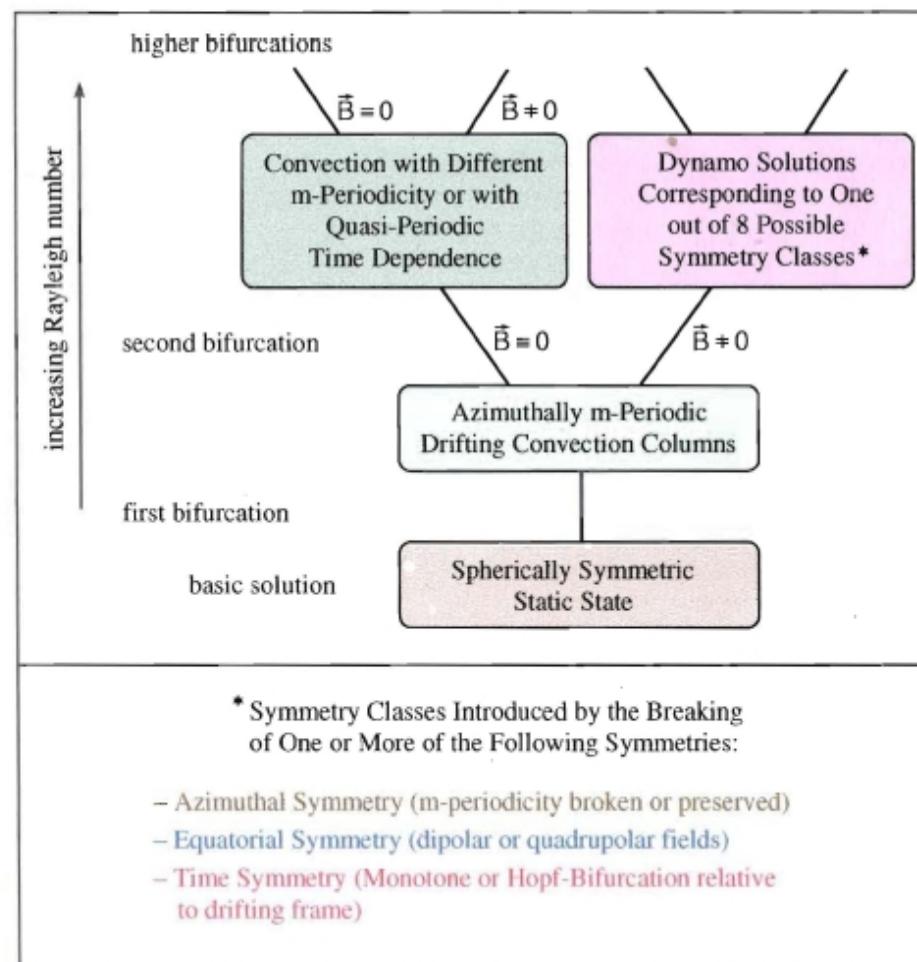
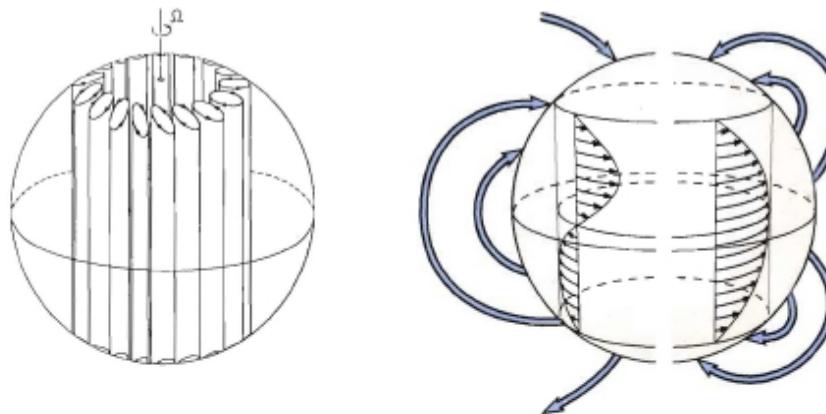
$$L_2 \equiv r \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \underline{r} - \underline{r} \nabla^2, \quad Q \equiv \underline{k} \cdot \nabla - \frac{1}{2} (L_2 \underline{k} \cdot \nabla + \underline{k} \cdot \nabla L_2)$$

Stress-free, isothermal boundaries:  $\Phi = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \Phi = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\Psi}{r} = \Theta = 0$  at  $r = r_{i,o}$

Dimensionless parameters:  $R = \frac{\alpha_i \gamma \beta d^6}{\nu \kappa c}$ ,  $\tau = \frac{2 \Omega d^2}{\nu}$ ,  $P = \frac{\nu}{\kappa}$

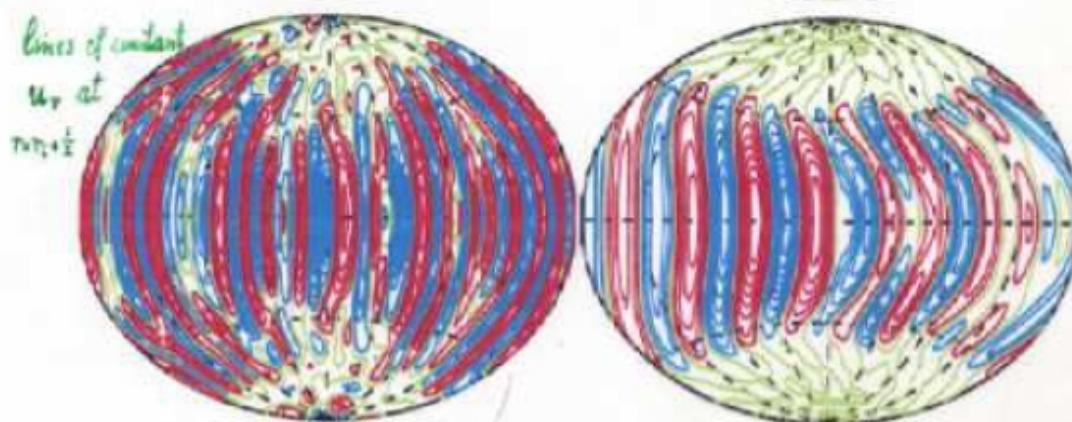
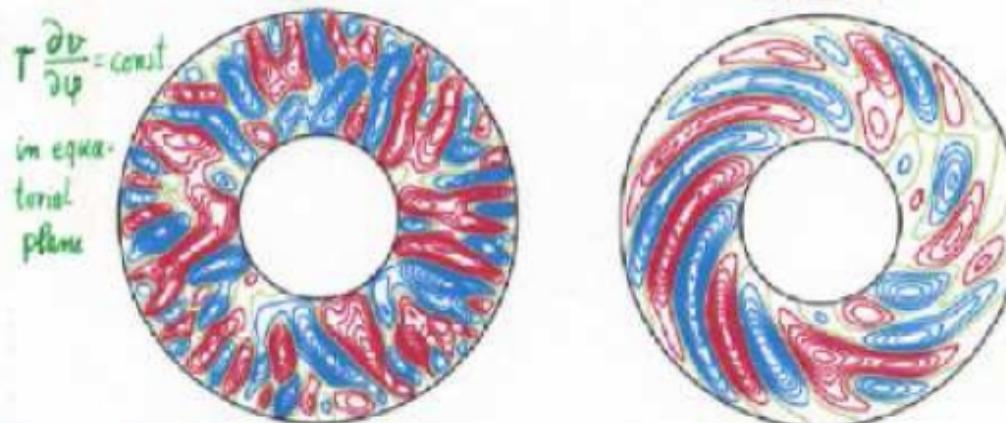
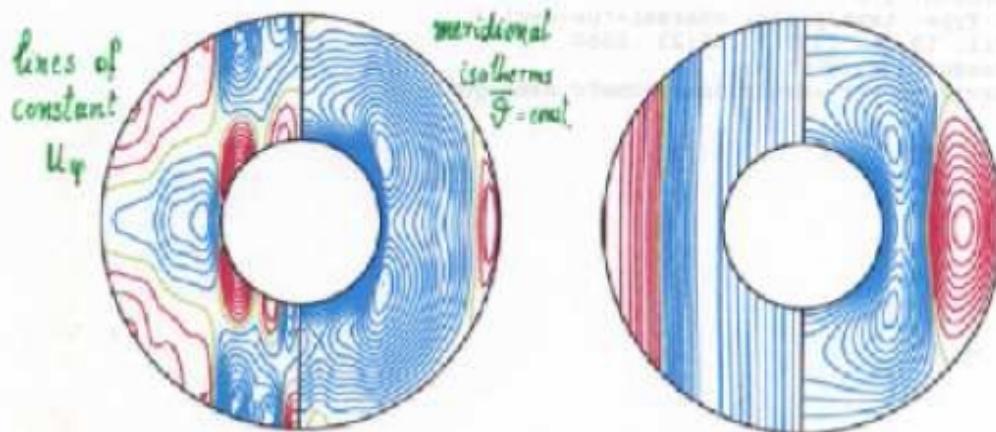
Rayleigh number  $R_c$  and frequency  $\omega_c$  for onset of convection in rotating spherical fluid shells with  $\eta=0.4$

