The background image is a false-color ALMA observation of a protostellar disk. It shows a central bright yellow and white region, likely the protostar, surrounded by a large, dark brown and black disk. The disk exhibits concentric rings and spiral-like structures, indicating complex internal processes like accretion and mixing. The overall appearance is that of a young star system in the process of formation.

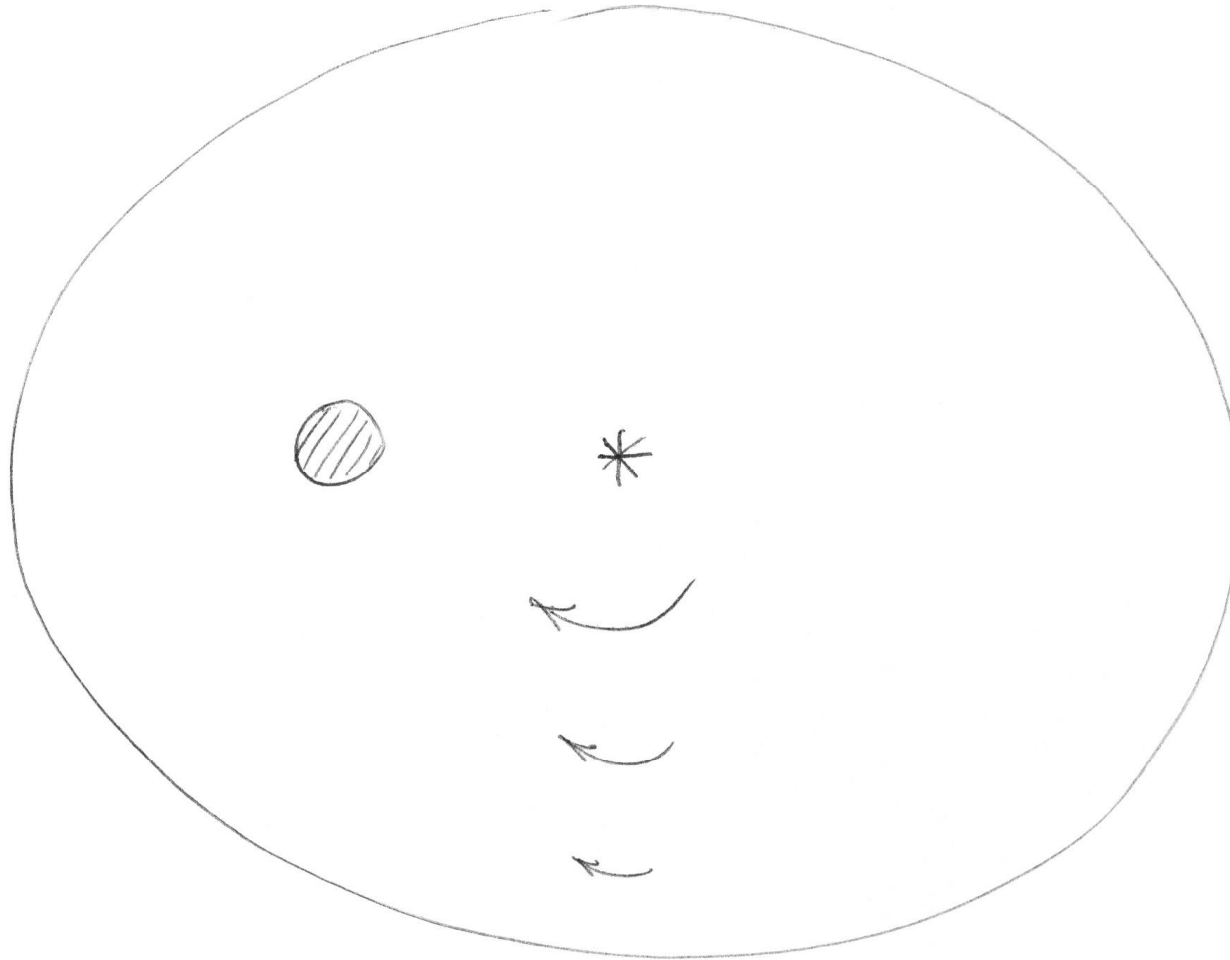
**Accretion and Mixing in
Protostellar Disks: Probing the
Underlying Processes with ALMA**

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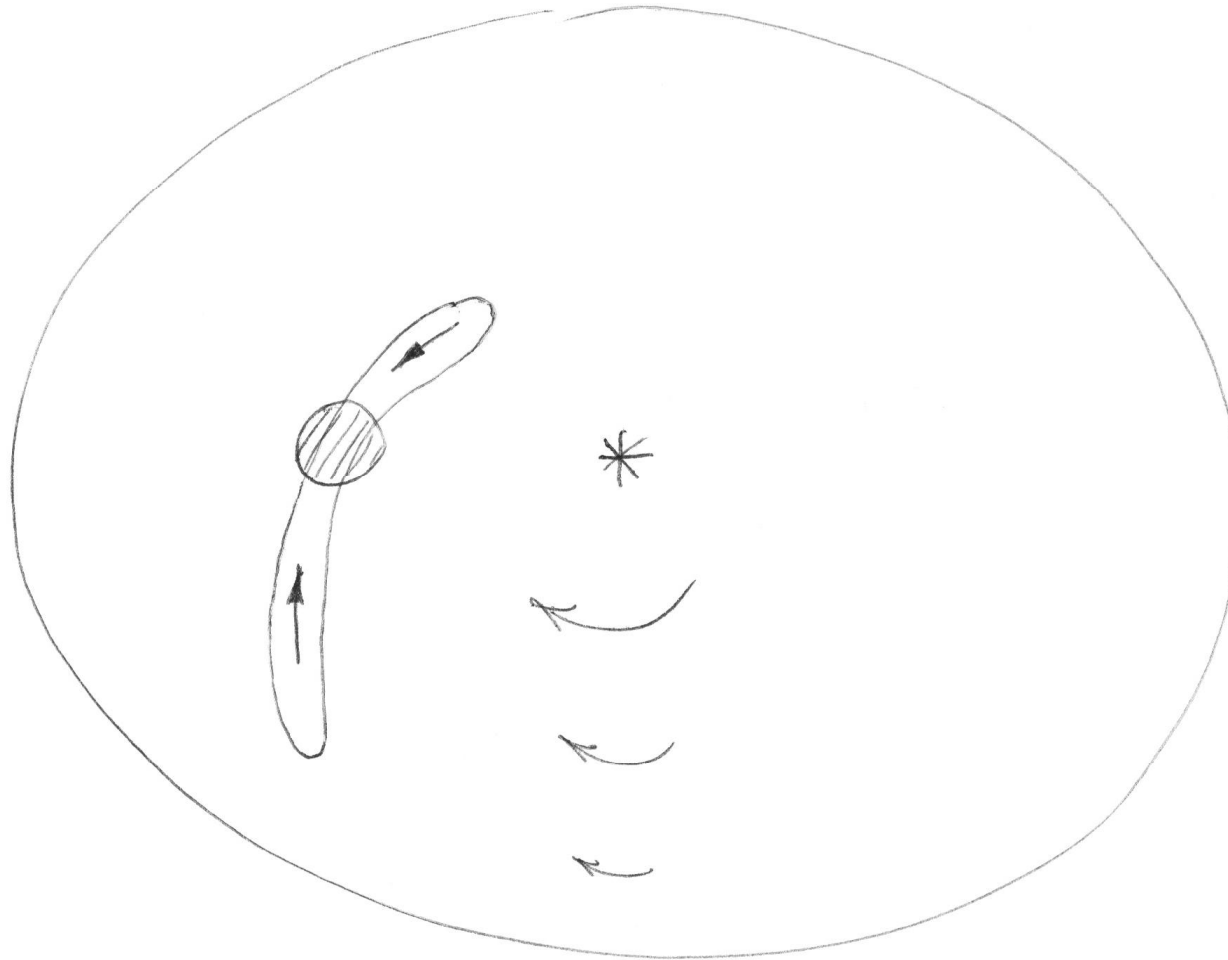
Outline

- **Current Picture:**
 - 1. Gravitational Instability.**
 - 2. Magneto-Centrifugal Winds.**
 - 3. Magneto-Rotational Turbulence.**
- **Prospects with ALMA.**

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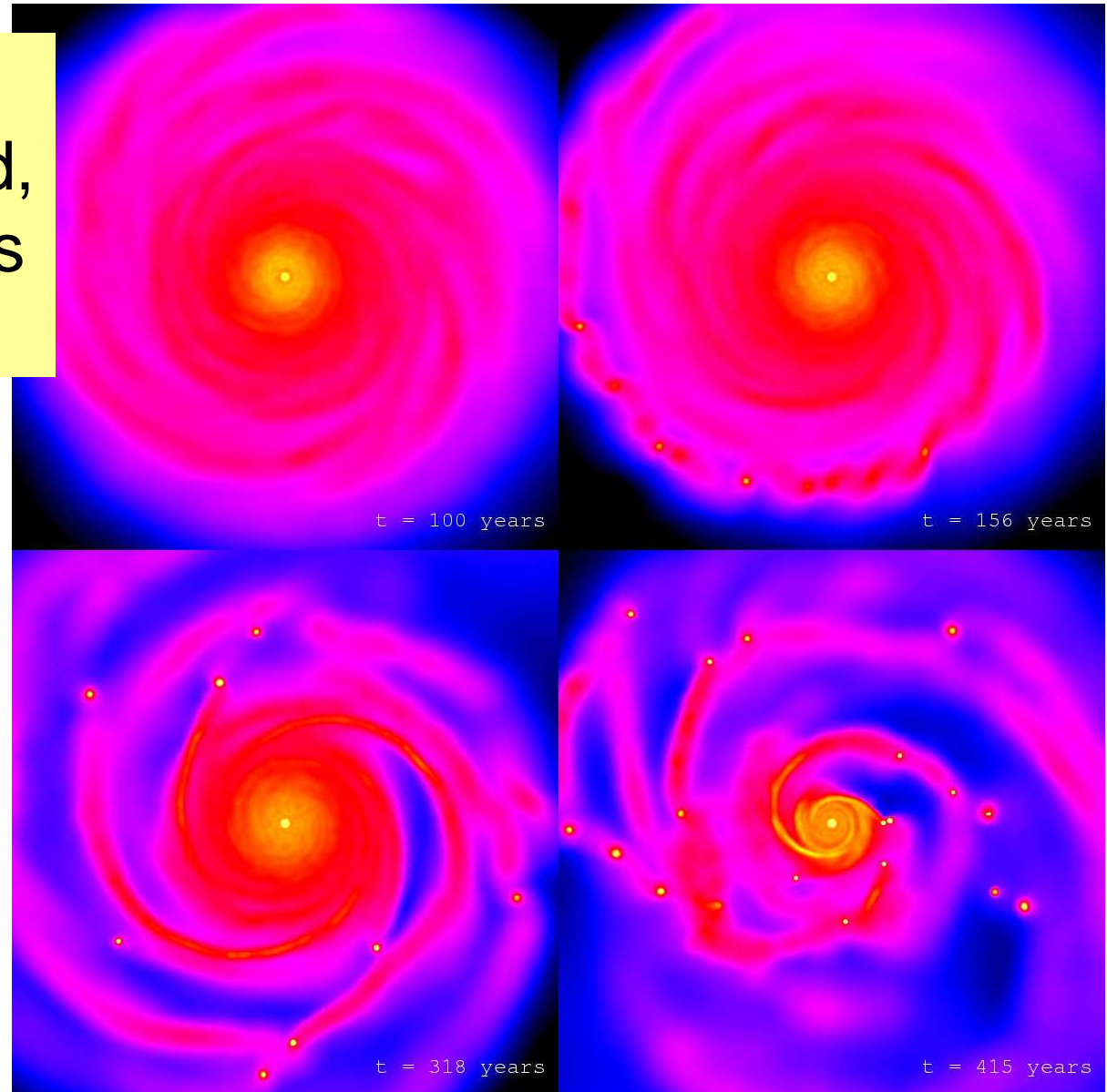


