

# Inferring primordial magnetic properties from the resulting gravitational waves

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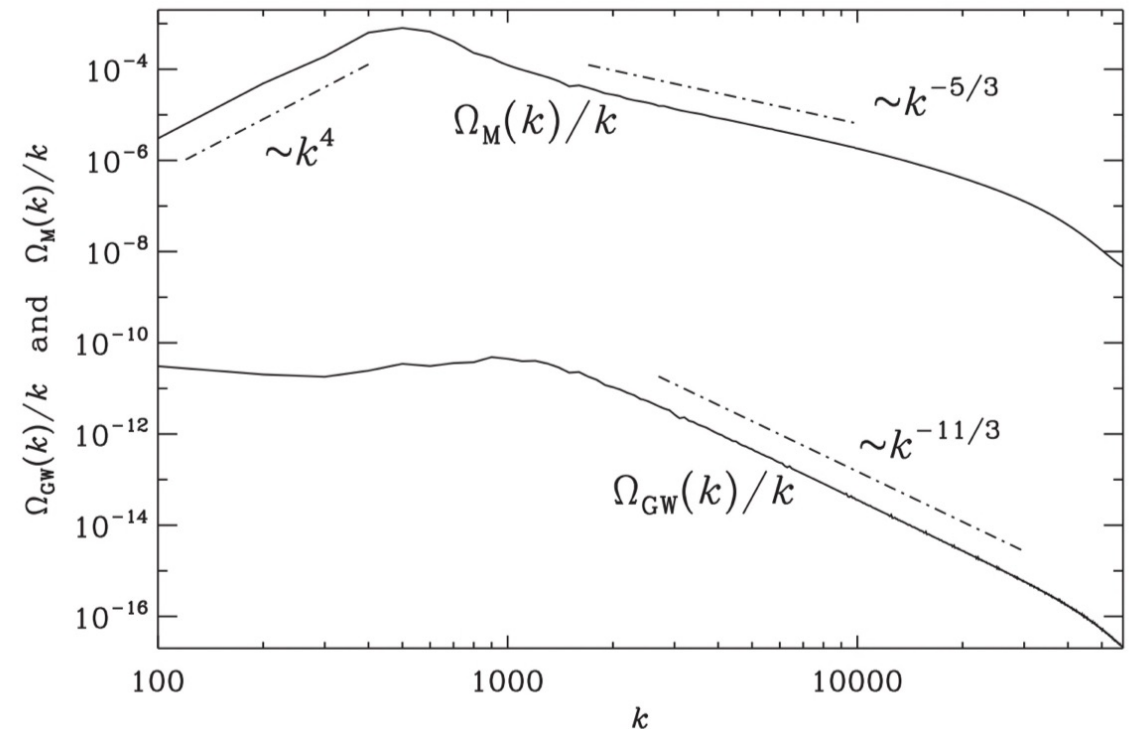
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$$(\partial_t^2 + 3H\partial_t - c^2\nabla^2) h_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{16\pi G}{c^2} T_{ij}^{\text{TT}}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Relation between spectra:

$$\text{Sp}(\dot{\mathbf{h}}) \approx k^2 \text{Sp}(\mathbf{h}) \approx k^{-2} \text{Sp}(\mathbf{T}),$$