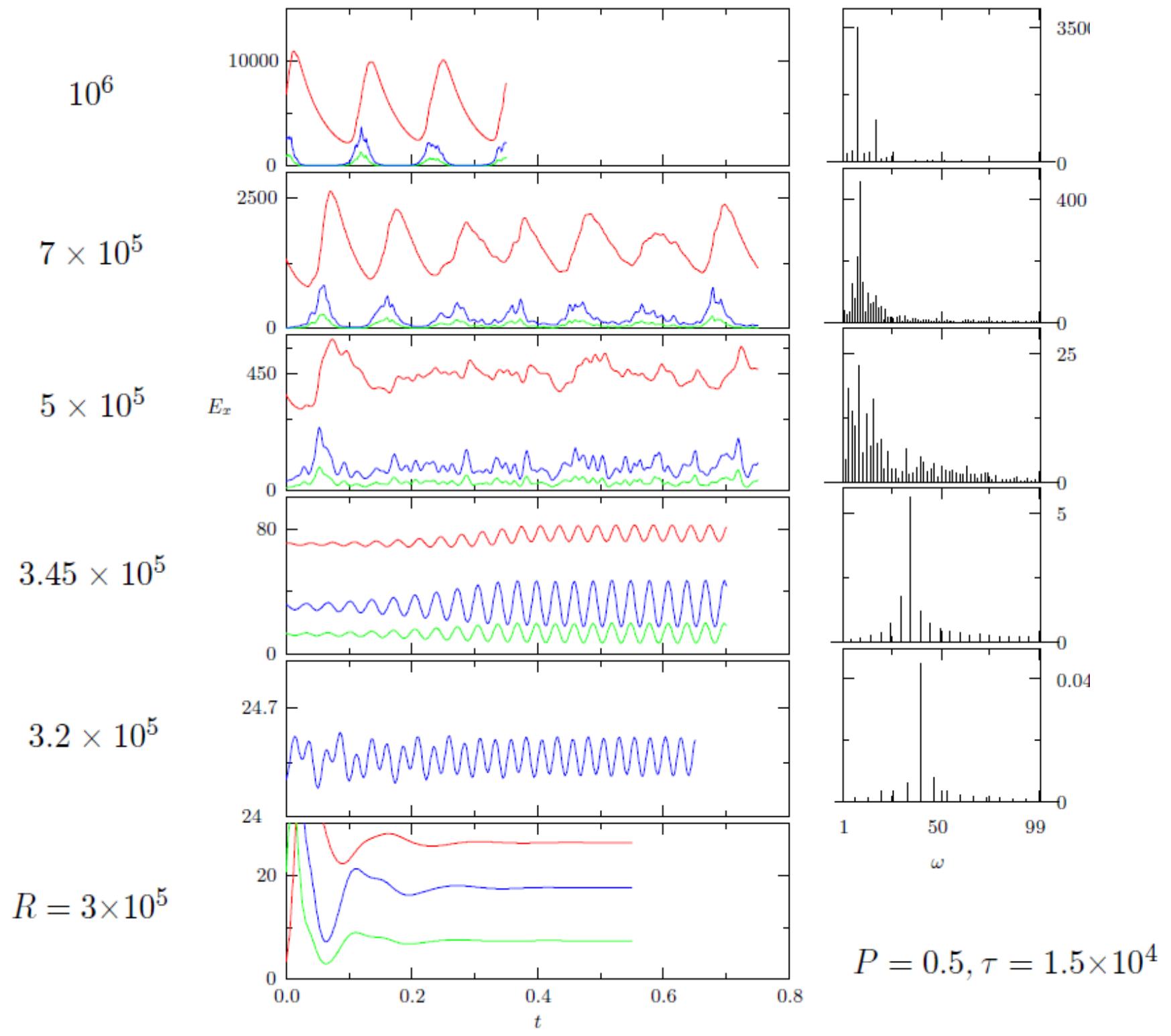




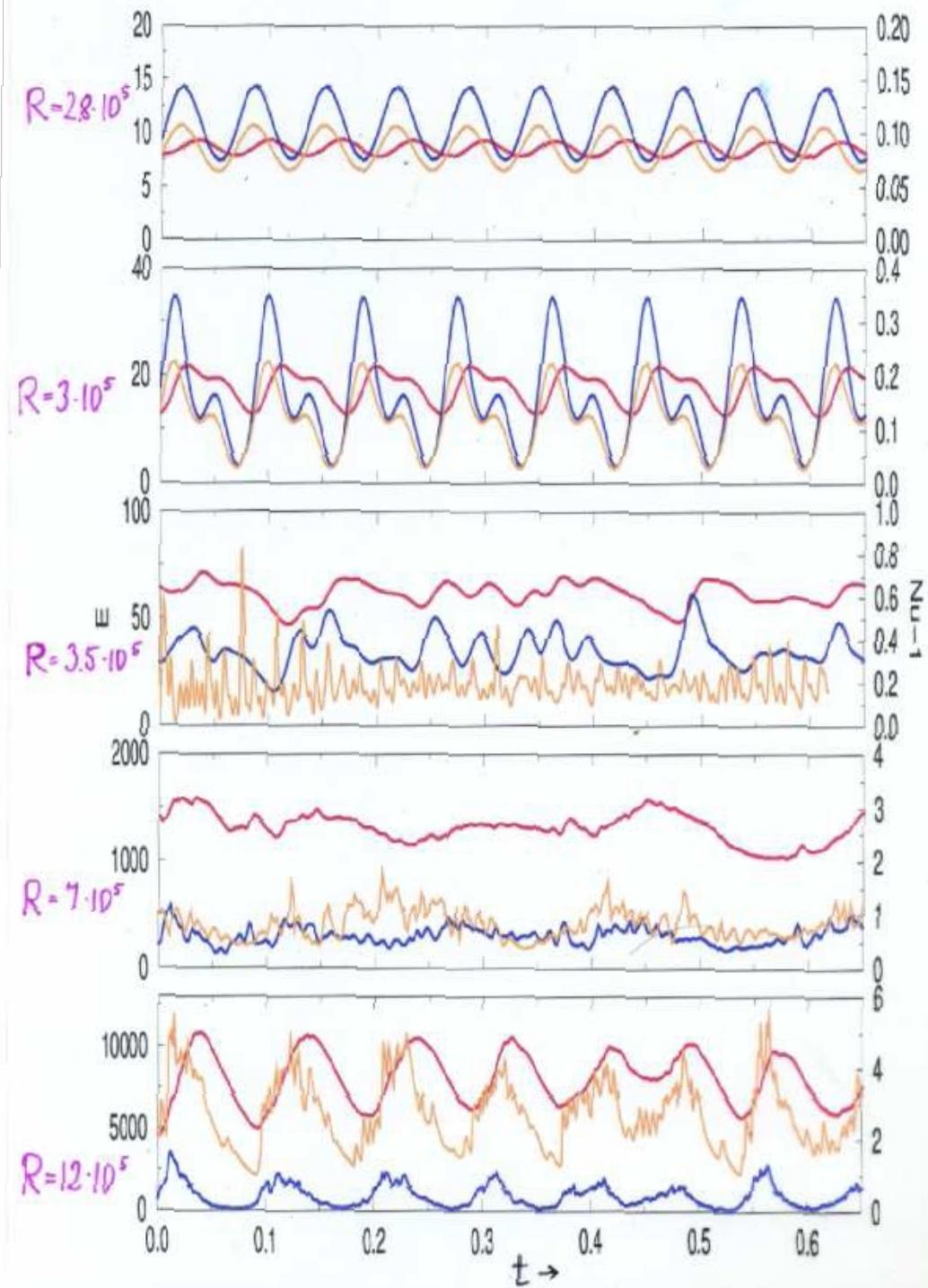
# Thermal Convection in Spherical Fluid Shells

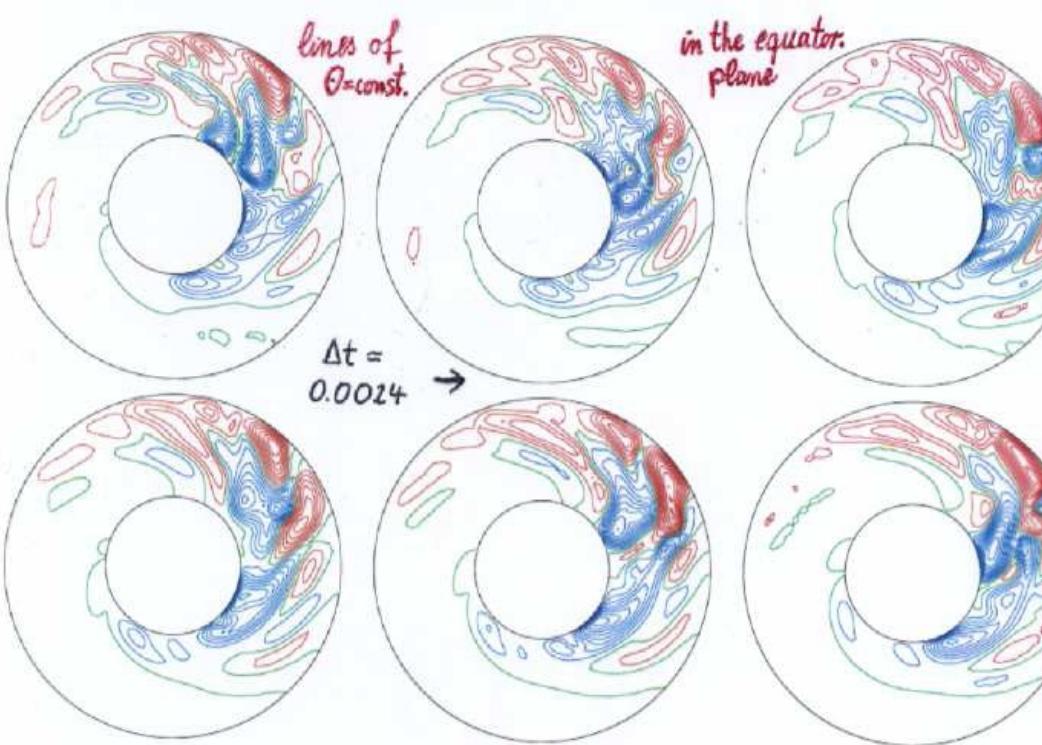
$$P=15, \tau=5 \cdot 10^3, R=8 \cdot 10^5 \quad P=1, \tau=10^4, R=4 \cdot 10^5$$