1. Gravitational Instability

Small disturbances grow if

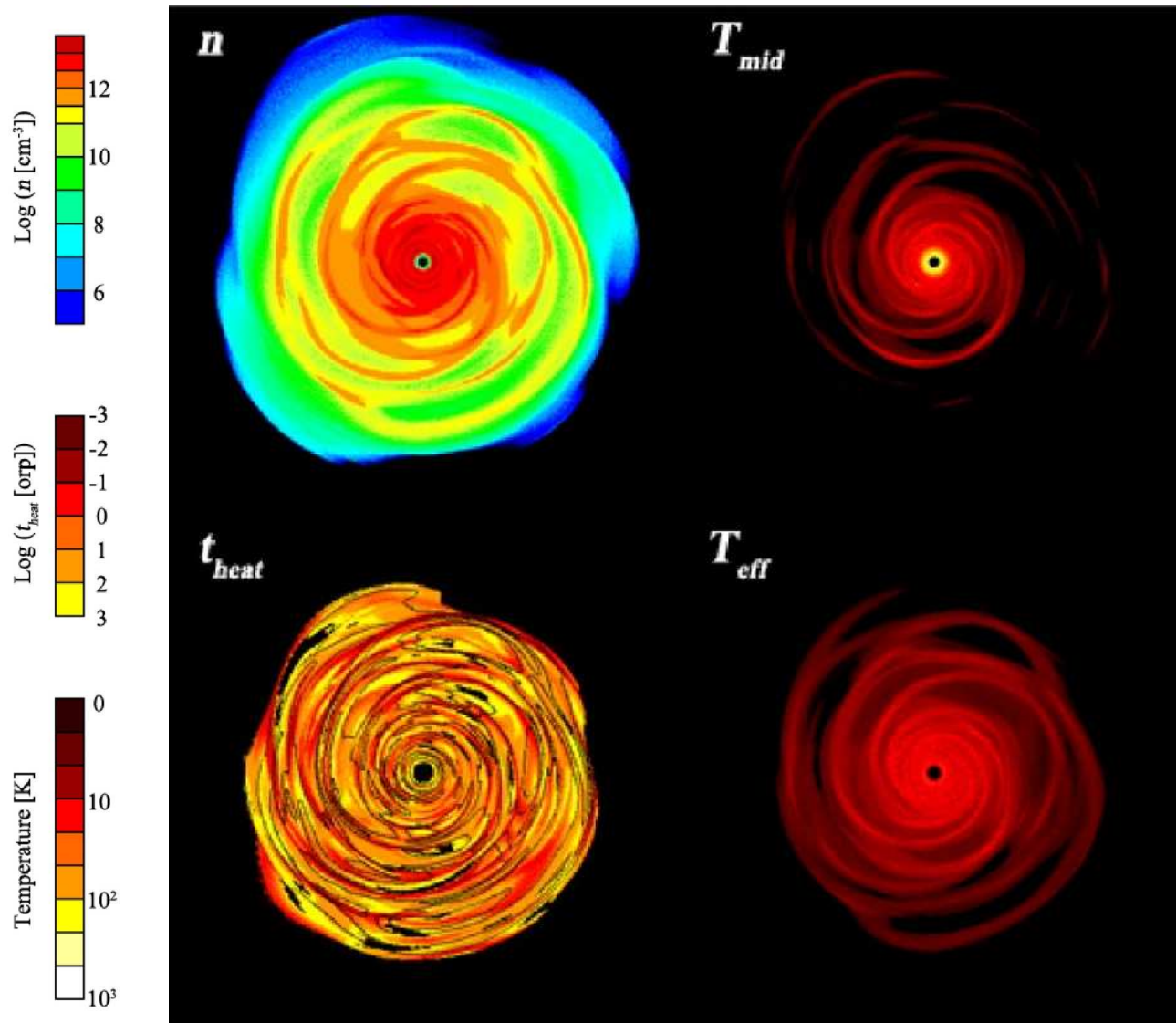
$$\frac{r^2 \Sigma}{M_*} > \frac{H}{r}$$

If cooling time
< orbital period,
instability leads
to collapse.



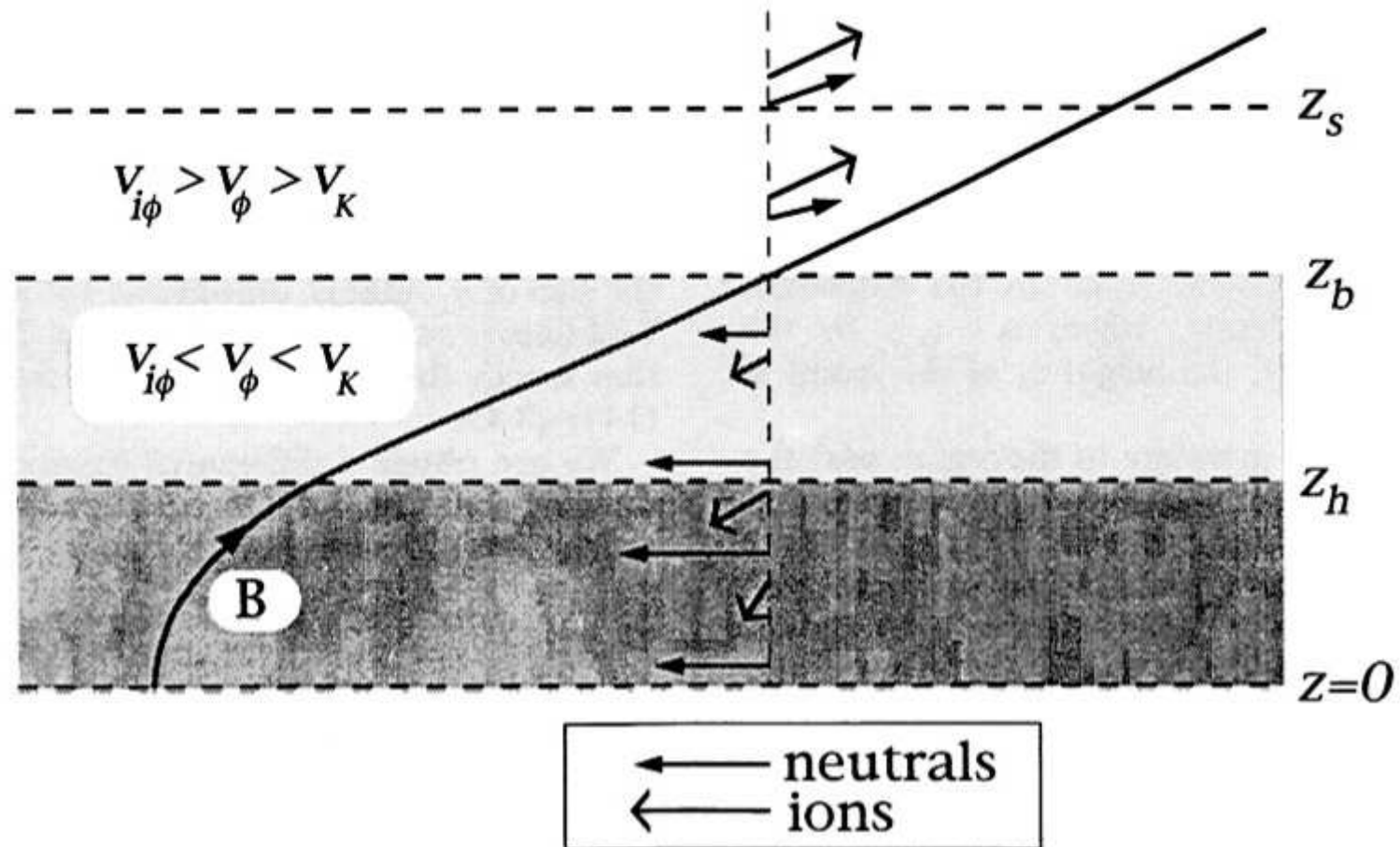
Lufkin et al. 2004

With slower cooling, instability leads to sustained accretion.