GW slope by  $k^2$  steeper  
Peak at twice magnetic peak

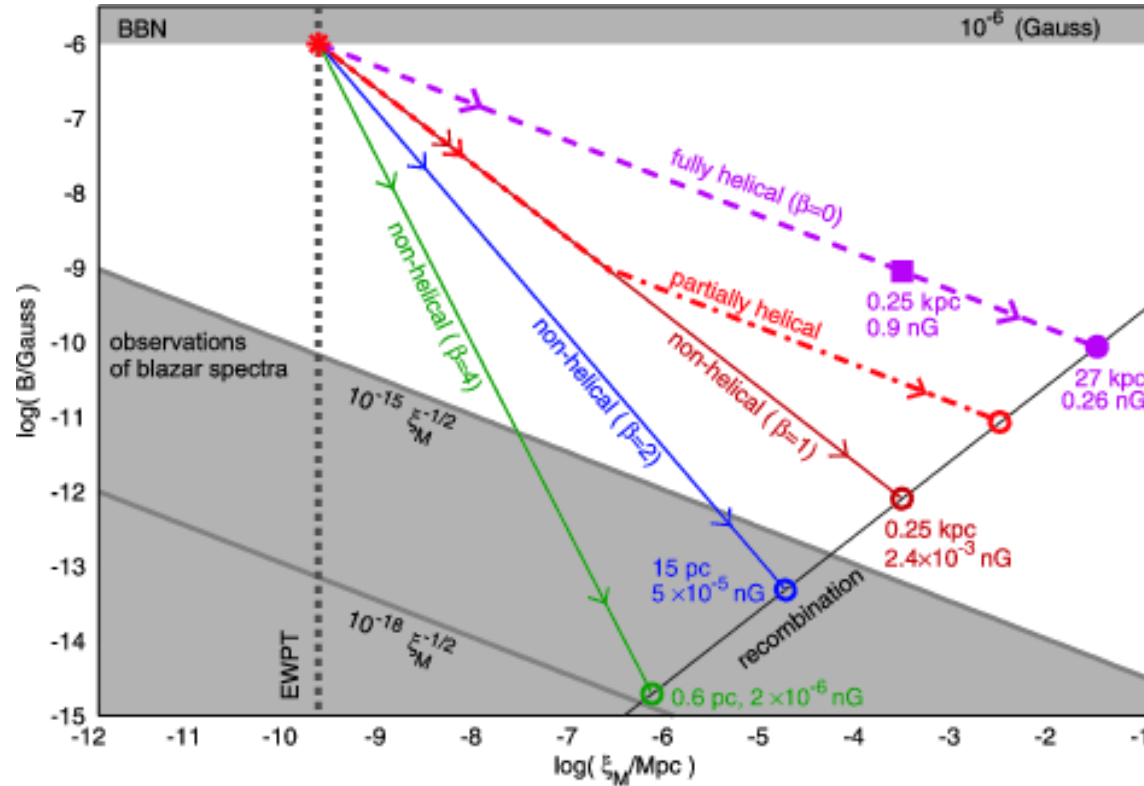


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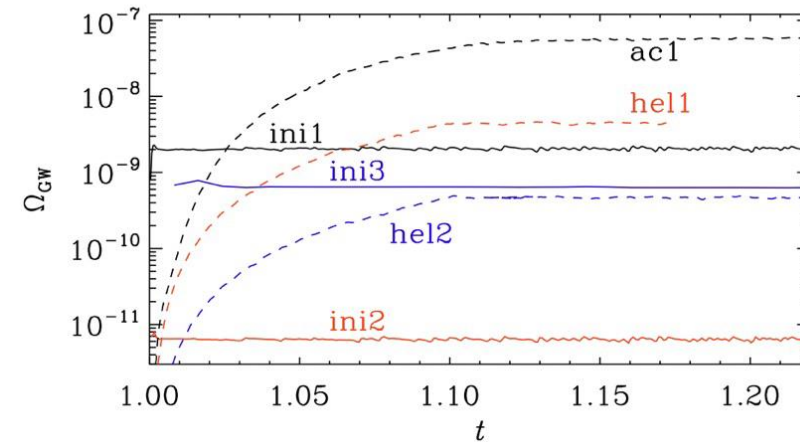
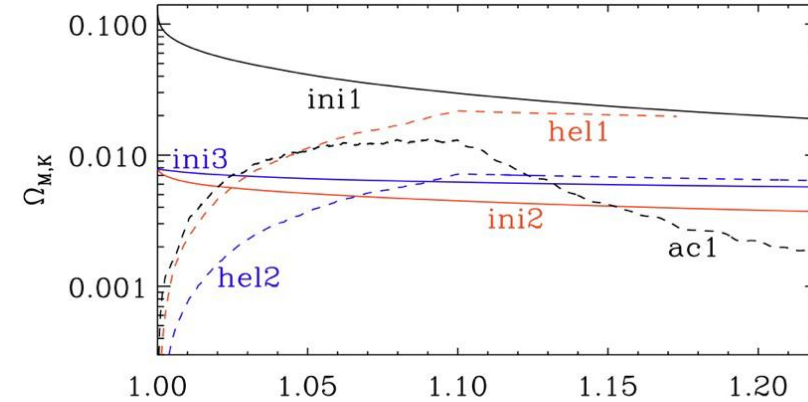
# Evolution since electroweak era