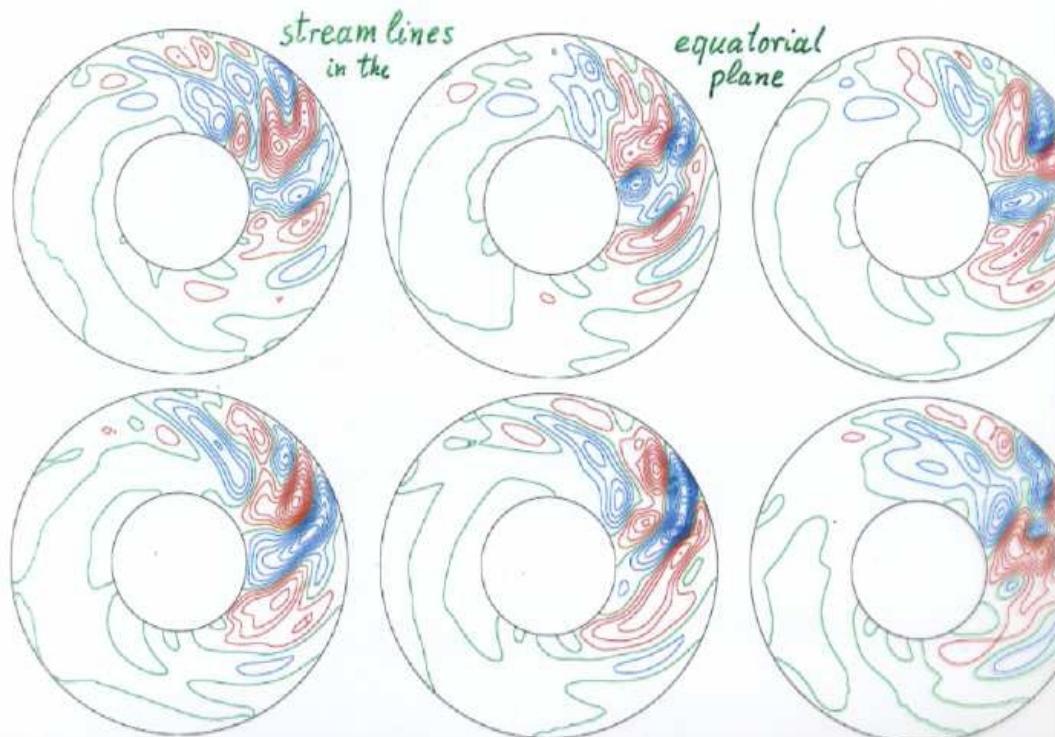


Time Series for Convection with  $\tau = 10^4$ ,  $P = 1$ ,  $\gamma = 0.4$

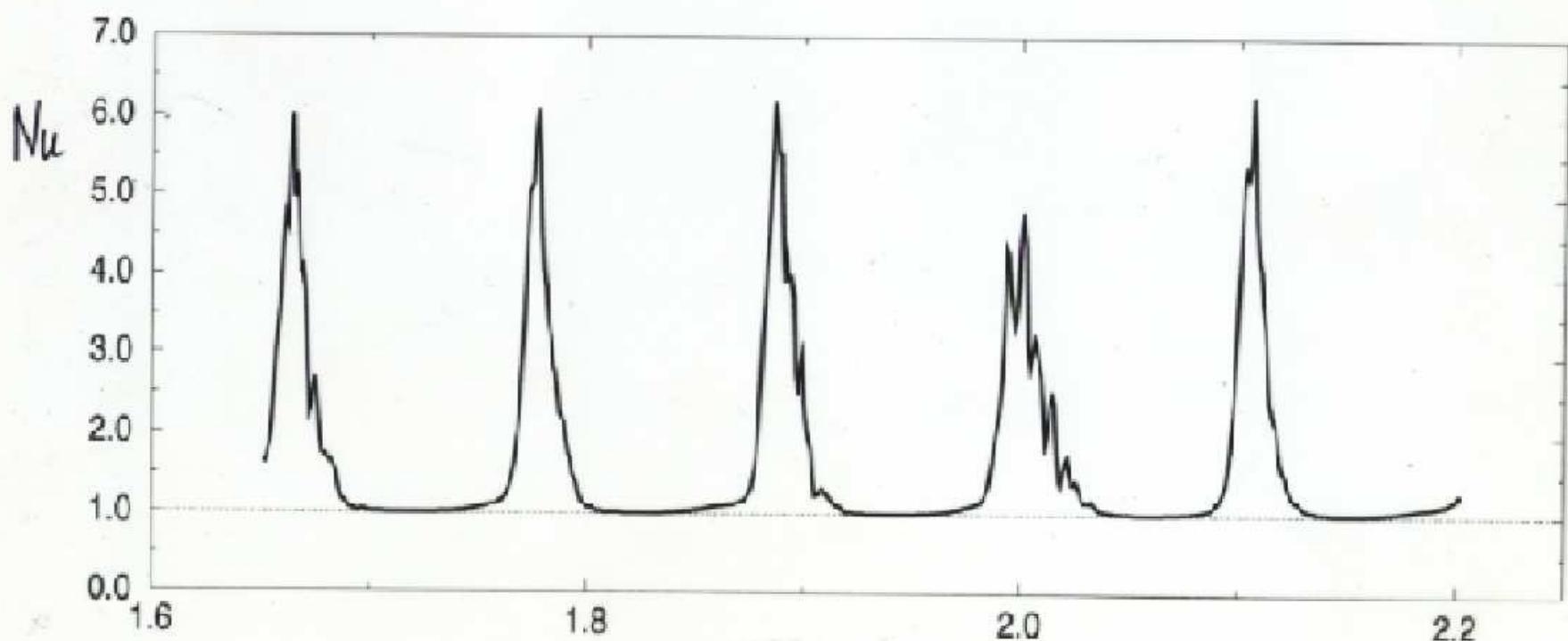
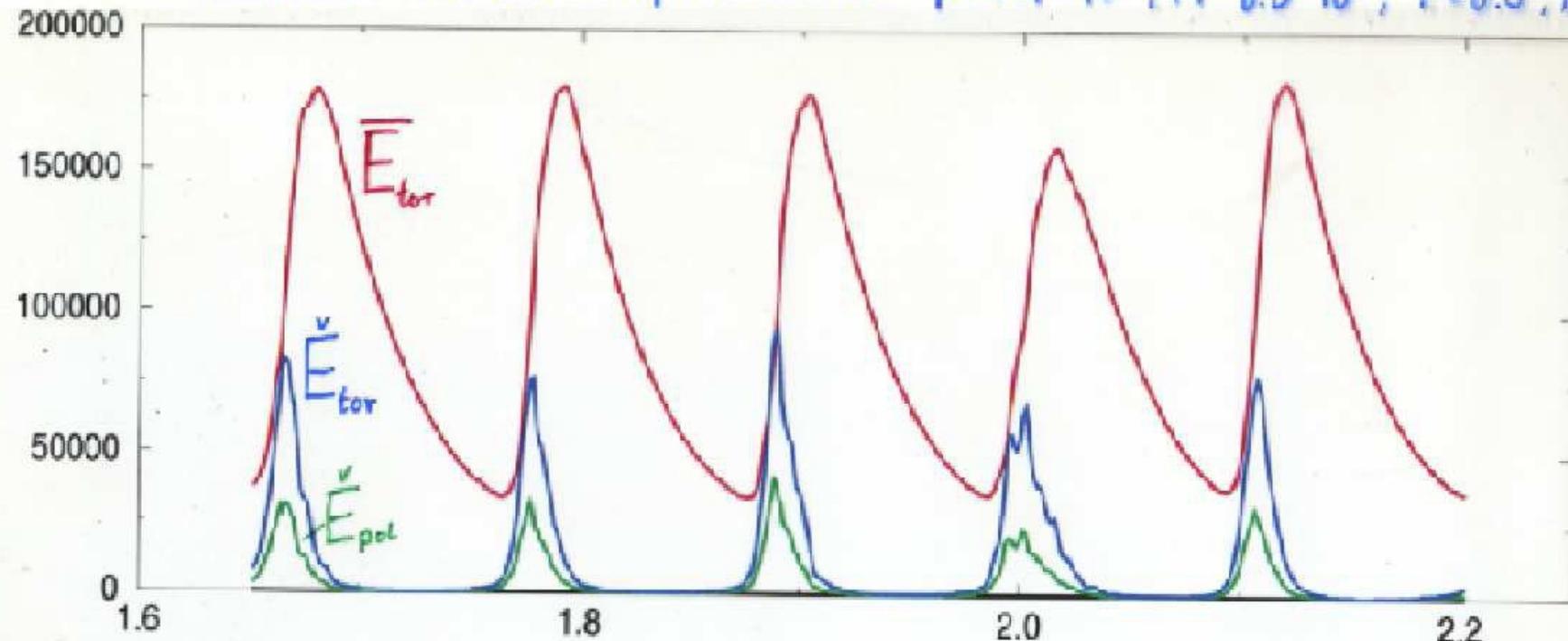


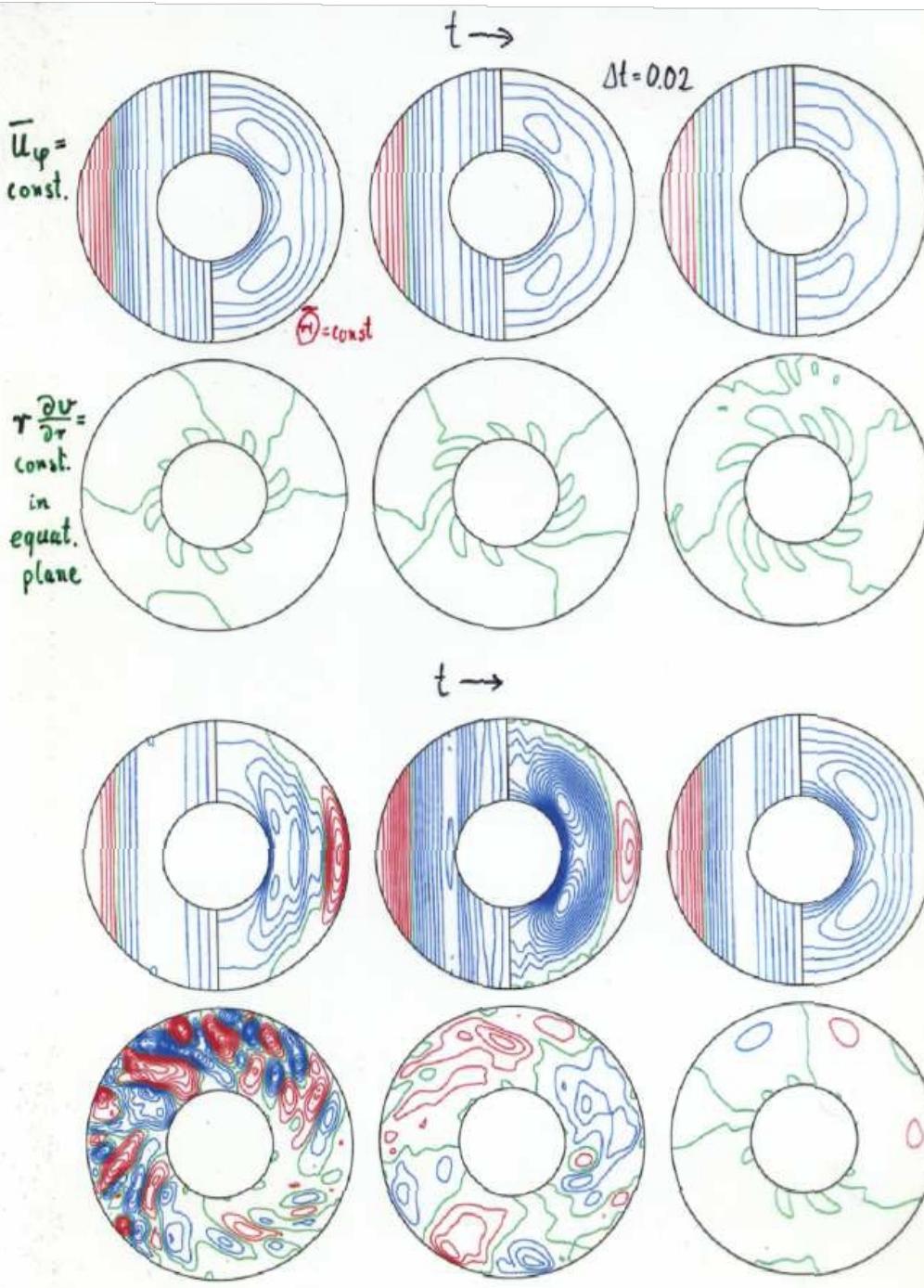


Localized convection for  $\tau = 10^4$ ,  $R = 7.5 \cdot 10^5$ ,  $P = 1$



Relaxation Oscillation of Convection for  $\tau^2 T = 10^8$ ,  $R = 6.5 \cdot 10^5$ ,  $P = 0.5$ ,  $m_1 = 1$



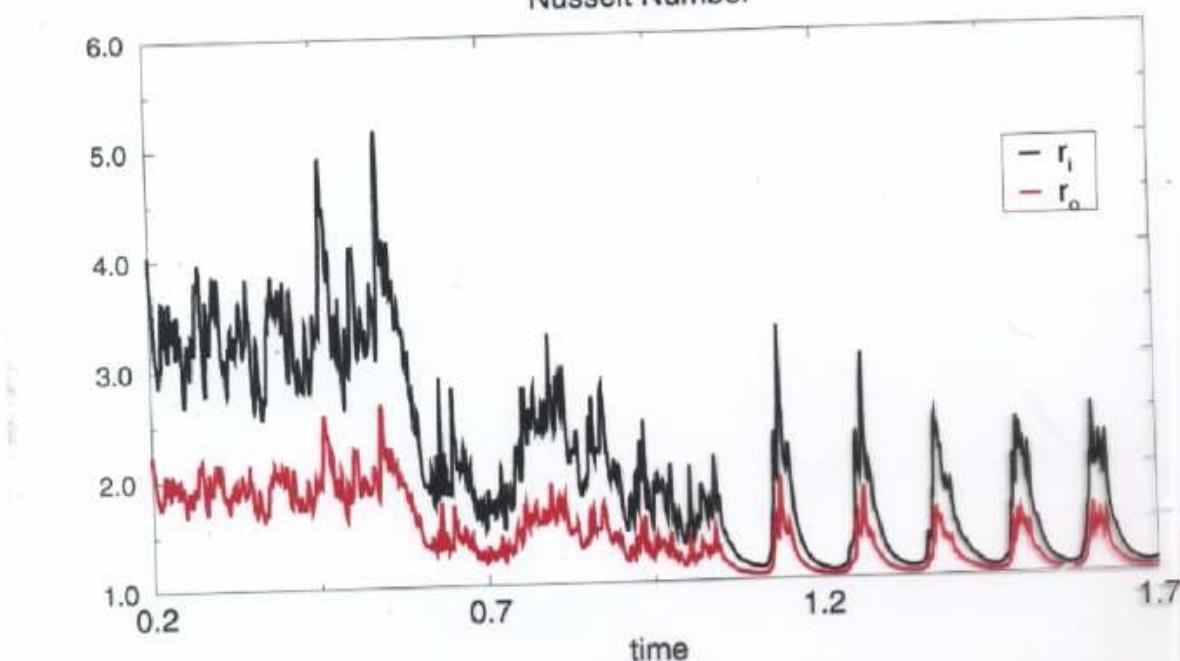
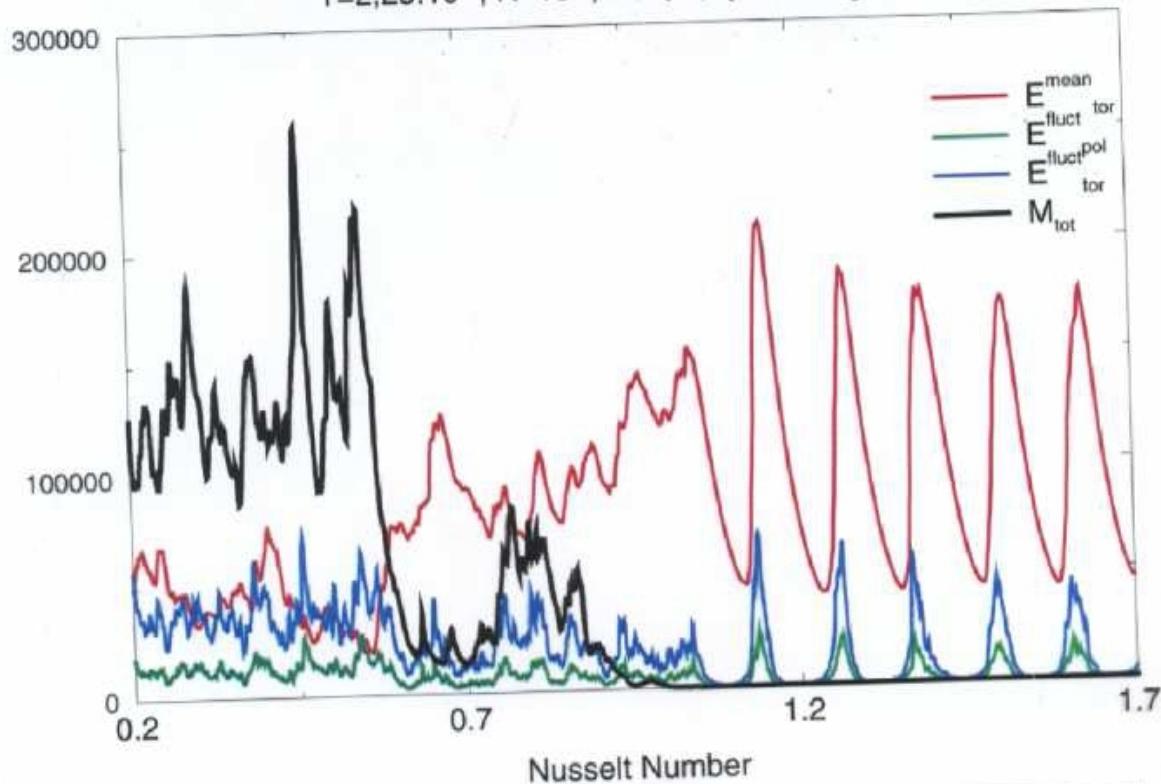