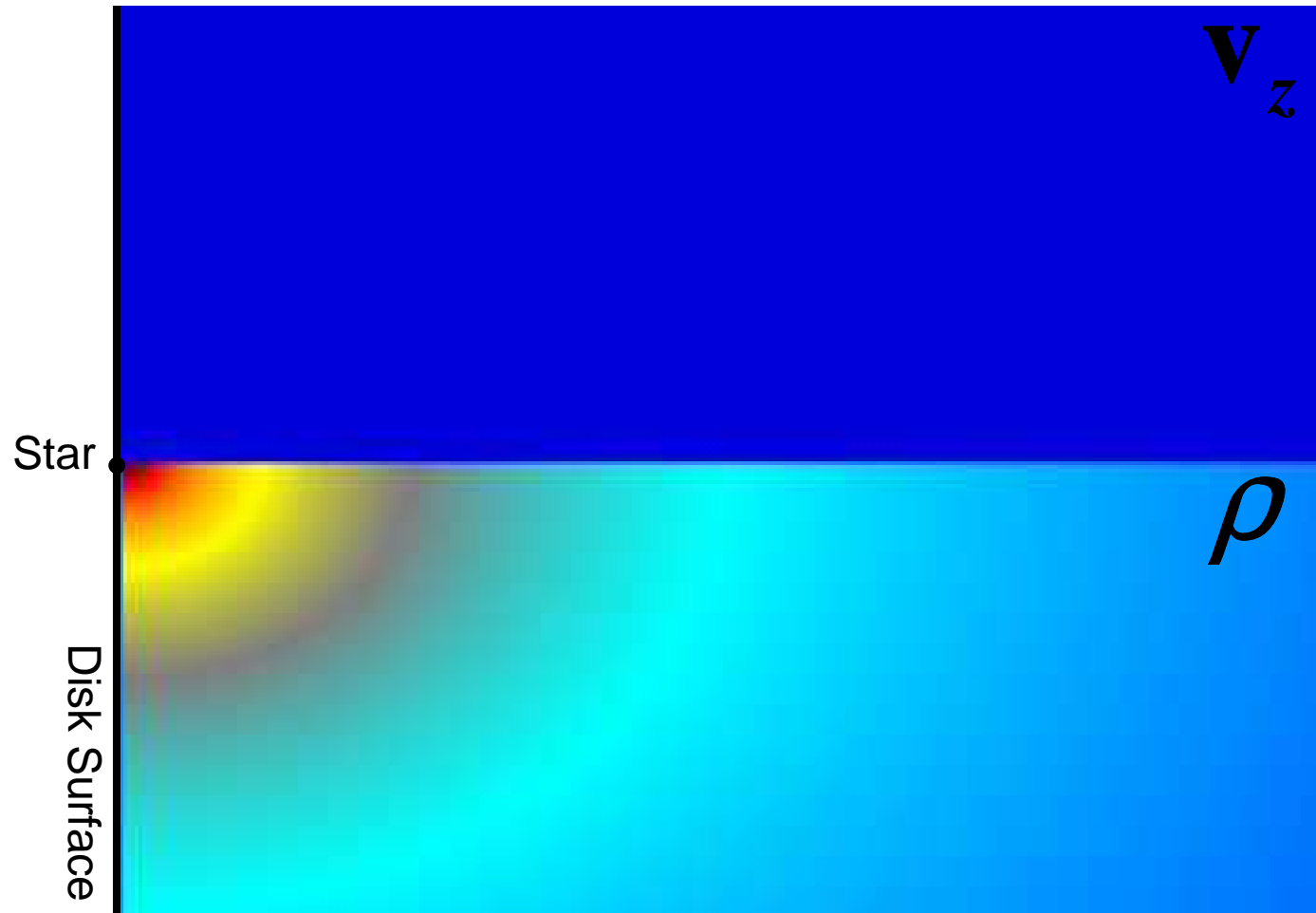
Meija et al. 2005

2. Magneto-Centrifugal Winds



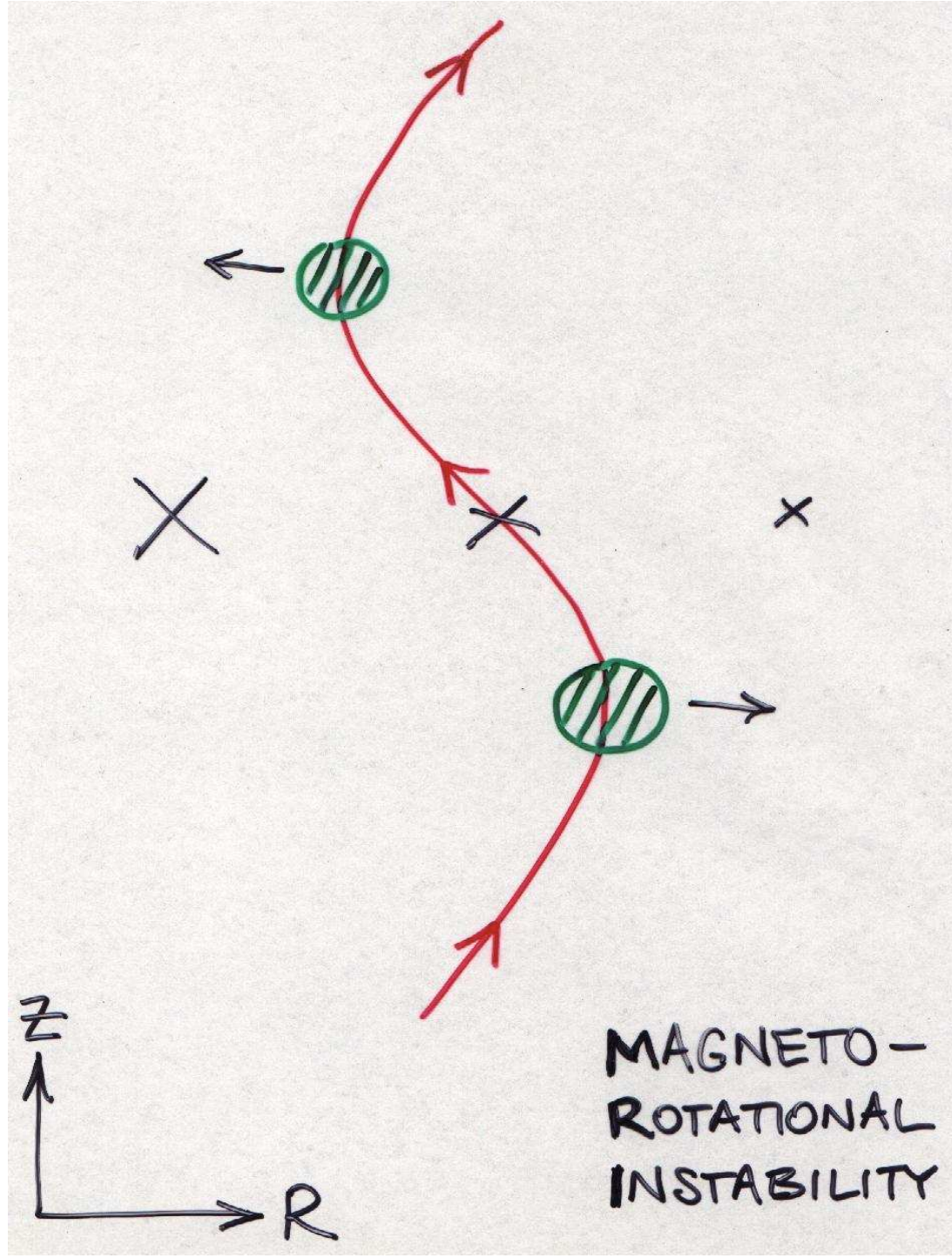
Conditions for operation?

Wardle & Koenigl 1993



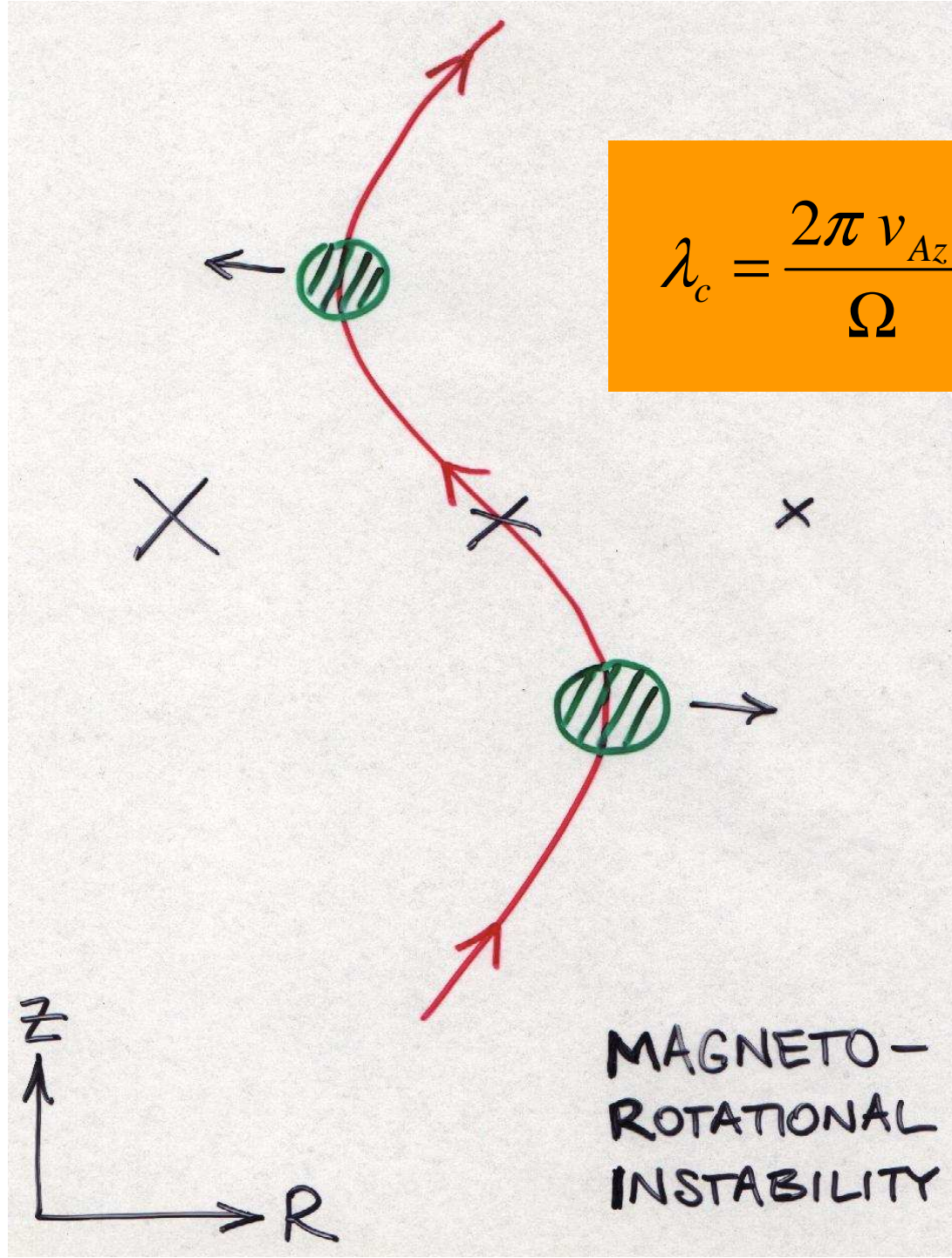
Ouyed & Pudritz 1997
Anderson et al. 2003

3. Magneto-Rotational Turbulence



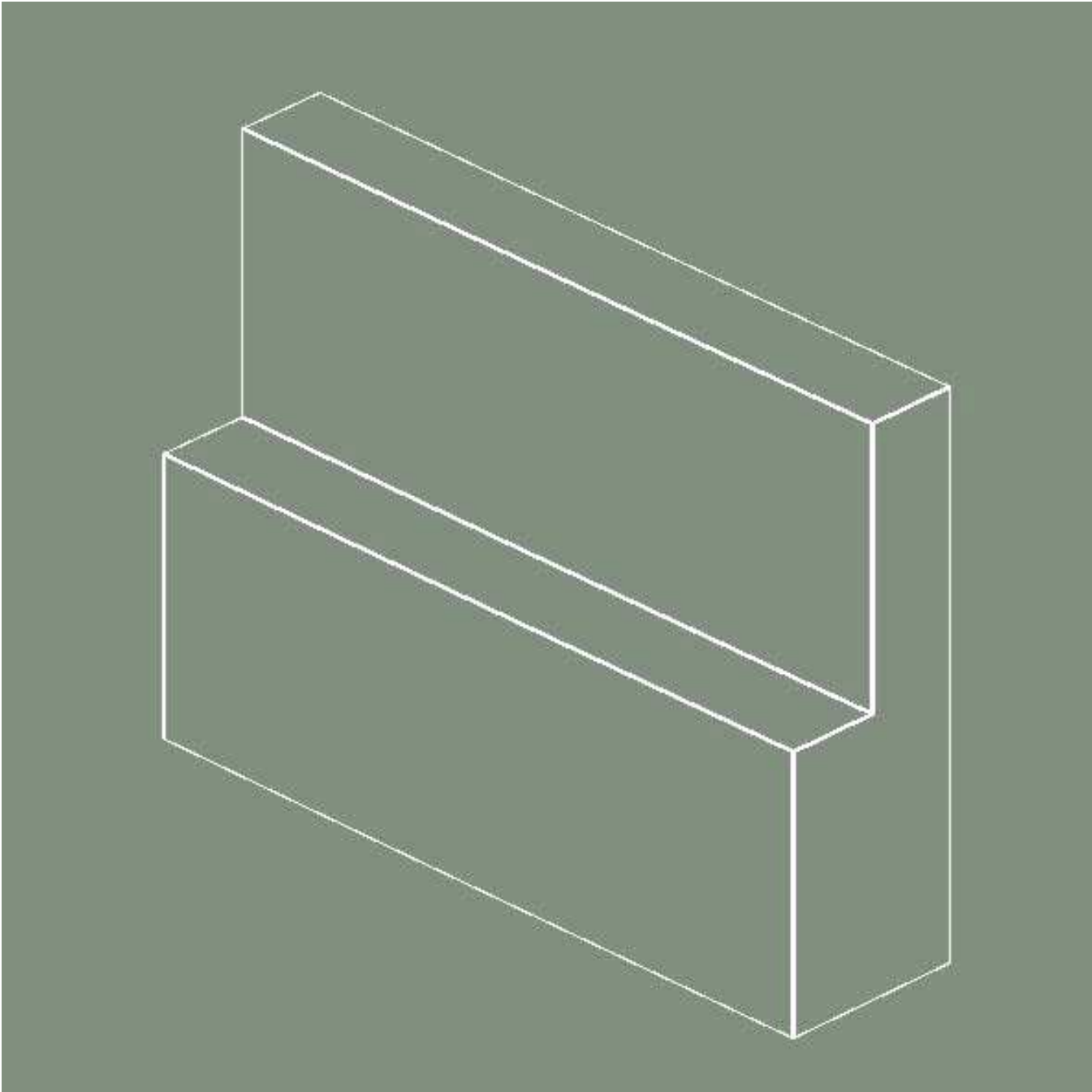
Balbus & Hawley 1991

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$$\lambda_c = \frac{2\pi v_{Az}}{\Omega}$$