See Tanmay's talk of Monday

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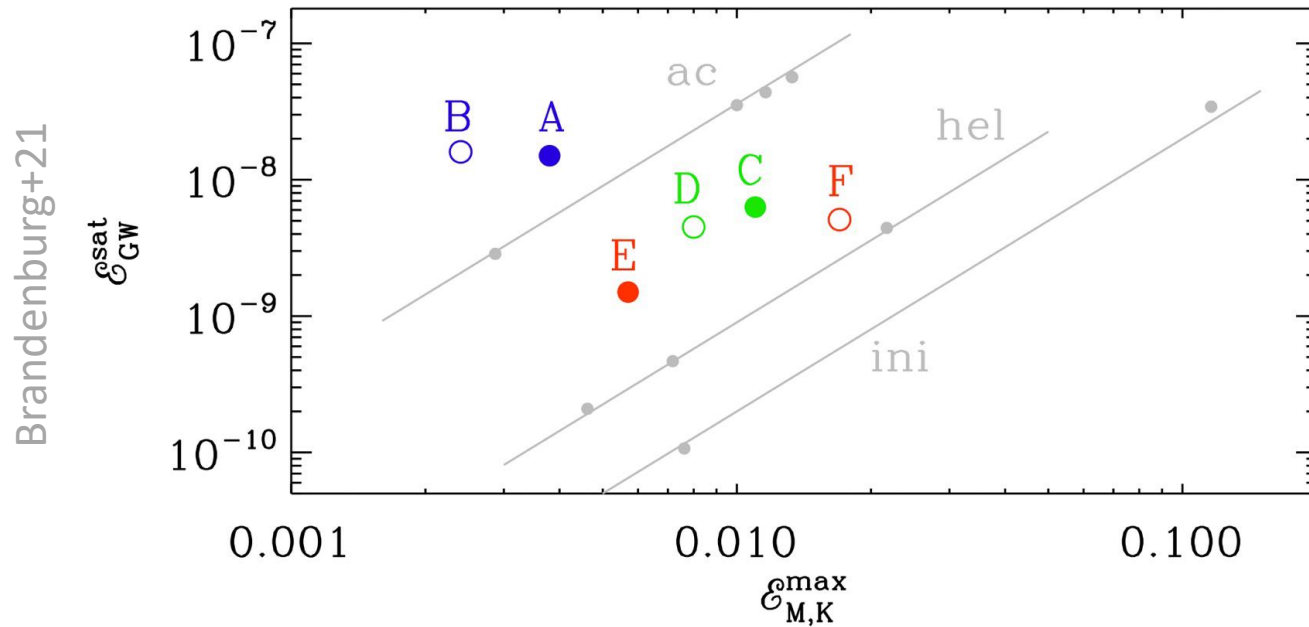
- Power law decay: slope  $-(\beta+1)/2$
- Hosking+Schekochihin:  $\beta=3/2$
- Earlier termination (reconnection?)



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- Magnetic energy decays
- GW energy does not!

# GW energy depends quadratically on energy input & scale



$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{GW}}^{\text{sat}} \approx (q \mathcal{E}_{\text{M}}^{\text{max}} / k_{\text{peak}})^2$$

Acoustic turbulence more efficient ( $q \sim 30$ )

Vortical turbulence less efficient ( $q < 5$ )

Helical MHD turbulence least efficient

- Large-scale fields  $\rightarrow$  more GW energy
- Generation at electroweak era: need strong fields
- Generation during inflation & reheating

# GW energy depends quadratically on energy input & scale

Chiral magnetic effect (CME), use  $[\mu_5]=[k]$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times [\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} + \eta(\mu_5 \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{J})], \quad \mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$$