Relaxation Oscillation of Convection

$$T = 2.25 \cdot 10^8, R = 1.2 \cdot 10^6, P = 0.5$$

# Resumption of Relaxation Oscillation after Decay of Magnetic Field

$T=2,25 \cdot 10^8$  ;  $R=10^6$  ;  $P=0,5$  ;  $\eta=0,4$  ;  $m_0=1$



# Generation of Magnetic Fields by Convection in Rotating Spherical Fluid Shells

Basic Equations: Equation of Motion:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla\right) \underline{u} + 2\Omega \times \underline{u} = -\nabla \pi - \alpha_t \Theta g + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{u} + \frac{1}{\rho \mu} (\nabla \times \underline{B}) \times \underline{B}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{u} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{v}) + \nabla \times \underline{r} w$$

Energy equation:

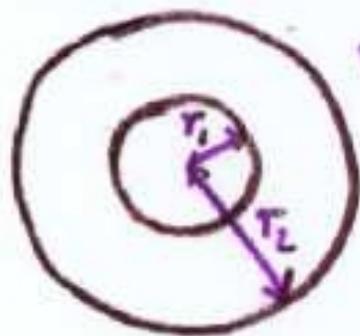
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla\right) \Theta + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla (T_s - T_{is}) = \kappa \nabla^2 \Theta$$

Induction equation:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla\right) \underline{B} - \lambda \nabla^2 \underline{B} = \underline{B} \cdot \nabla \underline{u}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{B} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{h}) + \nabla \times \underline{r} g$$

$$\text{Basic State : } T_s - T_{is} = T_0 - \frac{1}{2} \beta r^2$$



$$n = \frac{T_1}{T_2} \quad \underline{\underline{g}} = -\hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\gamma}{r_2}$$

Dimensionless Description with  
 $[r_o - r_i], \left[ \frac{(r_o - r_i)^2}{\nu} \right], [\beta r_o^2], \left[ \sqrt{g \mu} \frac{r_o - r_i}{\nu} \right]$

Boundary Conditions:  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial r_i} = v = \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \frac{w}{r} = \theta = g = 0$  at  $r = r_i$ ,

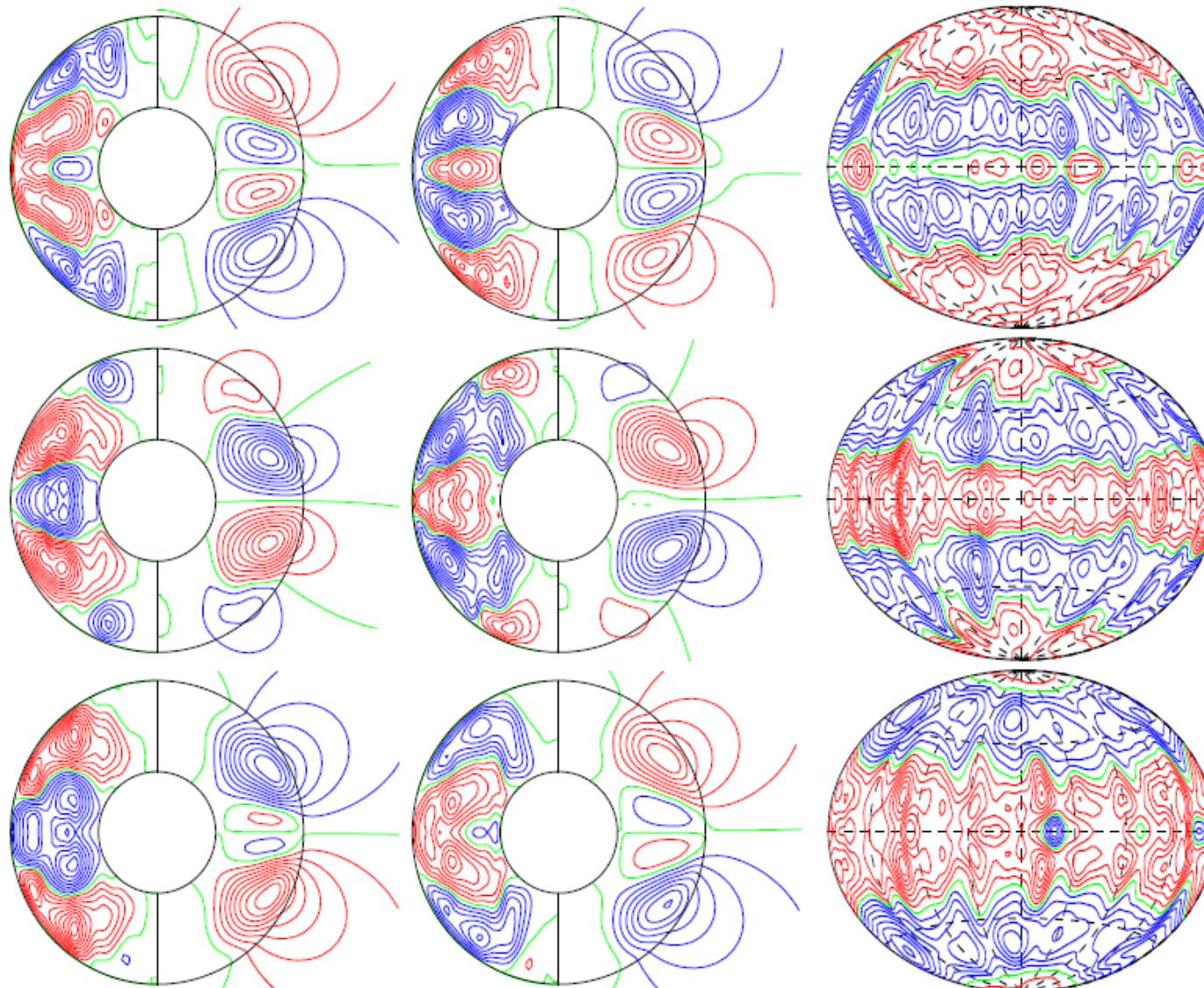
$$h = \sum_e h_e Y_e(\vartheta, \varphi) : \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial r} h_e = \begin{cases} -(l+1)/r_0 \cdot h_e & \text{at } r = r_0 = \frac{l}{1-p} \\ l/r_i \cdot h_e & \text{at } r = r_i = \frac{\pi}{1-p} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Dimensionless Parameters: } R \equiv \frac{\alpha_i \hat{\beta} (r_o - r_i)^5}{\nu \sigma e}, \quad \tau \equiv \frac{2 \Omega (r_o - r_i)^2}{\nu} T$$

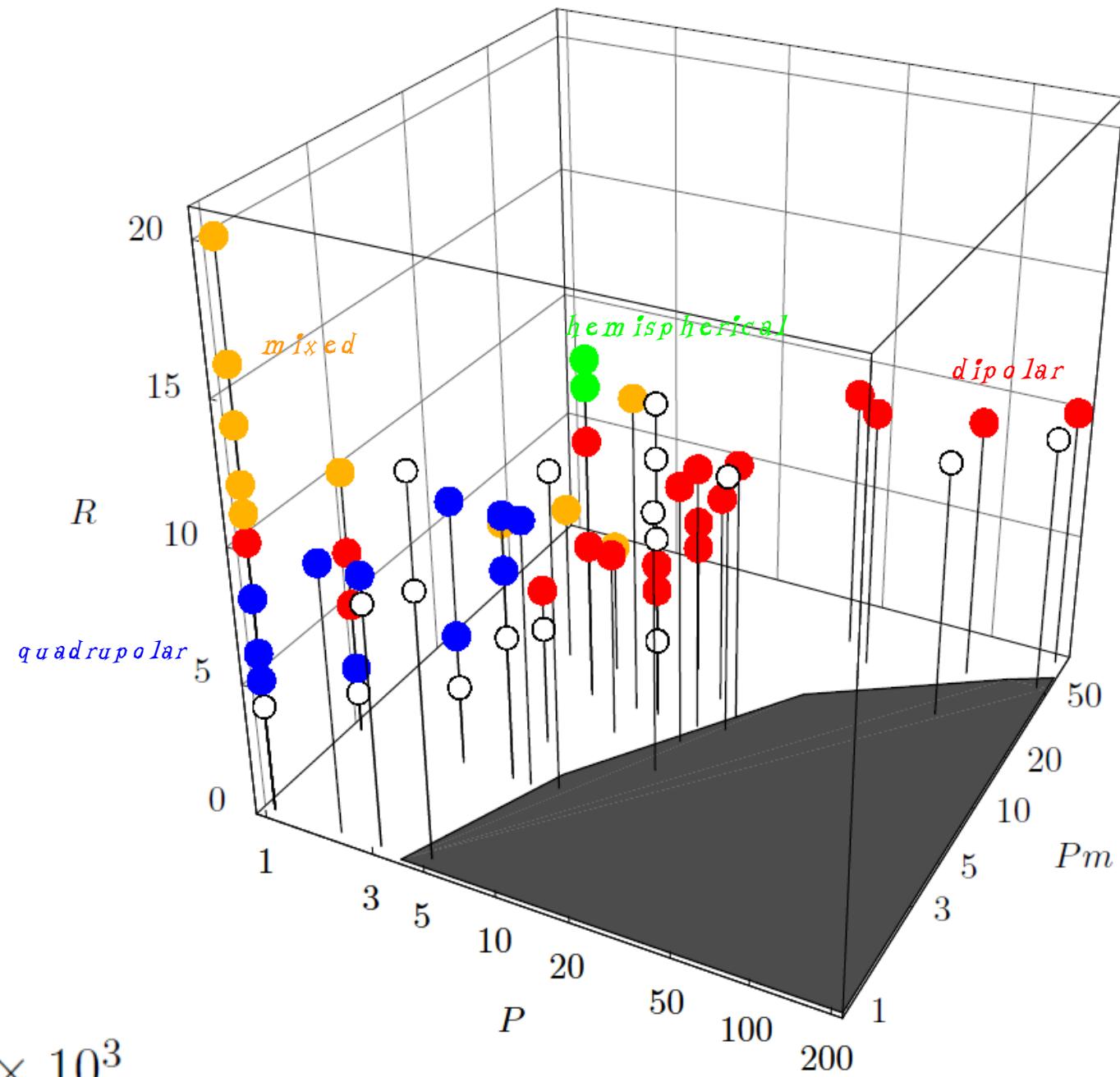
$$P \equiv \frac{\nu}{\sigma e}, \quad P_m \equiv \frac{\nu}{\lambda}$$