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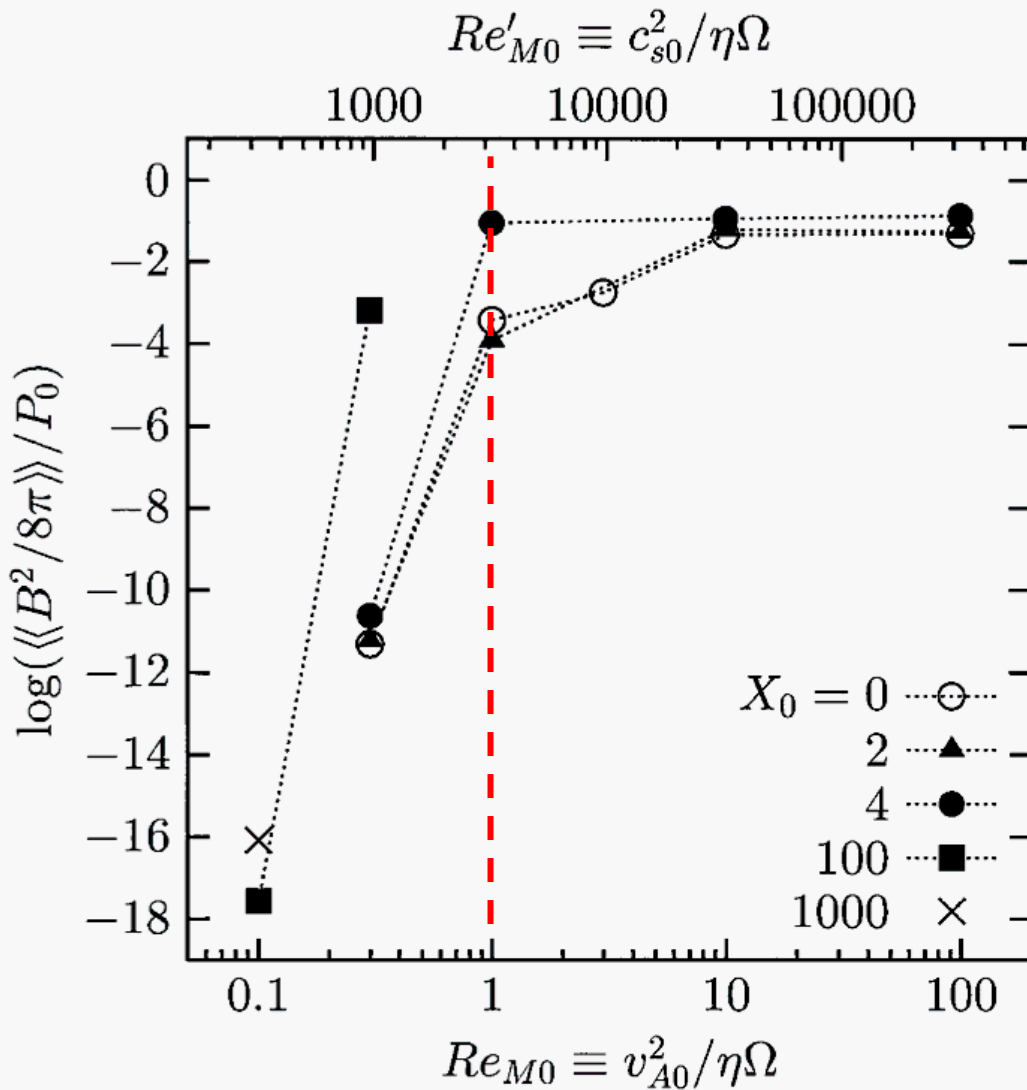
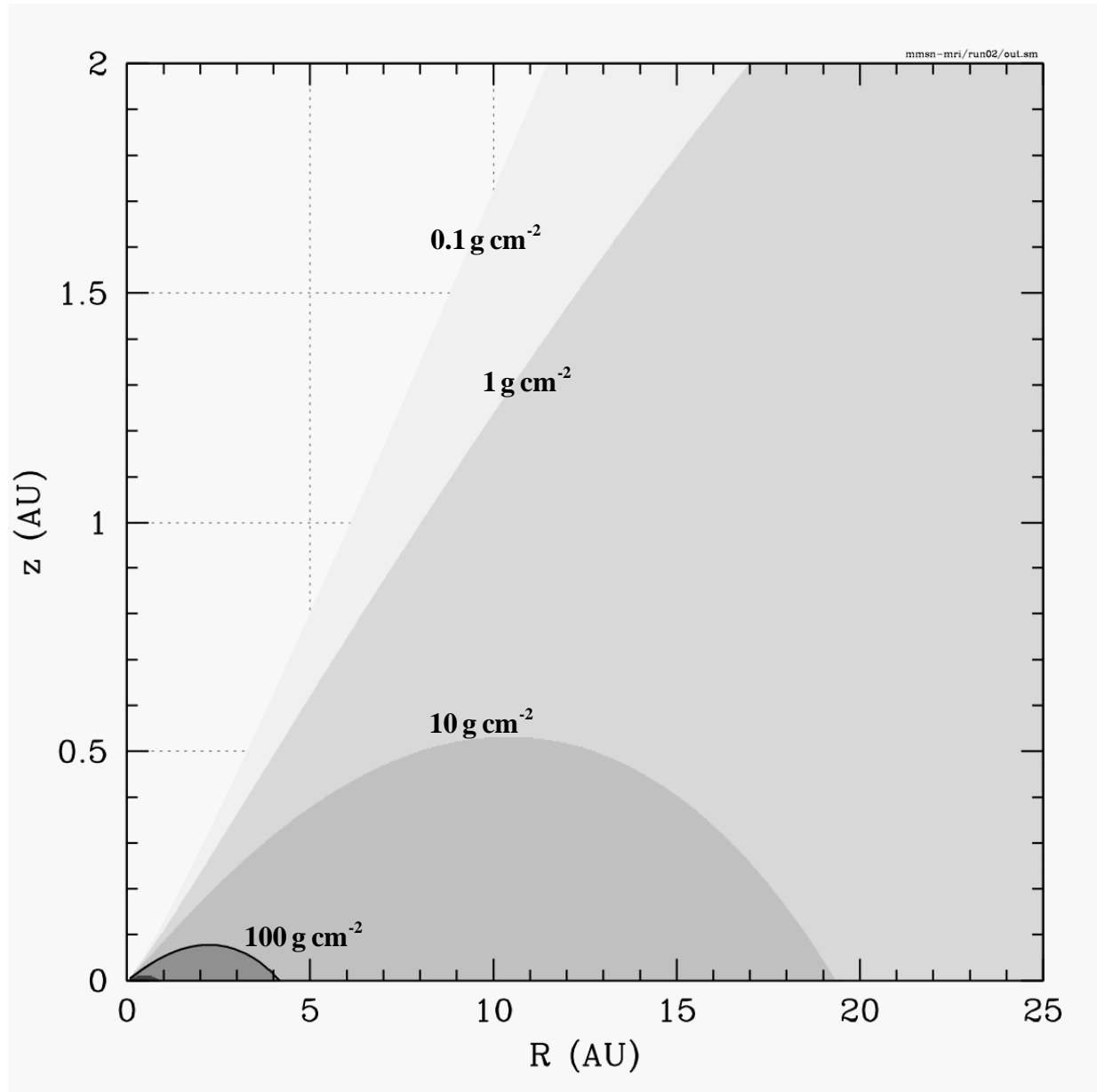


FIG. 14.—Saturation level of the magnetic energy as a function of the magnetic Reynolds number Re_{M0} for zero net flux B_z models ($\beta_0 = 3200$). Open circles denote the models with only the ohmic dissipation ($X_0 = 0$), and the other symbols are including also the Hall effect ($X_0 = 2, 4, 100,$ and 1000).

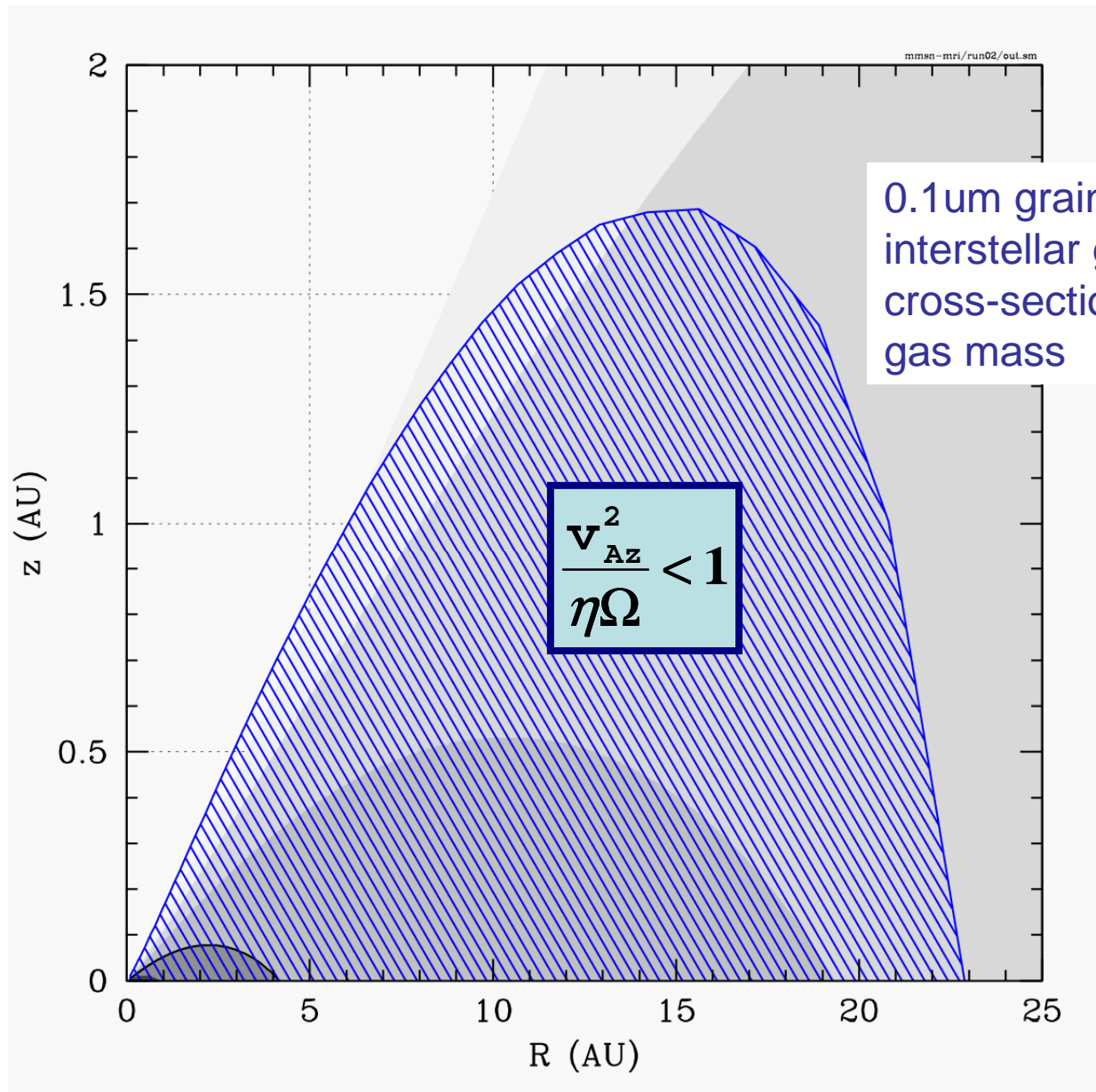
MRI turbulence requires

$$\frac{v_{Az}^2}{\eta\Omega} > 1$$

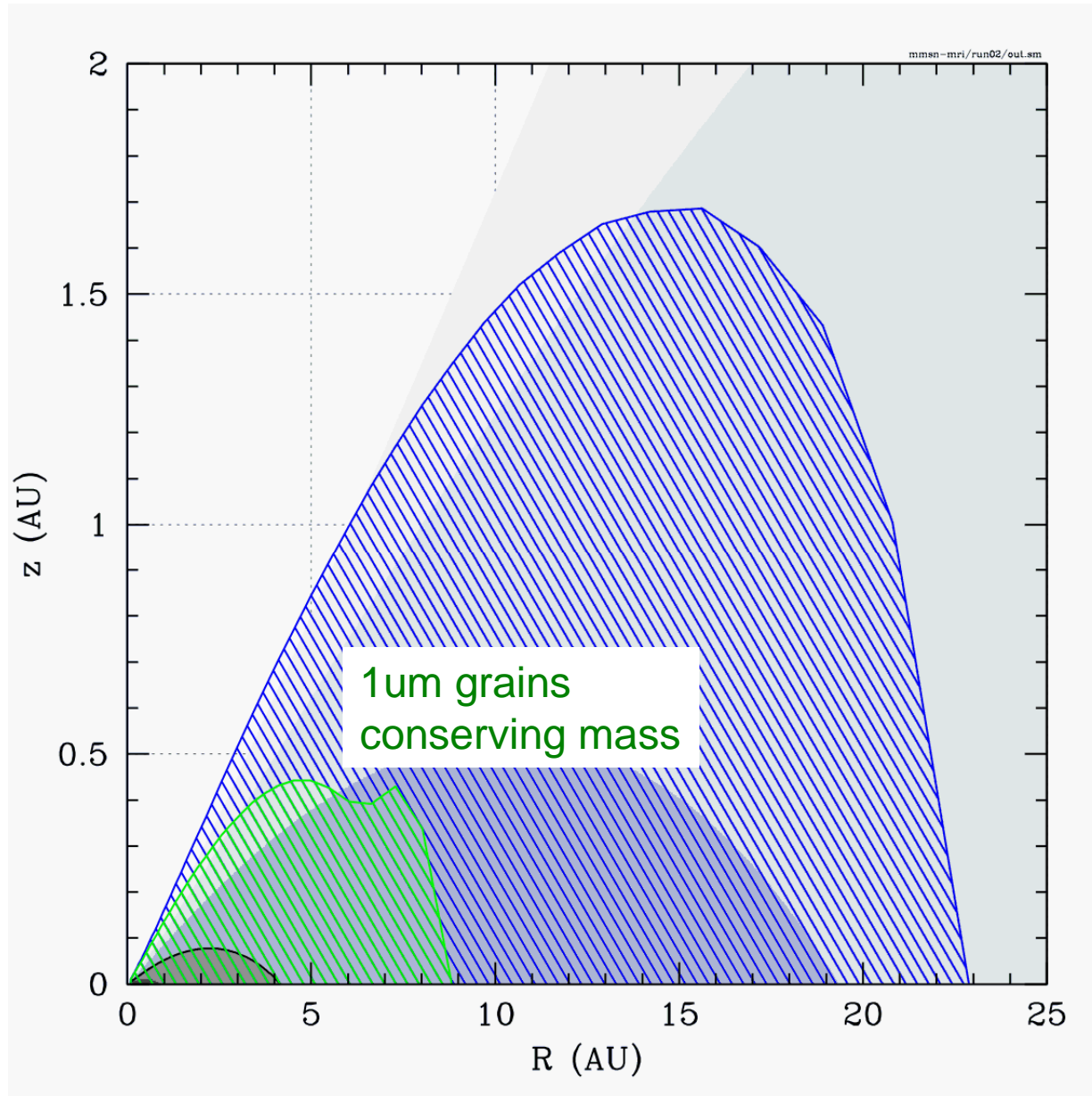
Dead Zone



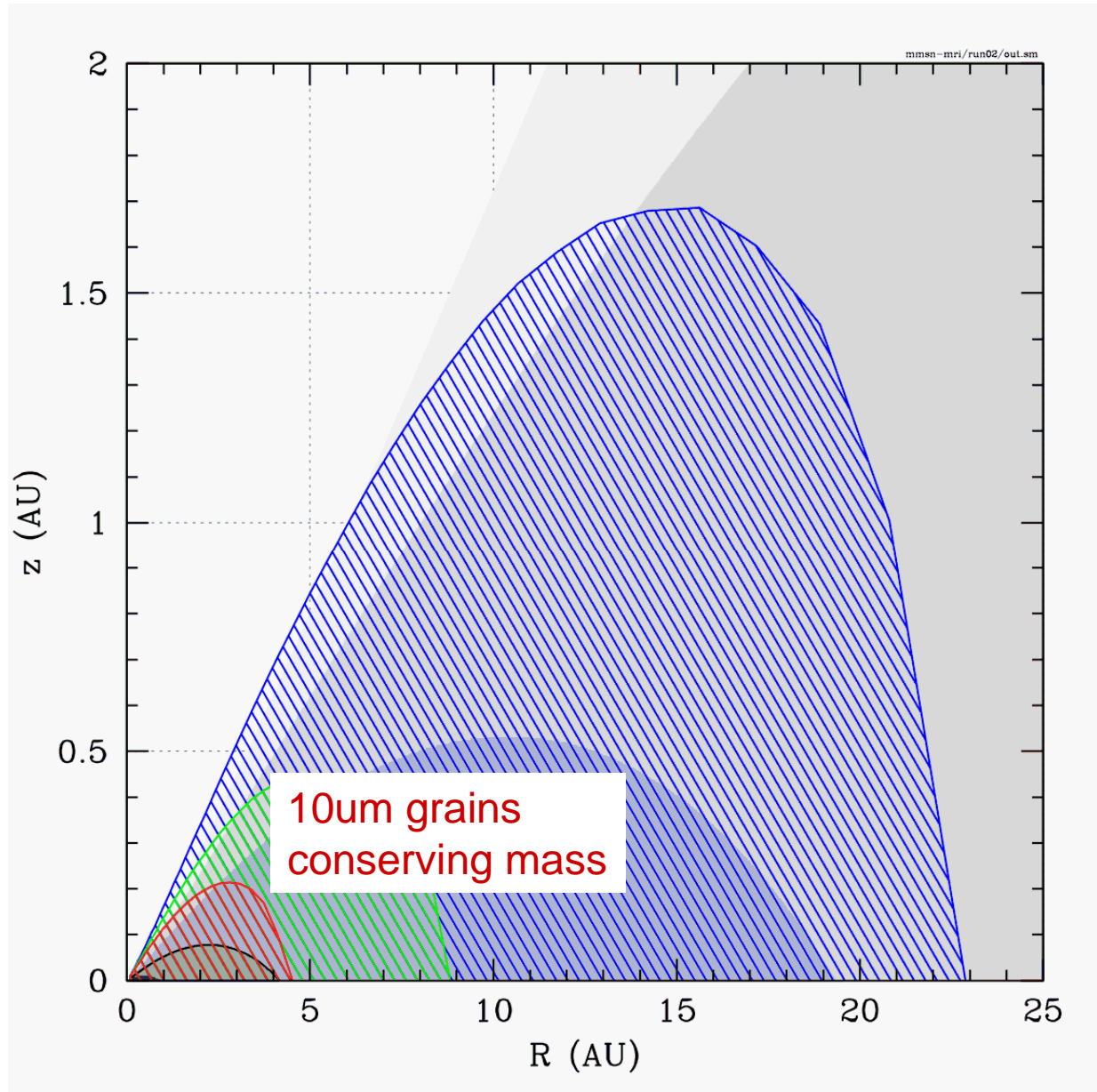
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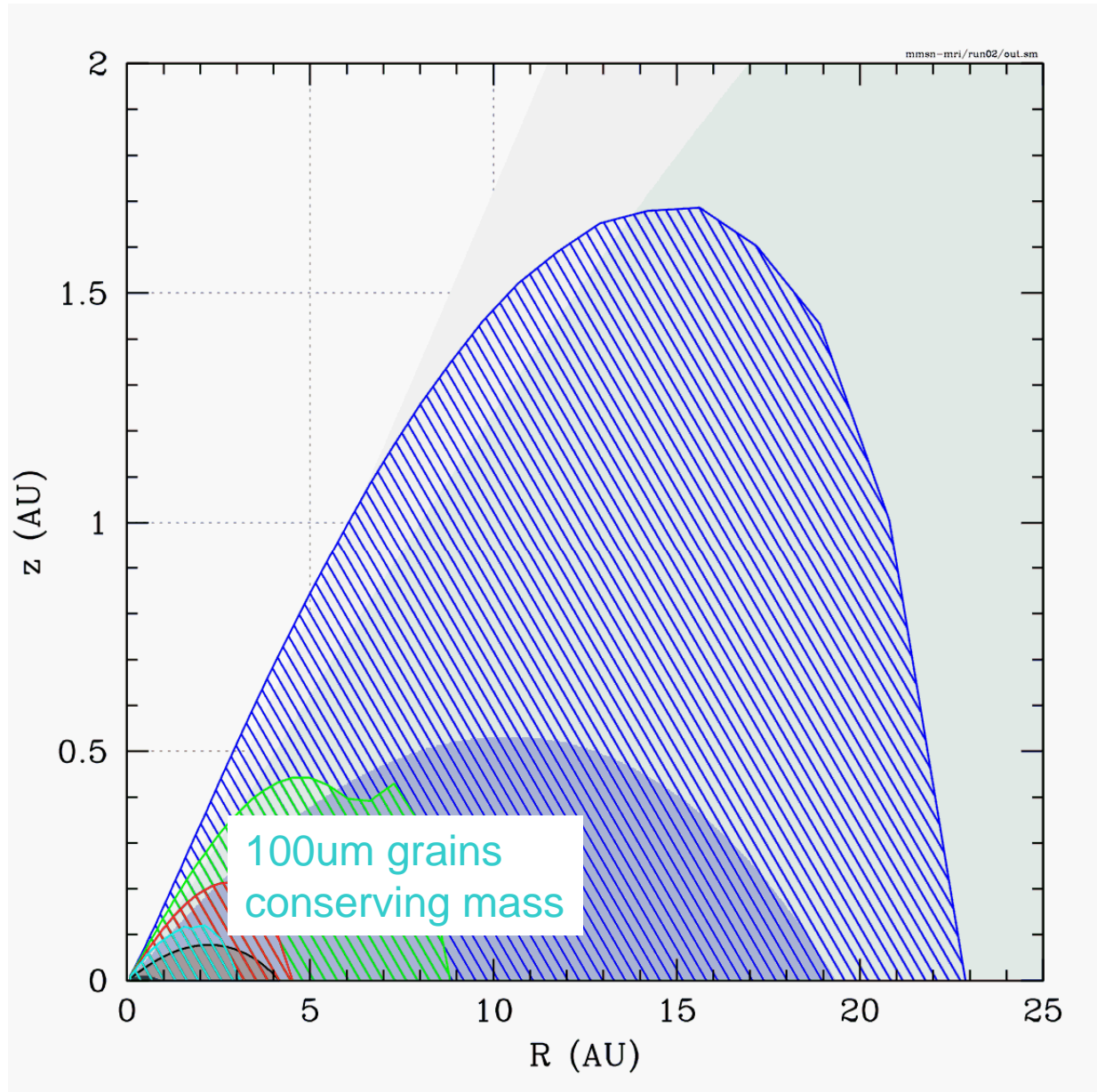
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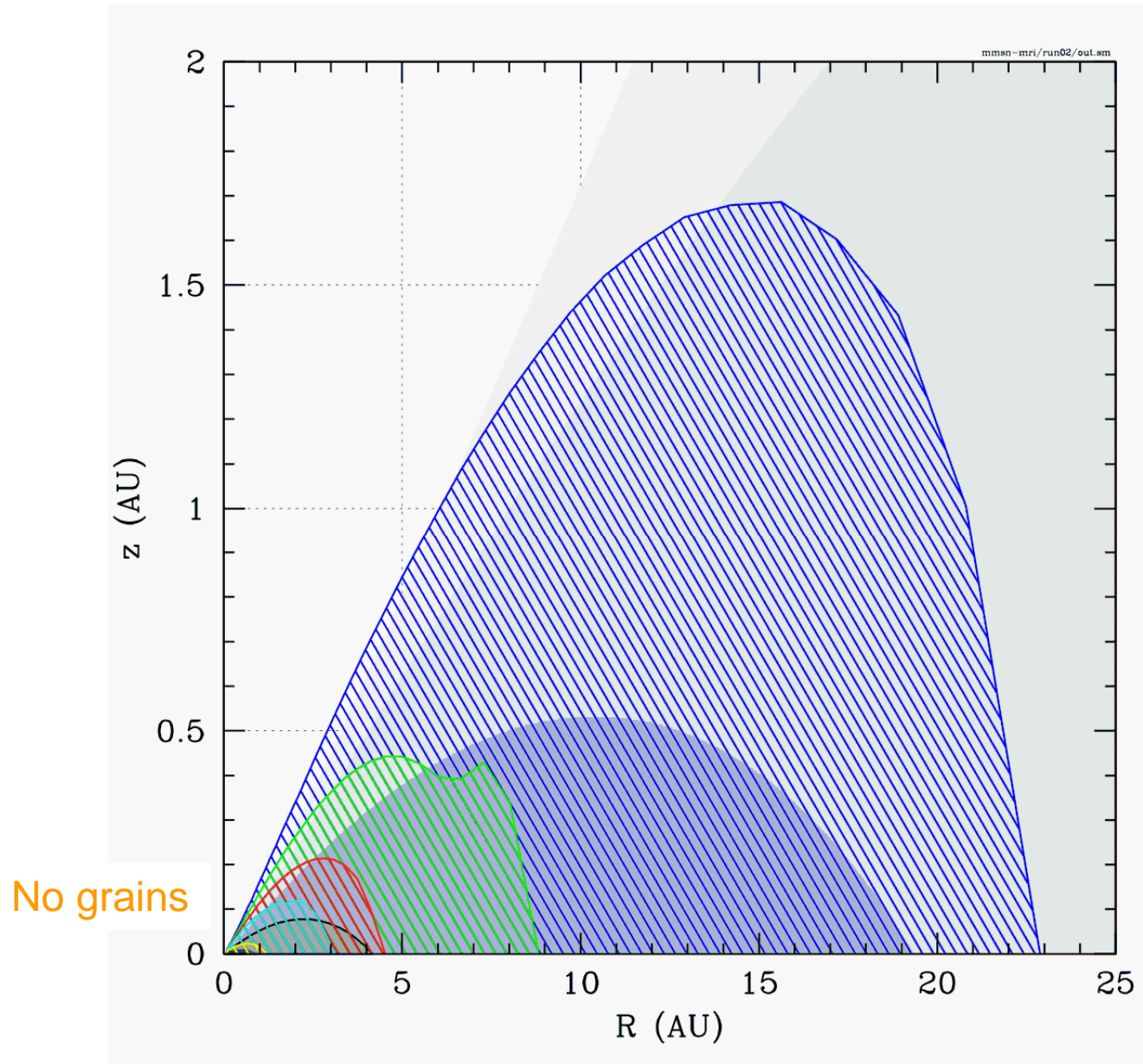
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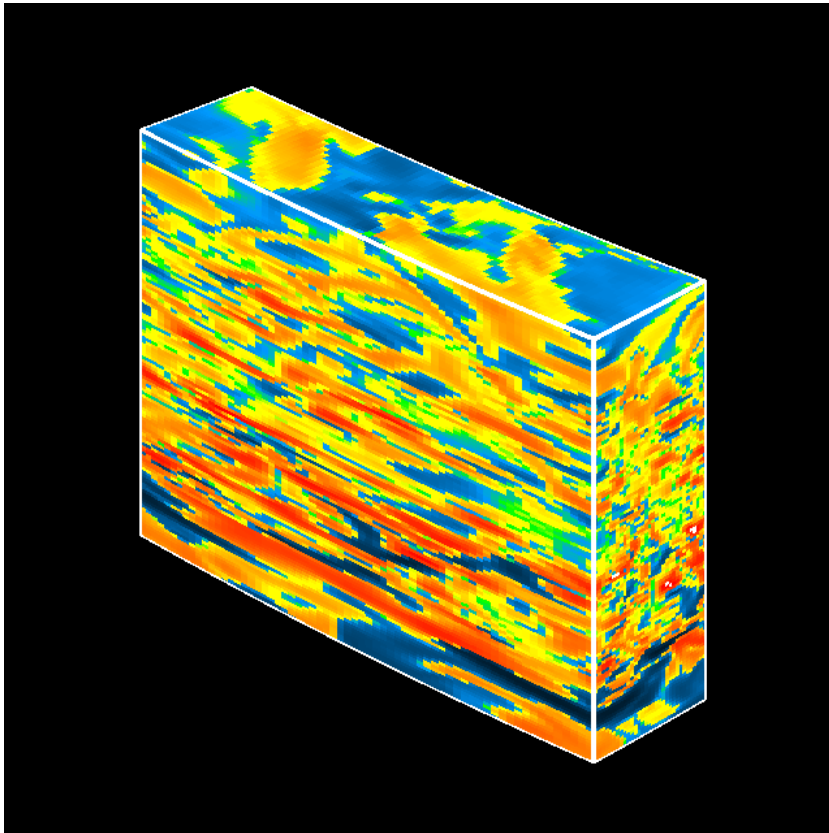