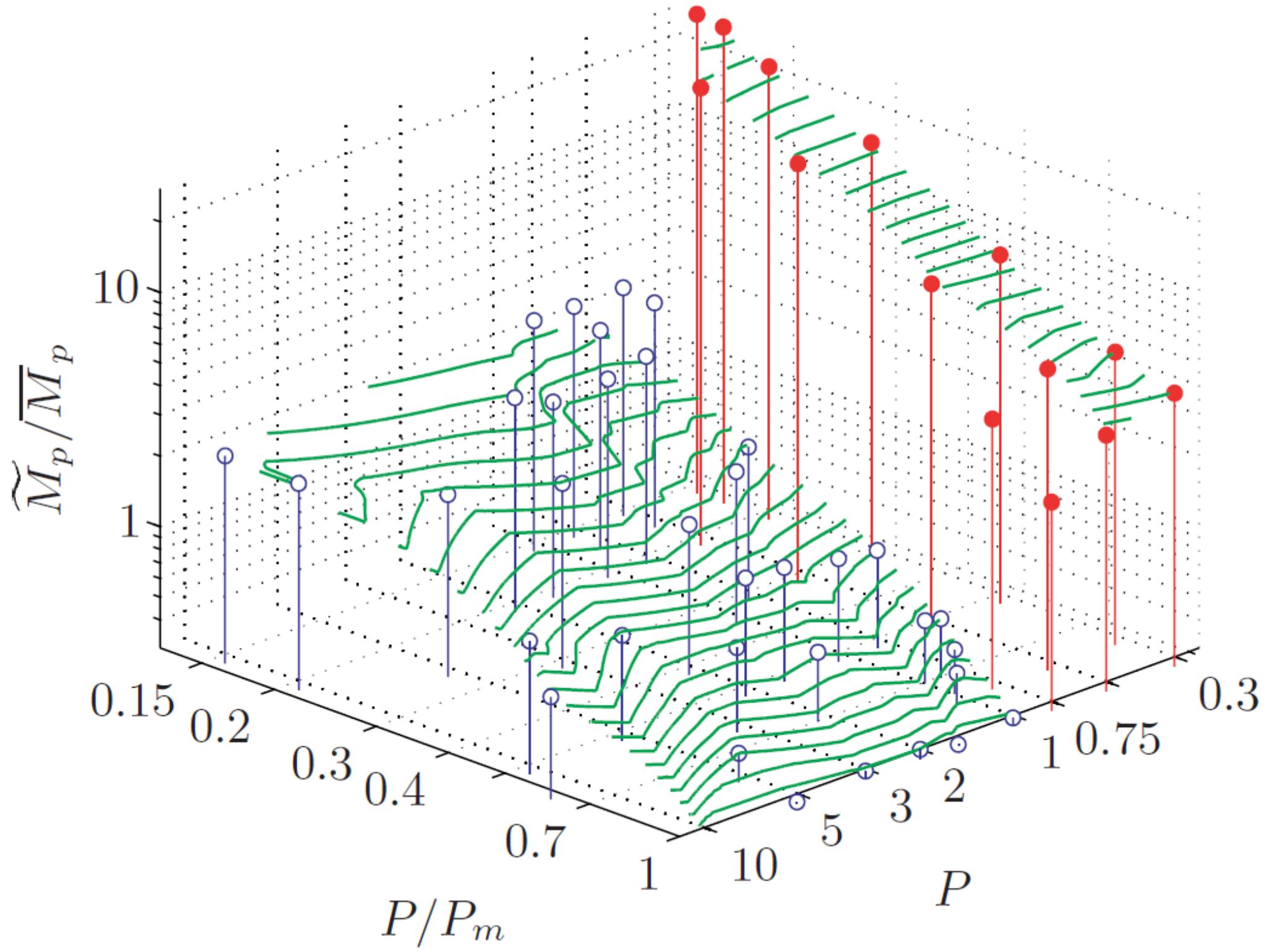
*A period of quadrupolar dynamo oscillations*

$$P = 5, \tau = 5 \times 10^3, R = 8 \cdot 10^5, P_m = 3.$$



# Where do convection-driven dynamos exist?

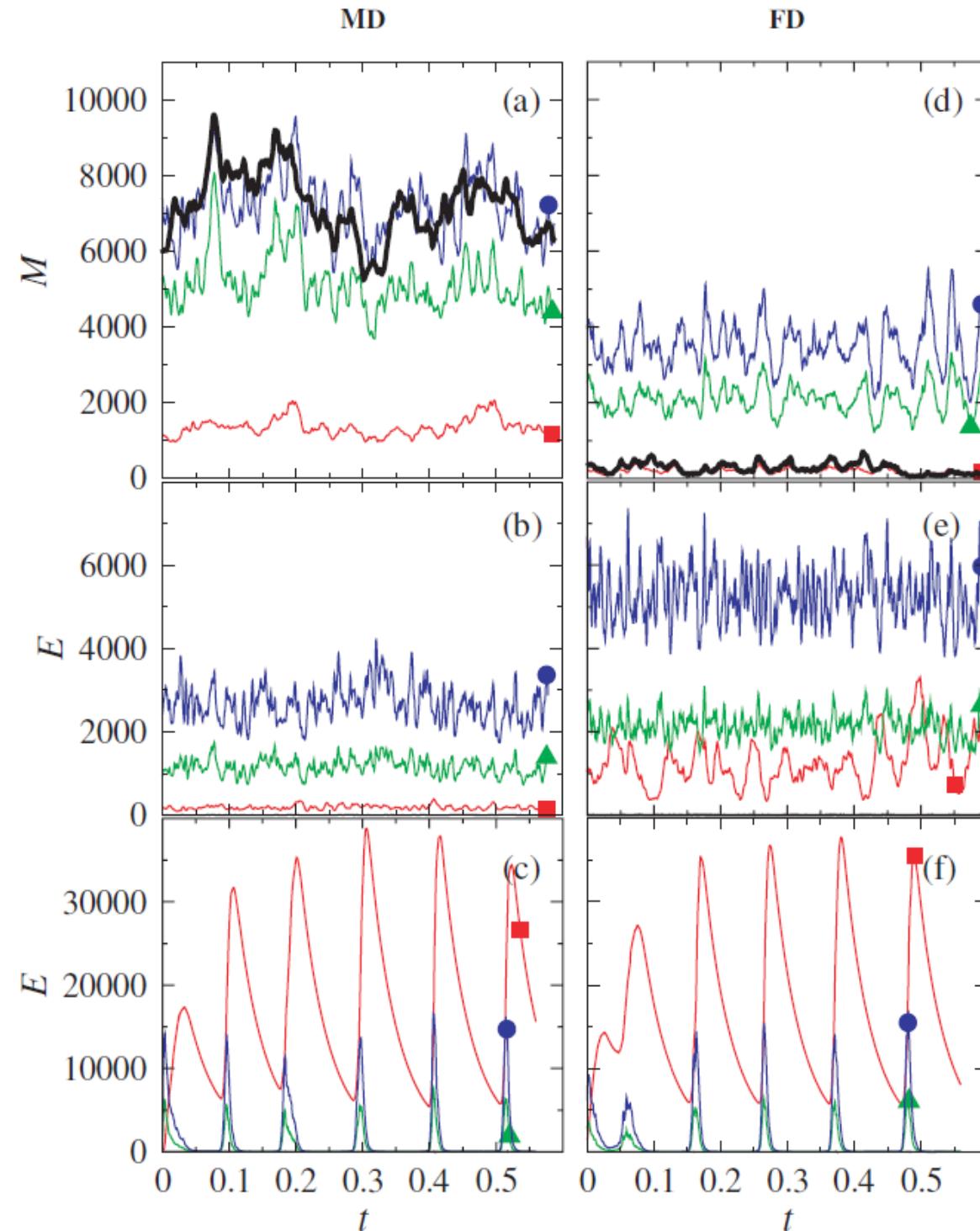




$R = 3.5 \times 10^6$

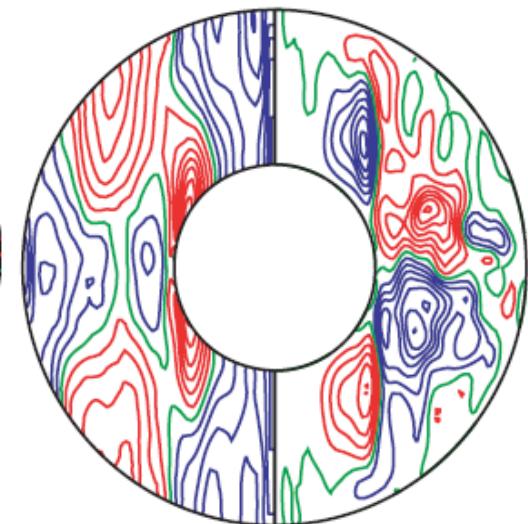
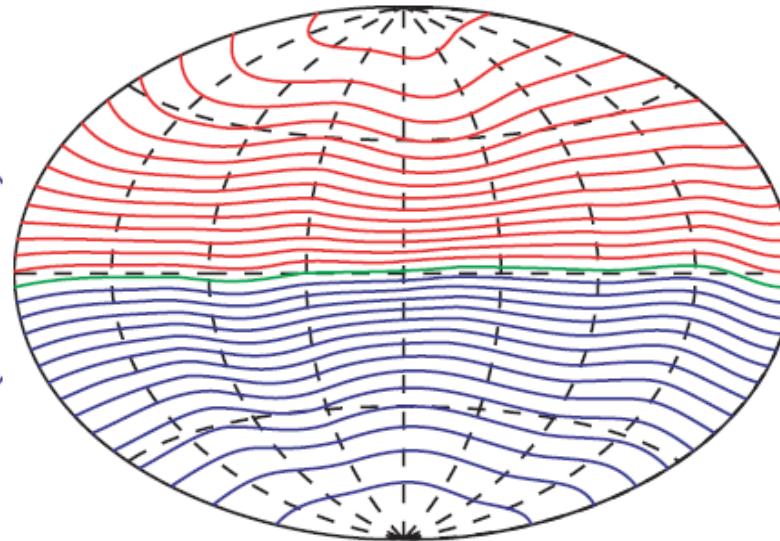
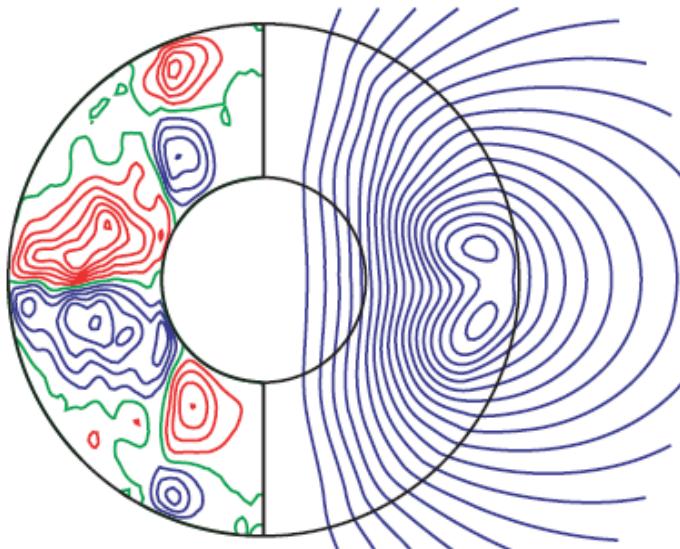
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$\tau = 3 \times 10^4, P = 0.75$

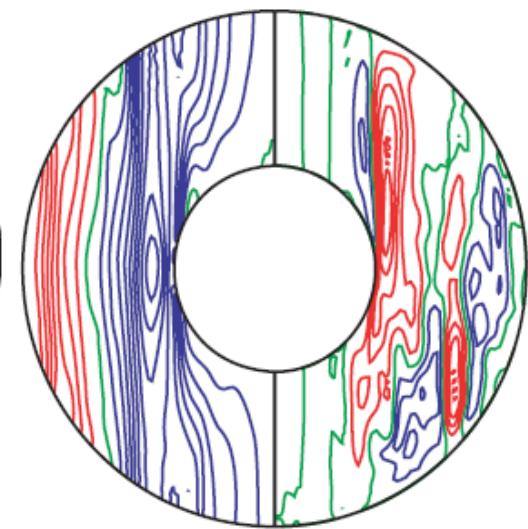
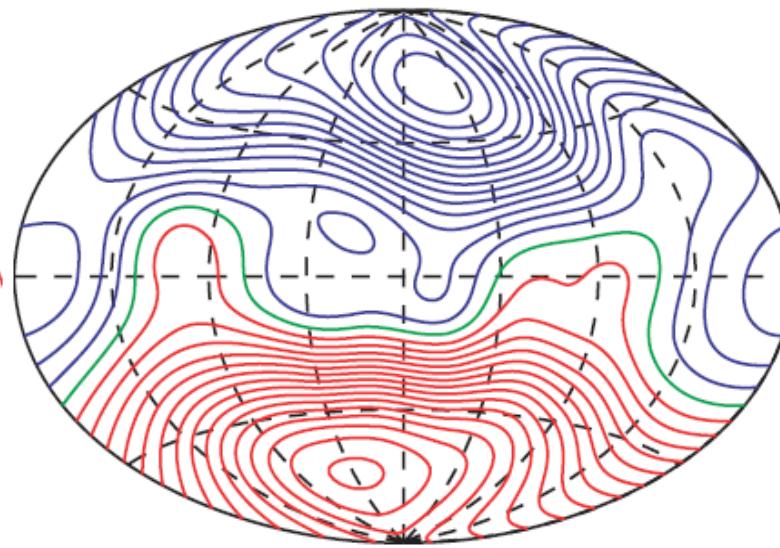


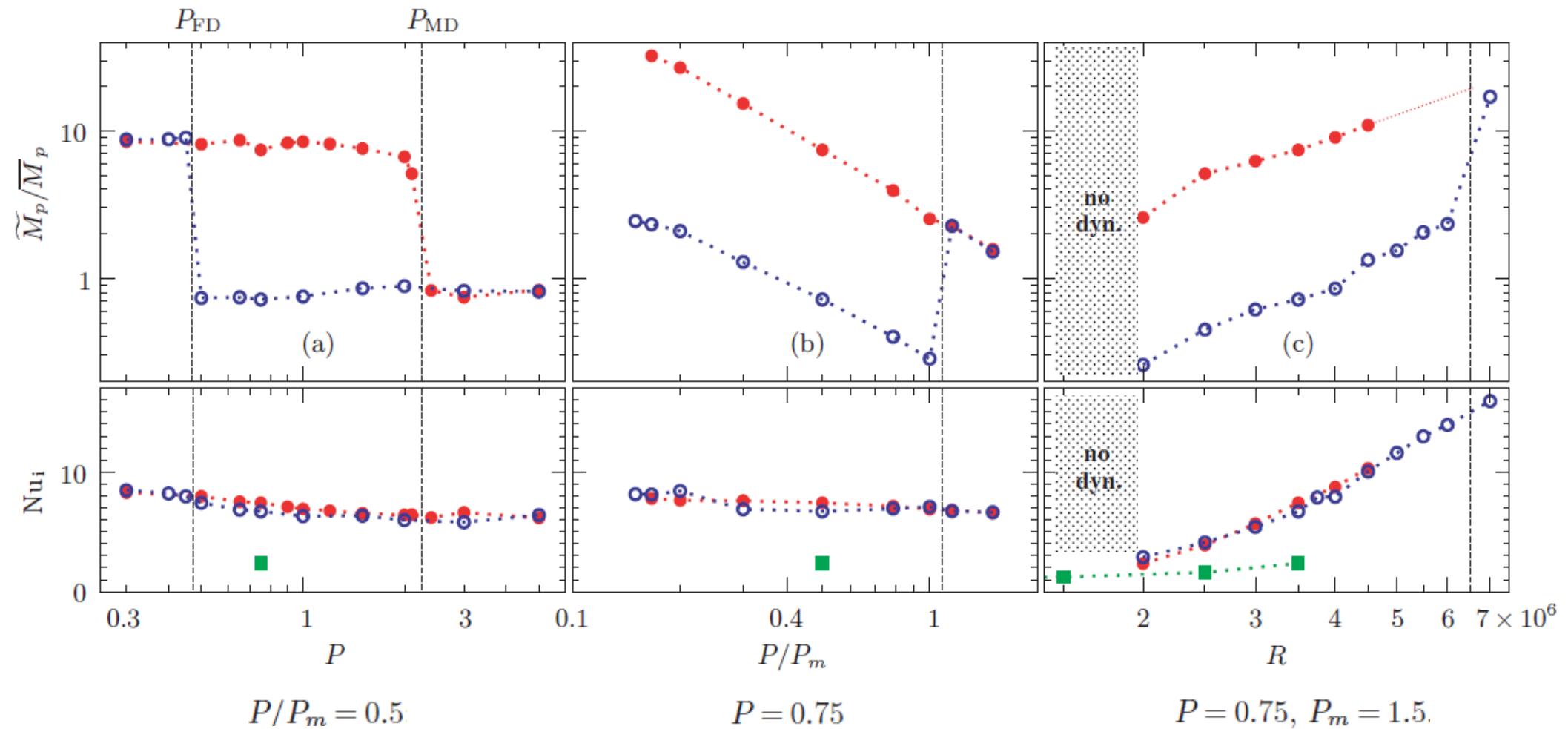
$$R = 3.5 \times 10^6, \tau = 3 \times 10^4, P = 0.75 \text{ and } P_m = 1.5$$

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$$P/P_m = 0.5$$

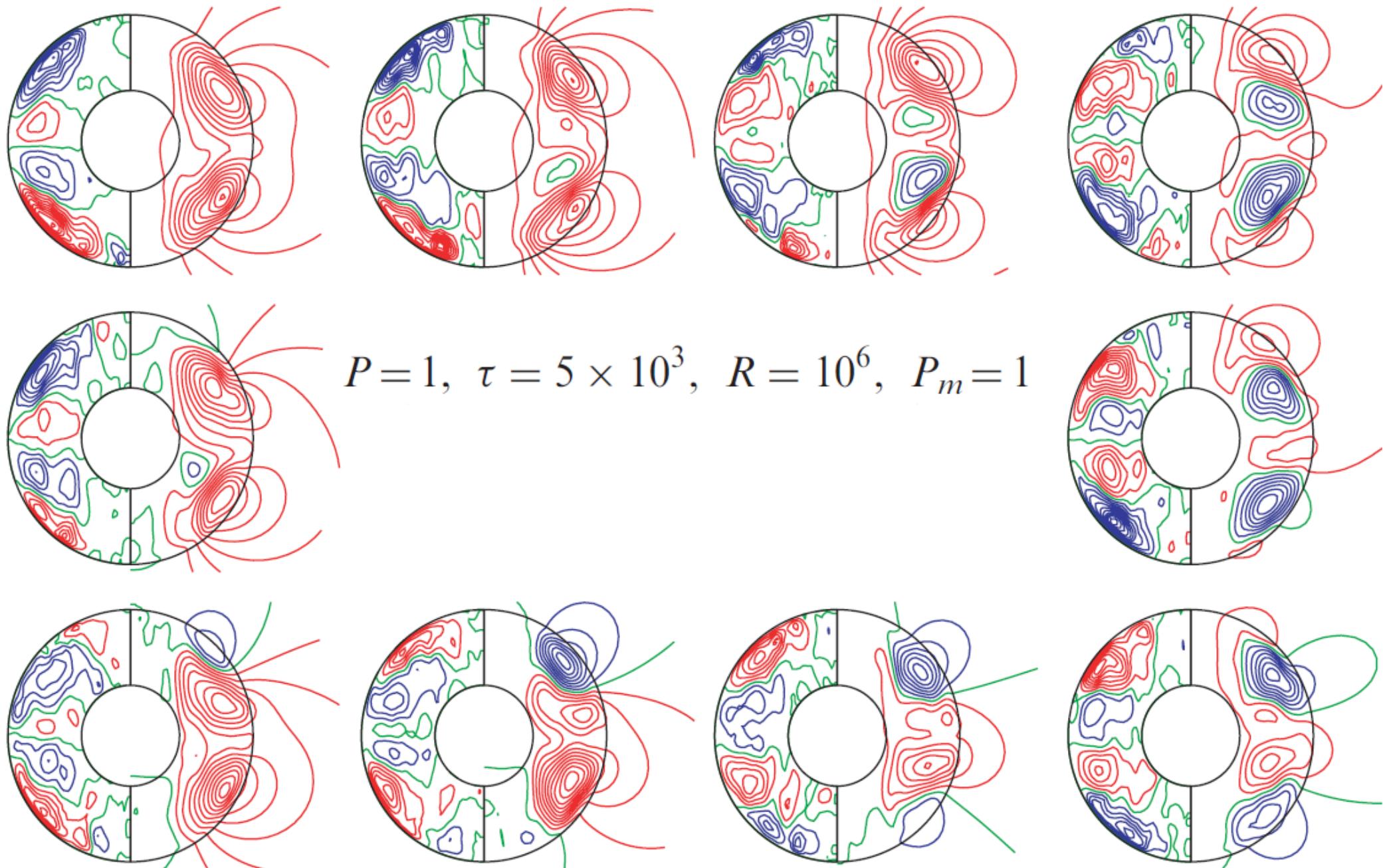
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$$R = 3.5 \times 10^6$$

$$\tau = 3 \times 10^4$$

# A period of dipolar oscillations



# Dynamo Oscillations, Dynamo Waves (Parker, 1955)

$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{B}}_p + i \underline{\underline{B}}, \quad \underline{\underline{B}}_p = \nabla \times i \underline{\underline{A}}, \quad \underline{\underline{u}} = \ddot{\underline{\underline{u}}} + i \underline{\underline{U}}$$

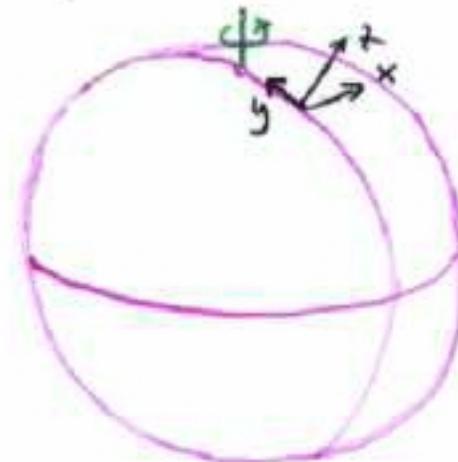
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$$(\underline{\underline{A}}, \underline{\underline{B}}) = (\hat{\underline{\underline{A}}}, \hat{\underline{\underline{B}}}) \exp\{iqx + ct\}$$

$$p \hat{\underline{\underline{A}}} = \alpha \dot{\underline{\underline{B}}}, \quad p \hat{\underline{\underline{B}}} = -i (\underline{\underline{q}} \times \nabla \underline{\underline{U}})_x \hat{\underline{\underline{A}}} \quad \text{with } p = G + \lambda |q|^2$$

$$p^2 = 2i\gamma = 2i \left( -\frac{1}{2} \alpha (\underline{\underline{q}} \times \nabla \underline{\underline{U}})_x \right)$$



$$\text{for } \gamma > 0 : \quad P = \pm(1+i)\sqrt{\gamma} \Rightarrow G = -\lambda q^2 \pm \sqrt{\gamma} + i(\pm\sqrt{\gamma})$$

growth for  $-\alpha(q \times \nabla U)_x > 2\lambda^2 q^4$ , wave propagates in  
-q-direction

$$\text{for } \gamma < 0 : \quad P = \pm(1-i)\sqrt{|y|} \Rightarrow G = -\lambda q^2 \pm \sqrt{|y|} \mp i\sqrt{|y|}$$