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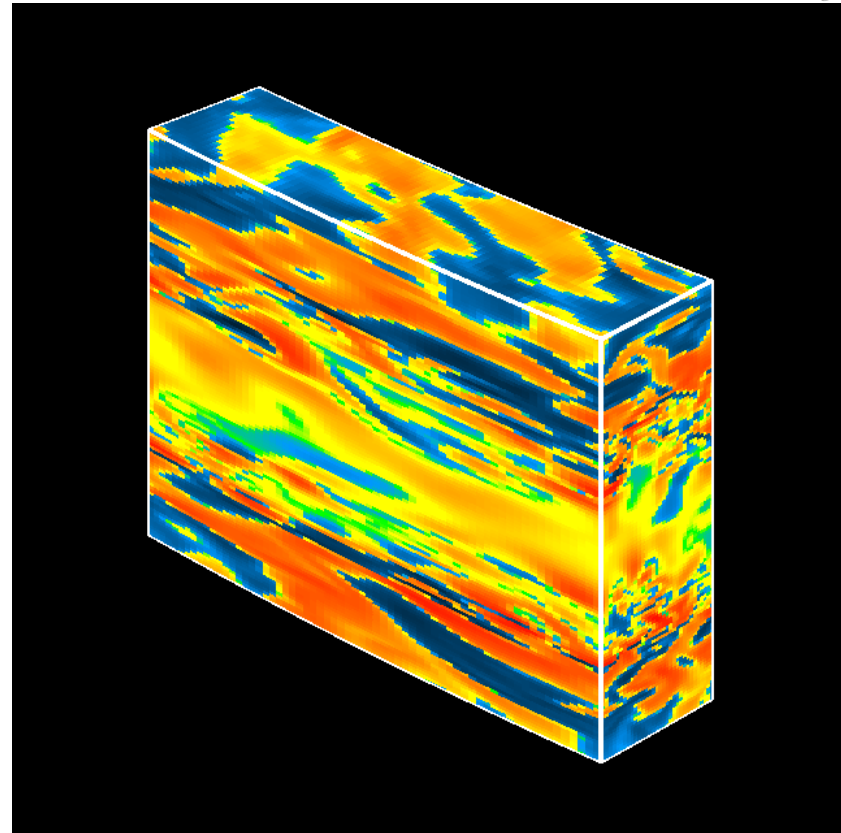