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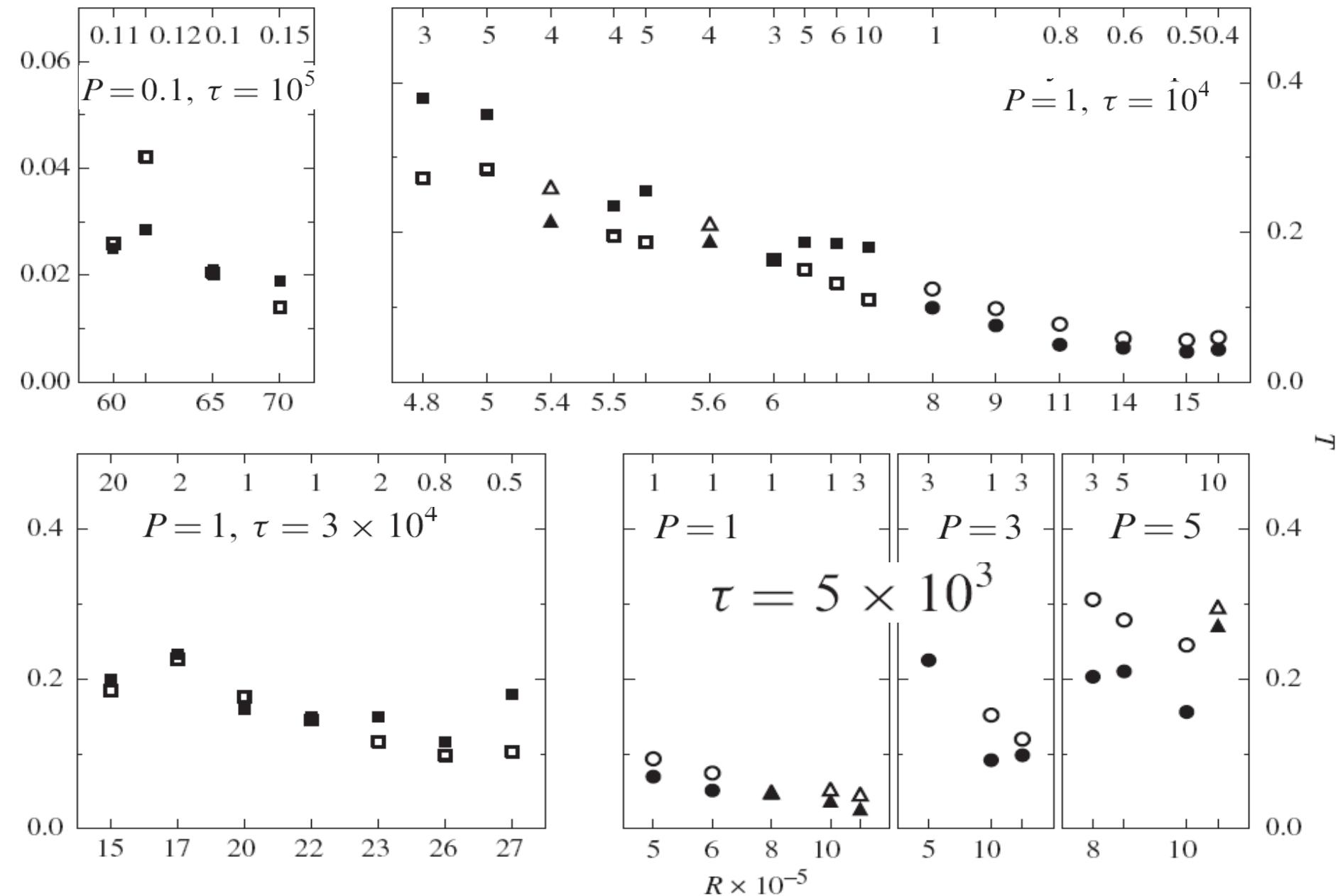
$$\alpha = -\frac{\lambda}{3} \iint \frac{q^2 F(q, \omega)}{\omega^2 + \lambda^2 q^4} dq d\omega \approx -\frac{1}{3\lambda} \int q^{-2} F(q) dq \quad \text{with } F(q) = \int F(q, \omega) d\omega$$

$$\text{Helicity: } H = \langle \dot{u} \cdot \nabla \times \dot{u} \rangle = \iint F(q, \omega) dq d\omega \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Helicity} \\ \text{Spectrum} \\ \text{Function } F \end{matrix}$$

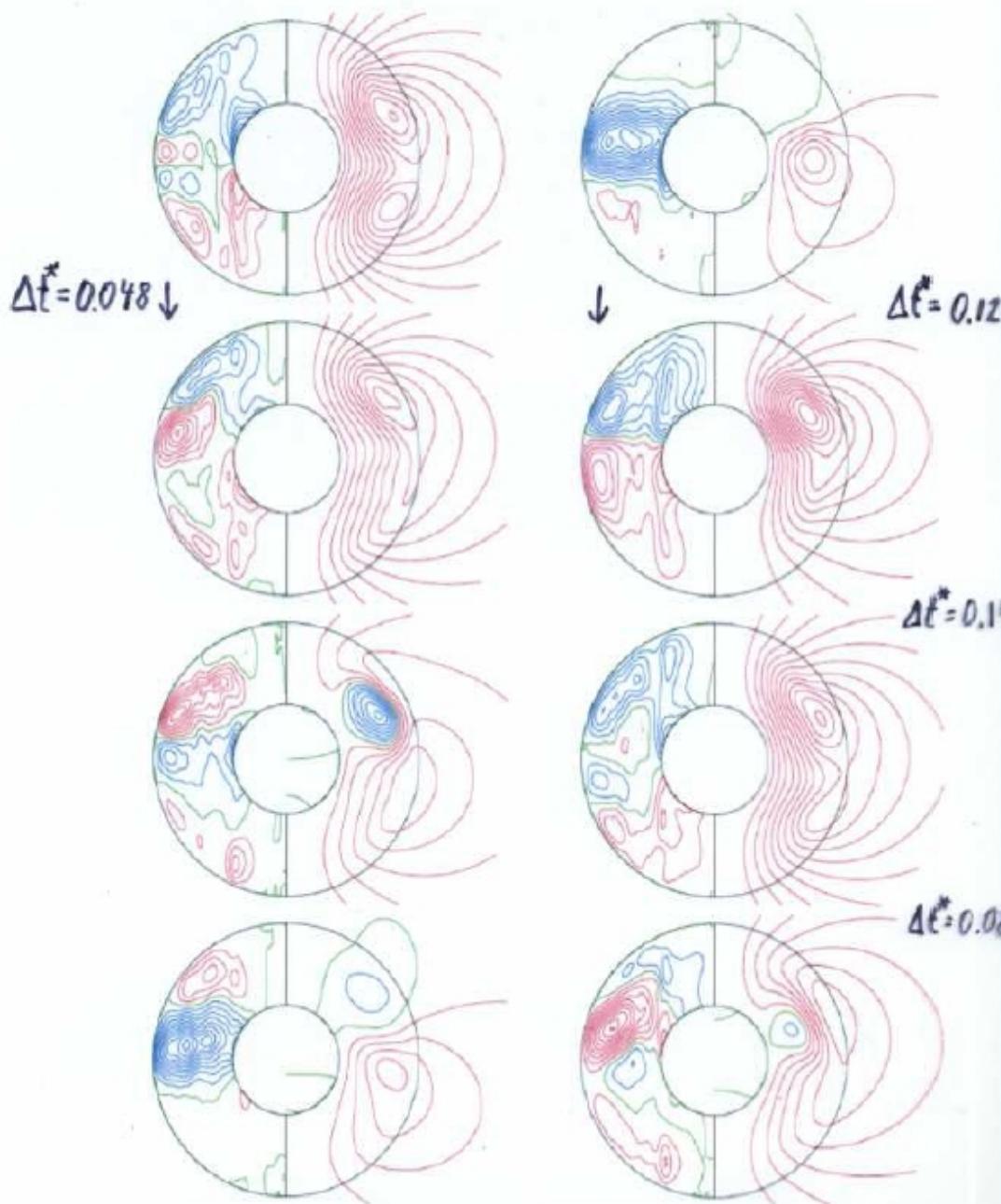
$$q \approx \frac{2\pi}{d}, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \approx \frac{v}{d} \sqrt{2E_{tor}} / d, \quad \gamma = \omega^2 = \frac{\text{Helicity}}{3\lambda q^2} \frac{1}{2} q \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \frac{d^2}{V} \omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( P_m \underbrace{\frac{\text{Helicity}}{3}}_{\text{H}} \pi \sqrt{2E_{tor}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

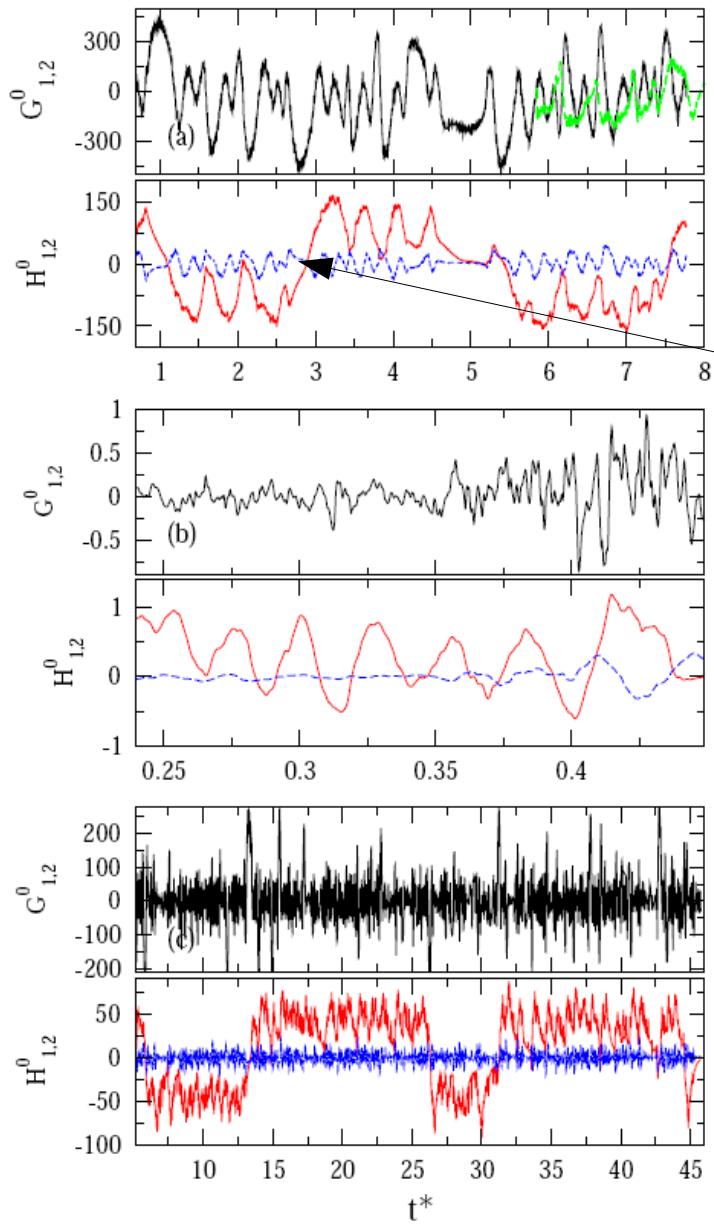
# *Period of oscillations: model vs. numerics*