Magnetic Stresses Can Occur in the Dead Zone

Ideal MHD

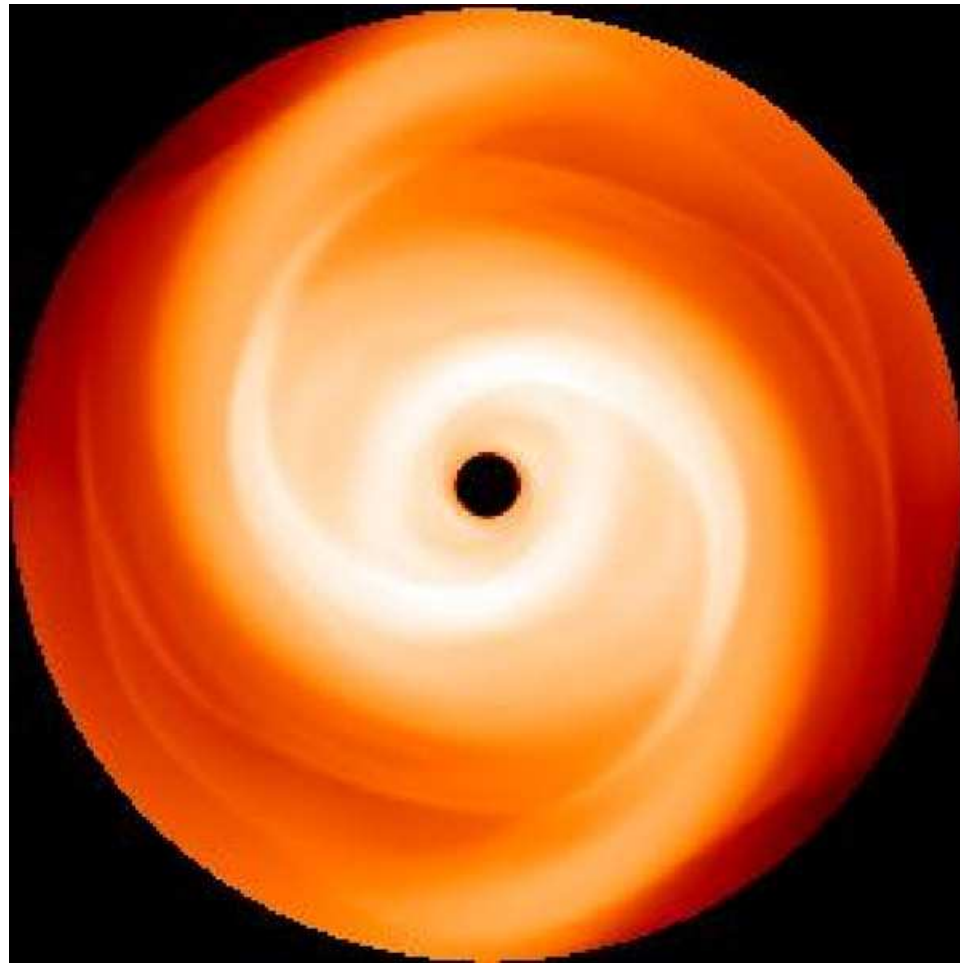


Resistive MHD with Ionization Chemistry



Turner et al. 2007

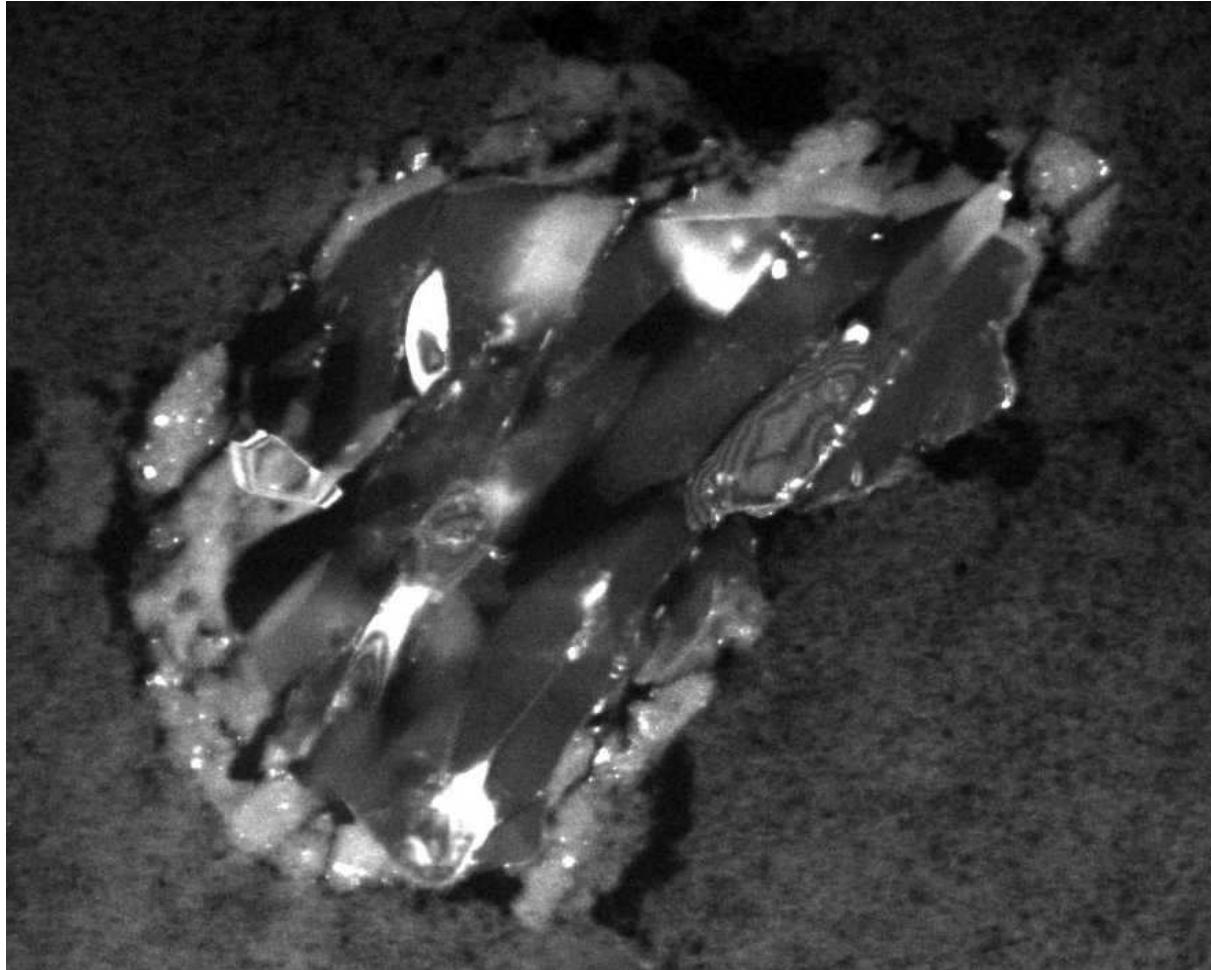
Do multiple A.M. transfer mechanisms coexist?



Fromang et al. 2004

Mass Transport

Crystalline forsterite grain from Comet Wild 2



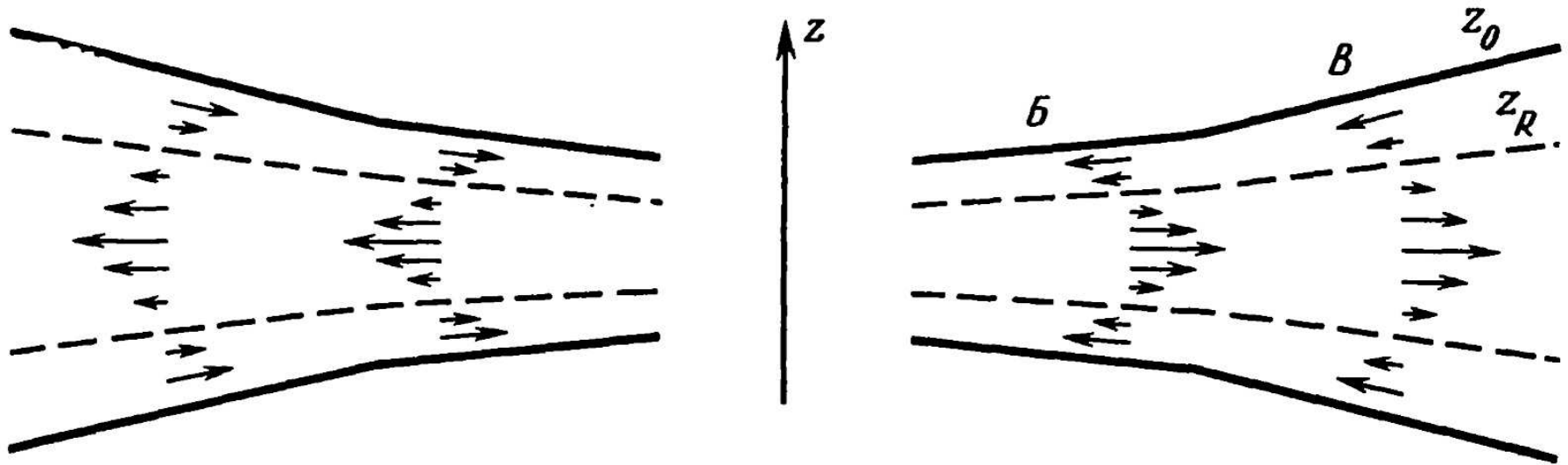
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- **MRI turbulence** – mixing and A.M. transfer coefficients roughly equal.

Global Circulation



Urpin 1984

Kley & Lin 1992

Takeuchi & Lin 2002

Prospects for ALMA

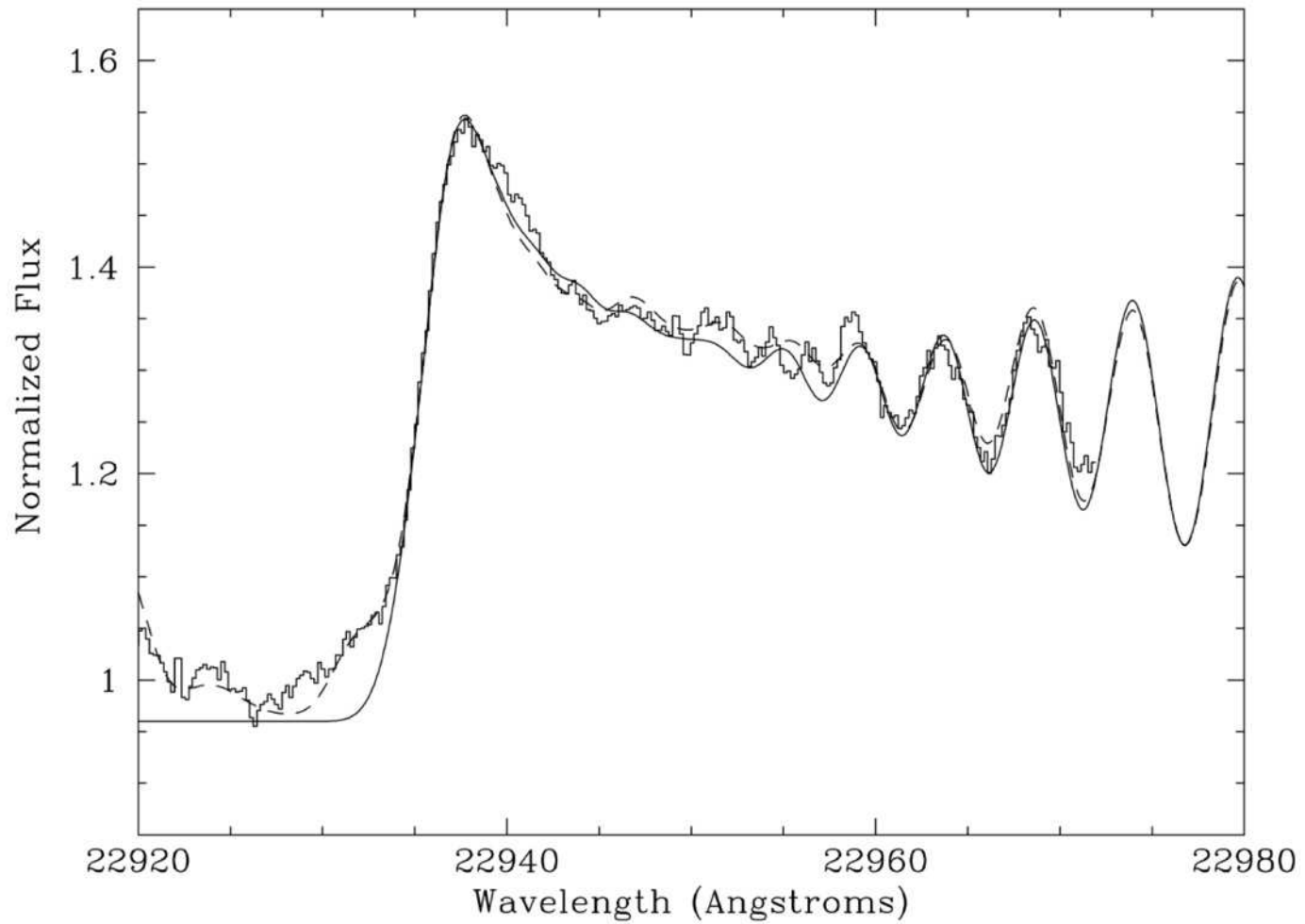
Two basic questions:

- 1. How is angular momentum removed?**
- 2. What mixing processes are at work?**

Prospects for ALMA

- **Directly detect gas flows.** Expect spiral shocks, helical outflow, or surface layer turbulence.

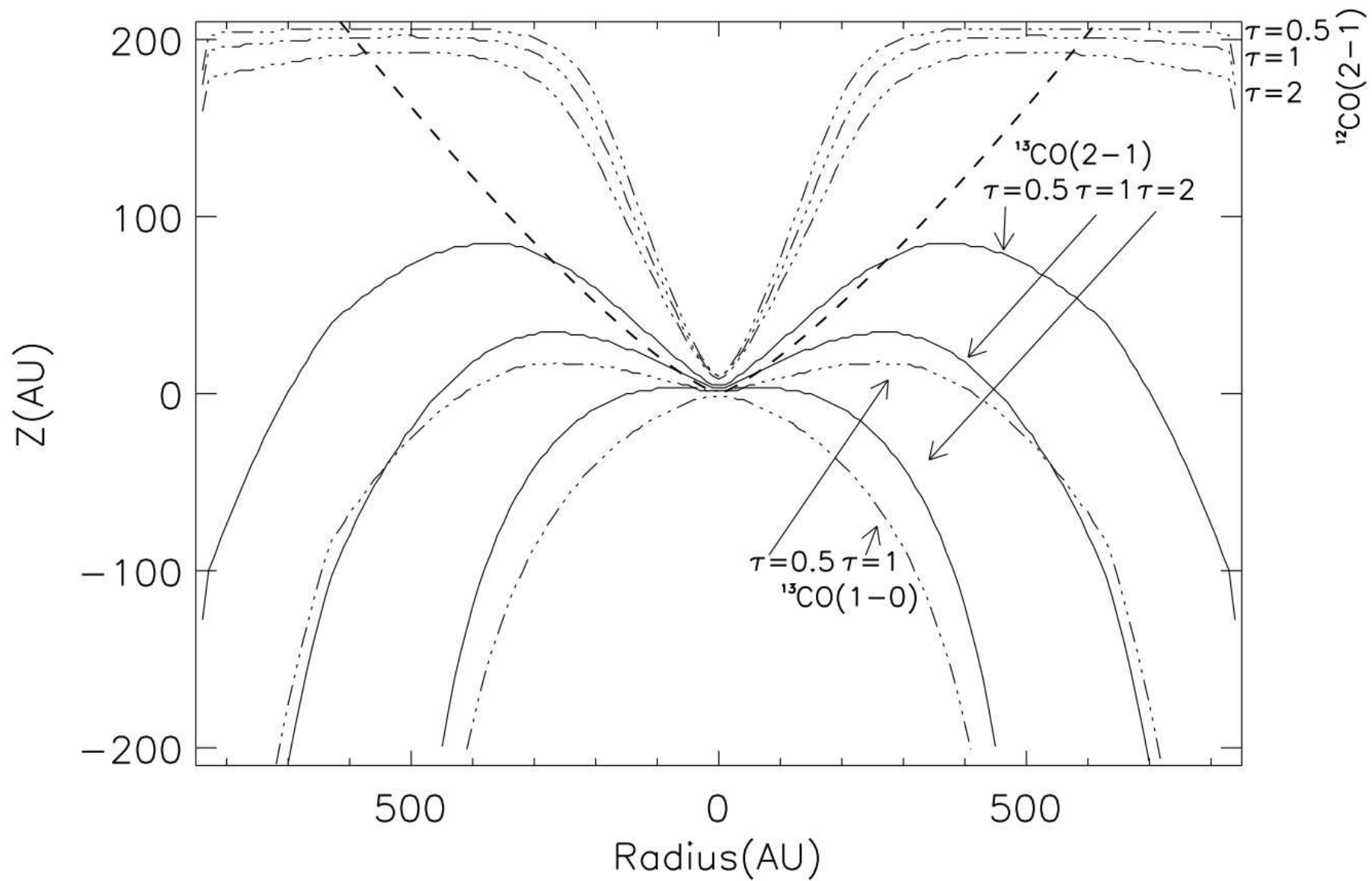
CO Overtone Bandhead in SVS13



Carr et al. 2004

Prospects for ALMA

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- **Is gravitational instability active?**
Map the surface density and midplane temperature.

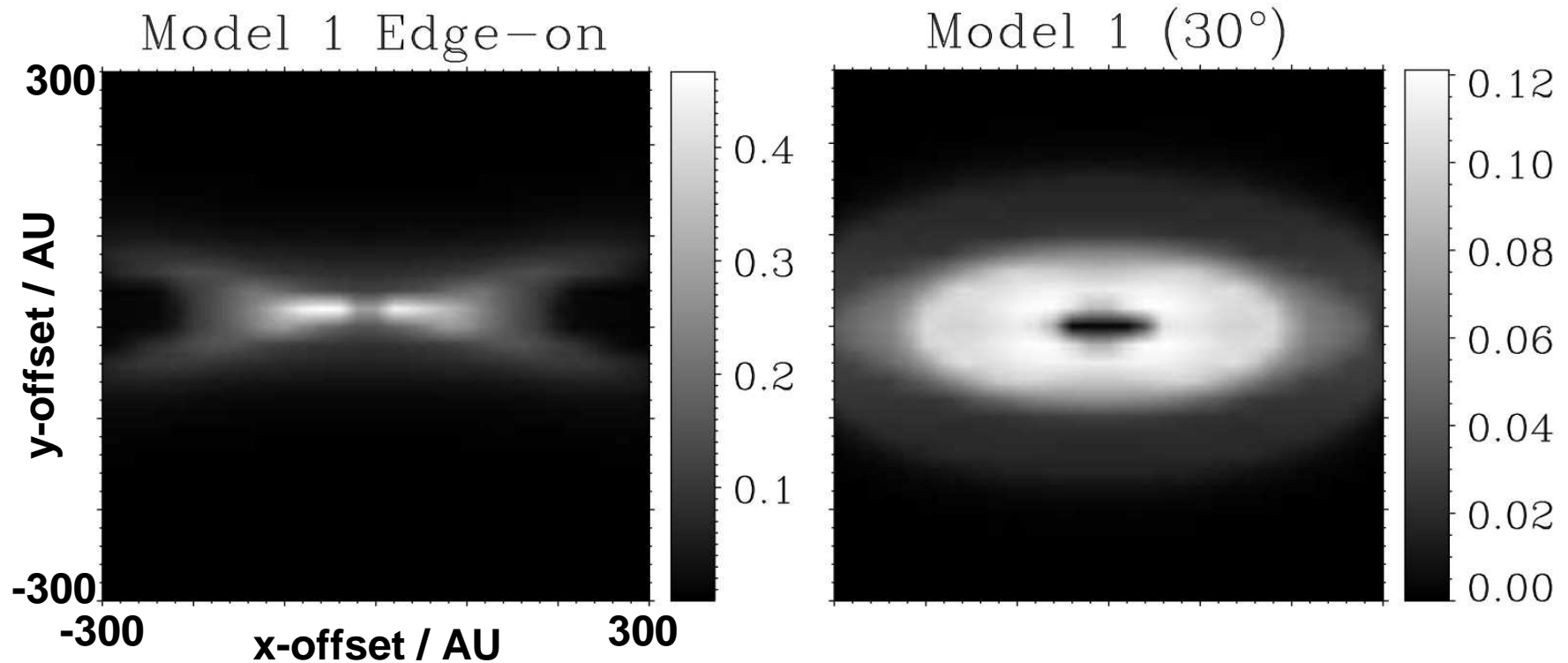


Dartois et al. 2003

Prospects for ALMA

- **Directly detect gas flows.**
- **Is gravitational instability active?**
- **Is the gas tied to magnetic field lines?**
Measure charged particle fraction.

Model H₂D⁺ 372.4 GHz Maps



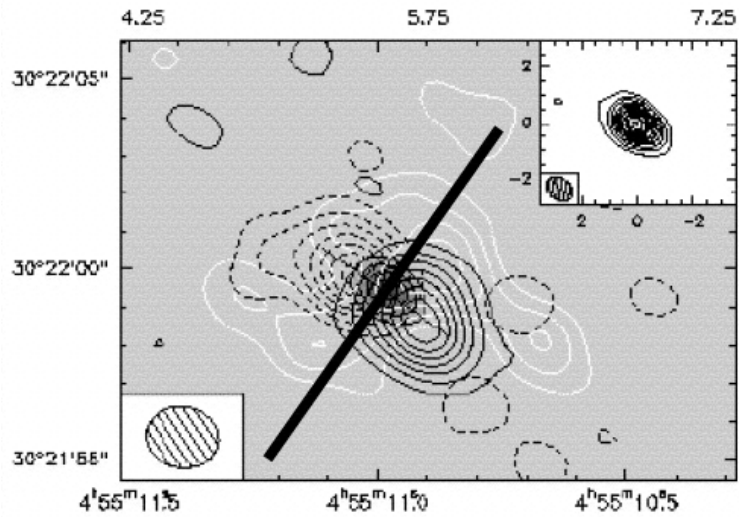
Intensity units 10^{-6} erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ sr⁻¹

Asensio Ramos et al. 2007

Prospects for ALMA

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- **Is the gas tied to magnetic field lines?**
- **Are the fields straight or tangled?**
Are the strength and orientation consistent with a wind? With MRI?

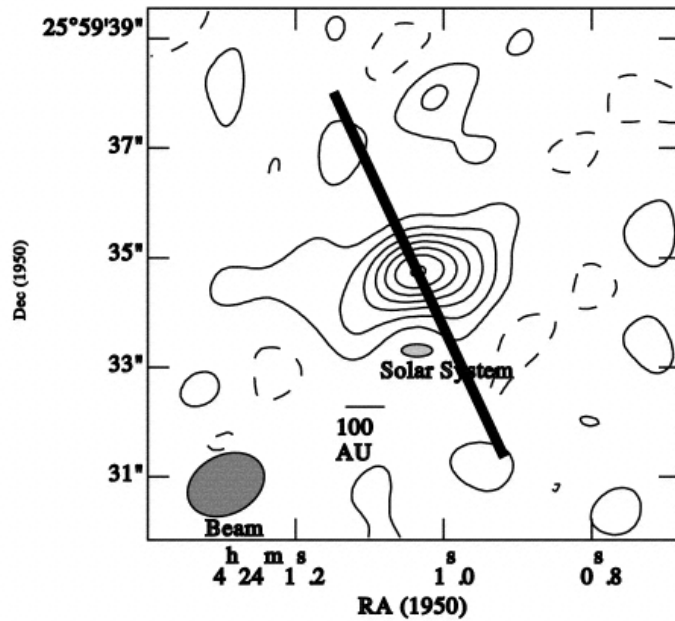
GM Aur



850 μm continuum polarization vectors from JCMT

Tamura et al. 1999

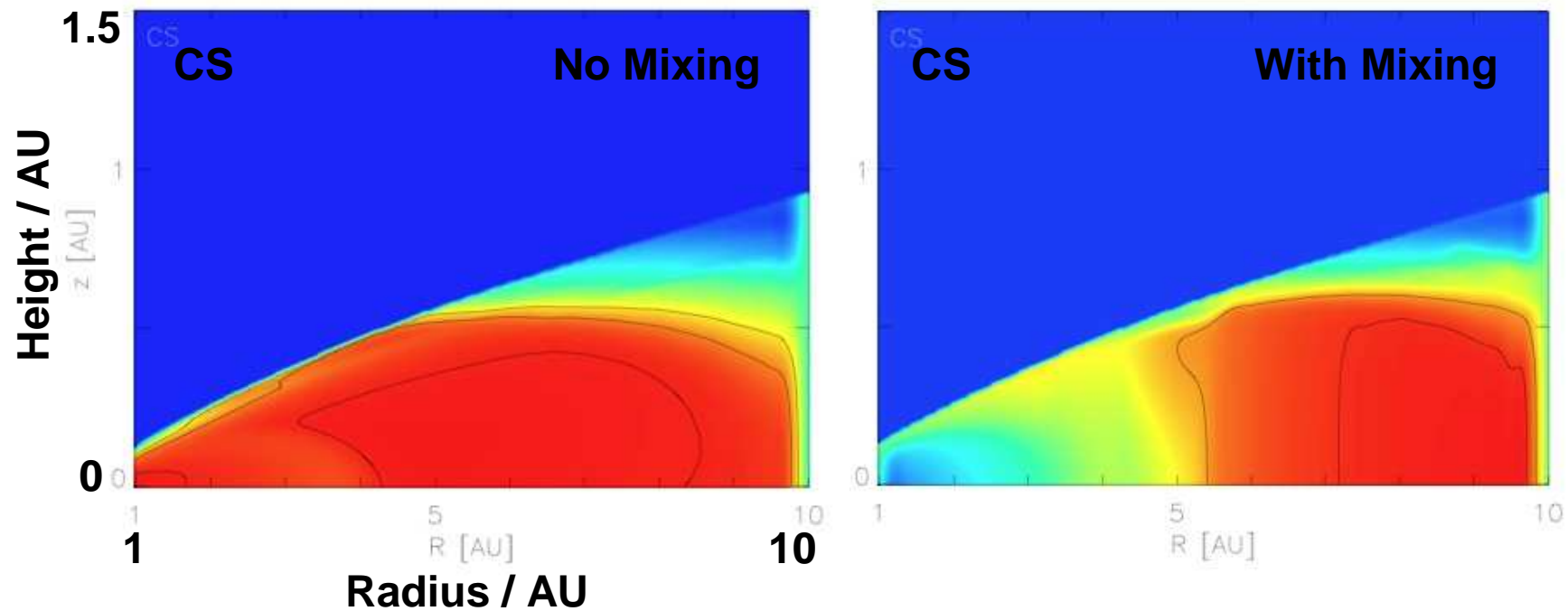
DG Tau



Prospects for ALMA

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- **What are the mixing rates? Match abundances against chemical models including mixing.**

Abundances can be increased or reduced by vertical mixing.



Ilgner et al. 2004

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