$$\tau = 10^5, R = 4 \cdot 10^6, P = 0.1, P_m = 0.5$$



# *Reversals cased by toroidal flux oscillations*

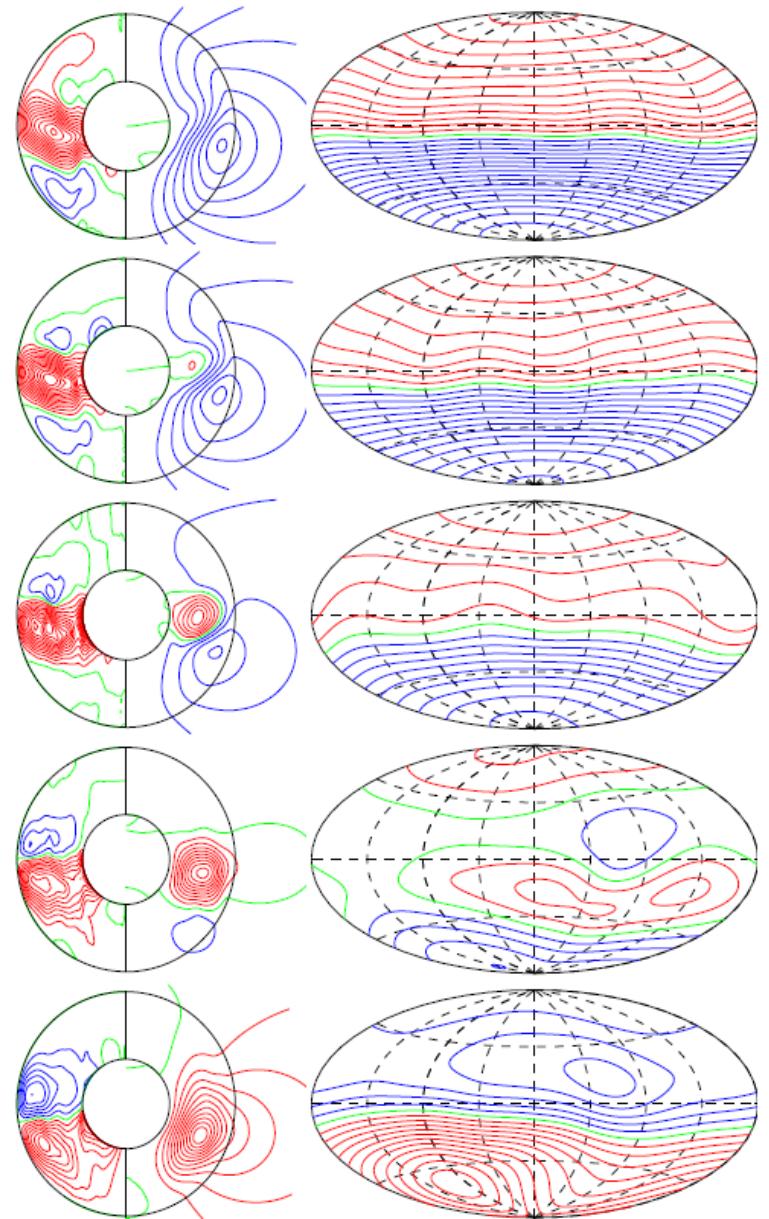


$$P = 0.1, \tau = 10^5$$
$$R = 4 \times 10^6, P_m = 0.5$$

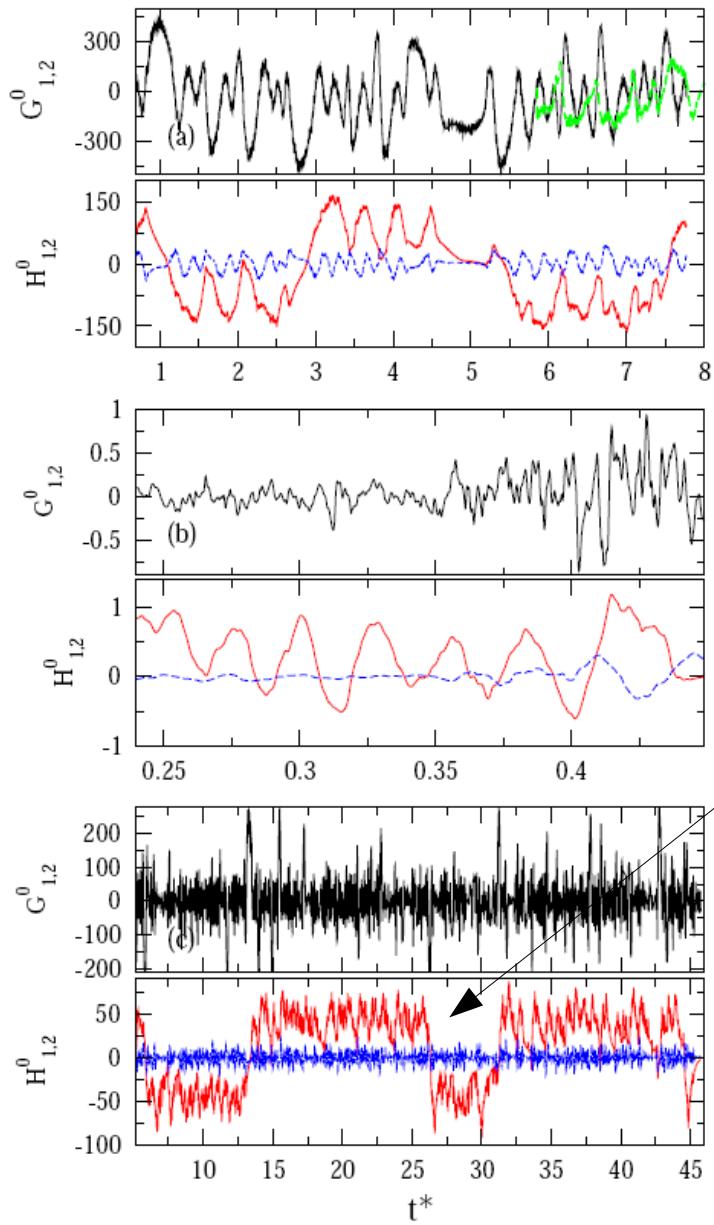
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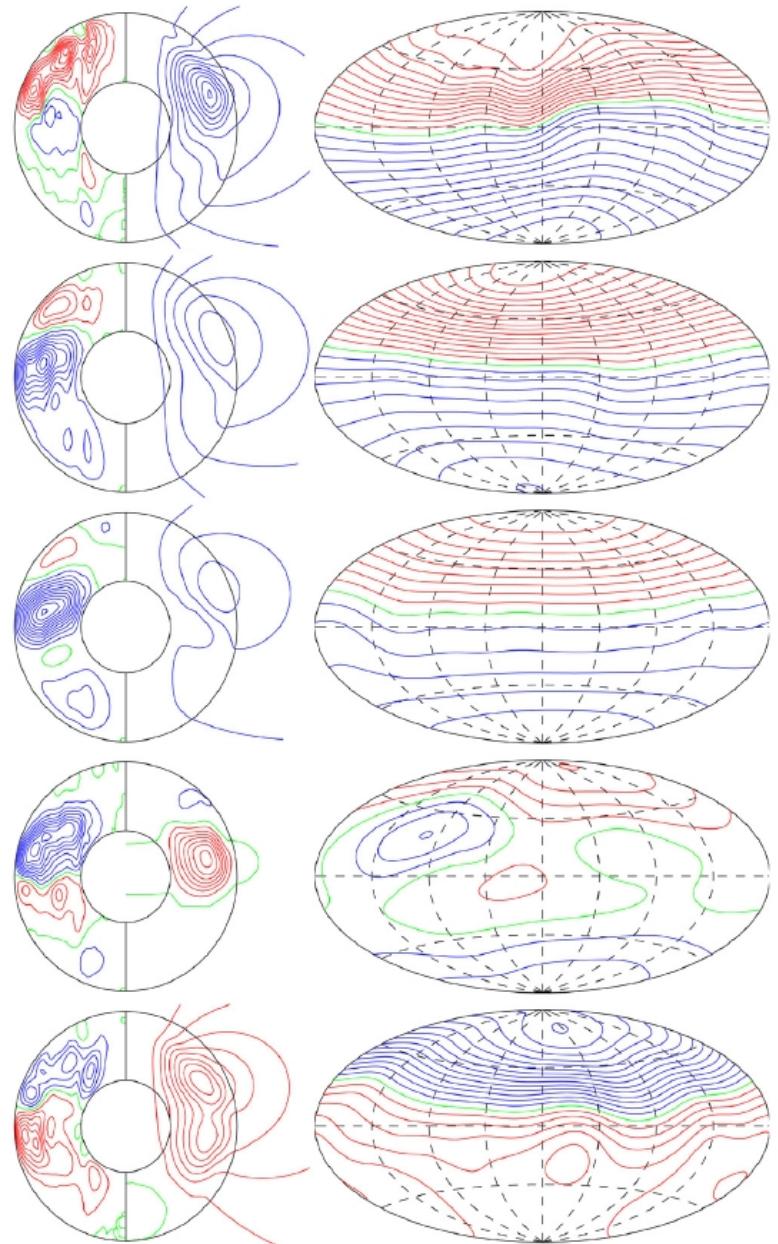


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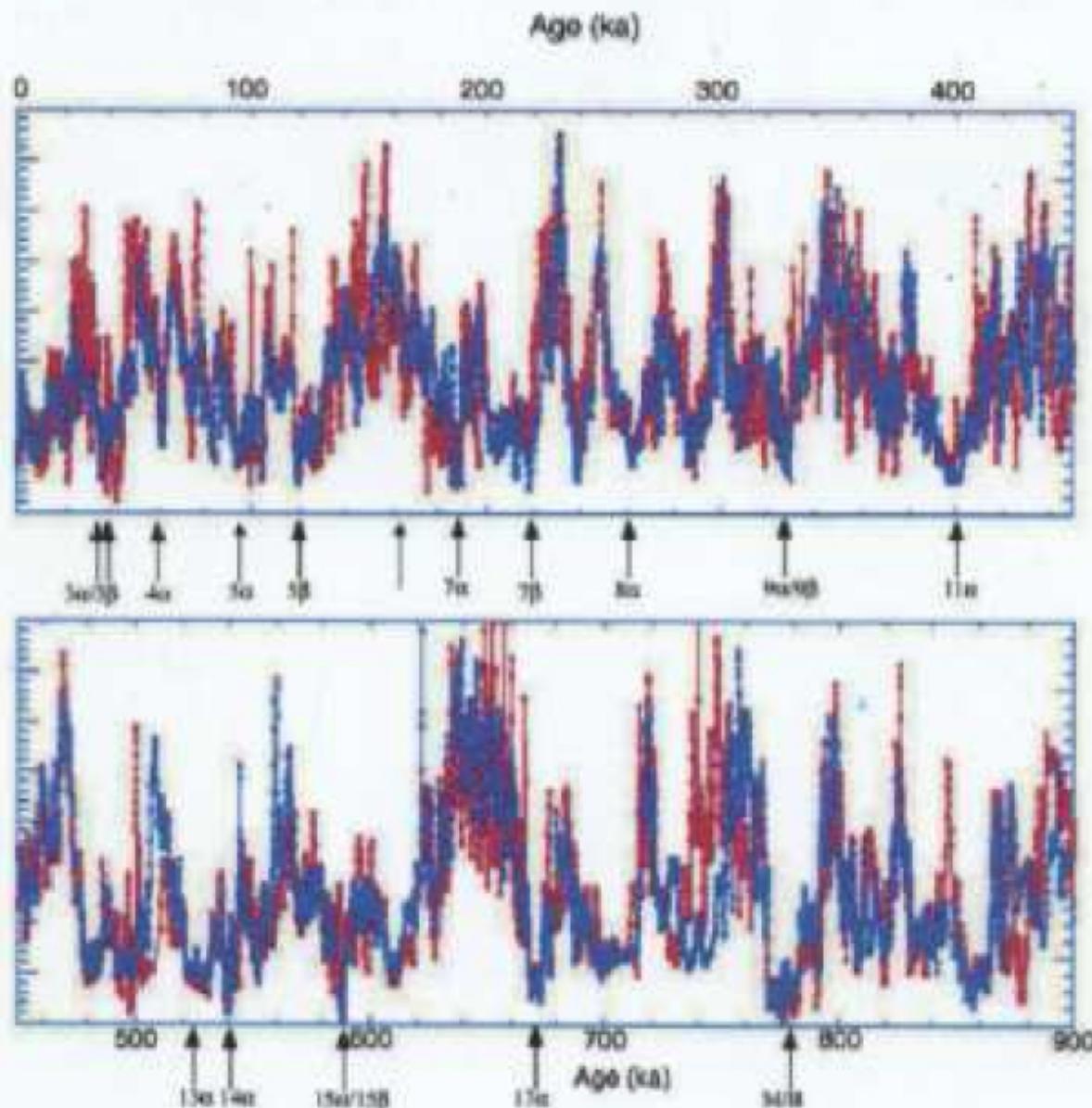


Fig. 6. Brunhes paleointensity record from ODP Sites 983/984 (Channell, 1999; Channell et al., 2004). Age models are independent and based on oxygen isotope data. Note the strong correspondence in the relative paleointensity estimates from two sites about 100 km apart. These records represent our most high-resolution evidence for overall Brunhes chron paleointensity variability. The ages of known Brunhes chron excursions (Table 1) are indicated by arrows. Note that all excursions occur in distinctive intervals of low paleointensity.

$$P = 0.1, \tau = 10^5$$
$$R = 4 \times 10^6, P_m = 0.5$$

$$P = 0.1, \tau = 3 \times 10^4$$
$$R = 850,000, P_m = 1$$