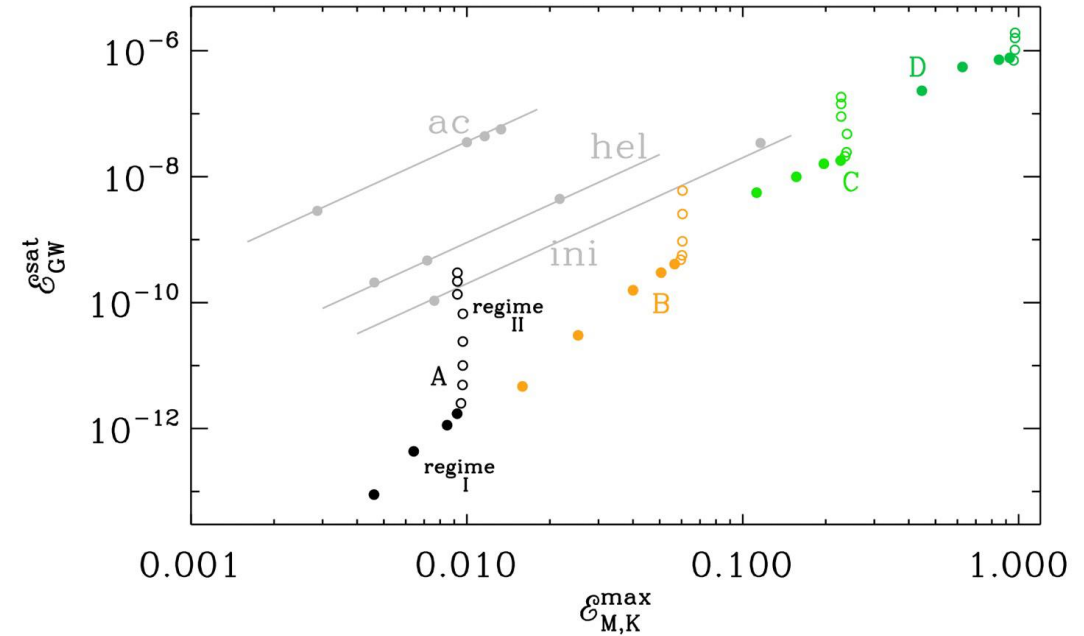
$$\frac{D\mu_5}{Dt} = -\lambda \eta(\mu_5 \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{J}) \cdot \mathbf{B} + D_5 \nabla^2 \mu_5 - \Gamma_f \mu_5$$

$$v_\lambda = \mu_{50}/\lambda^{1/2}, \quad v_\mu = \mu_{50}\eta.$$

$$\eta k_1 < v_\mu < v_\lambda \quad (\text{regime I}),$$

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Rogachevskii, Boyarsky+17

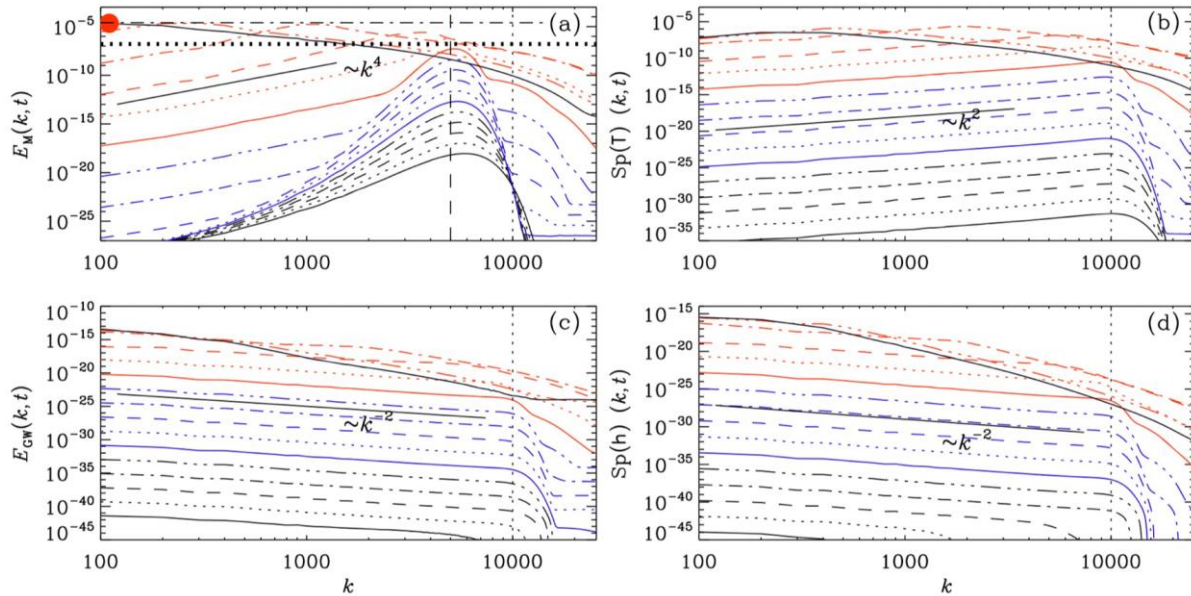


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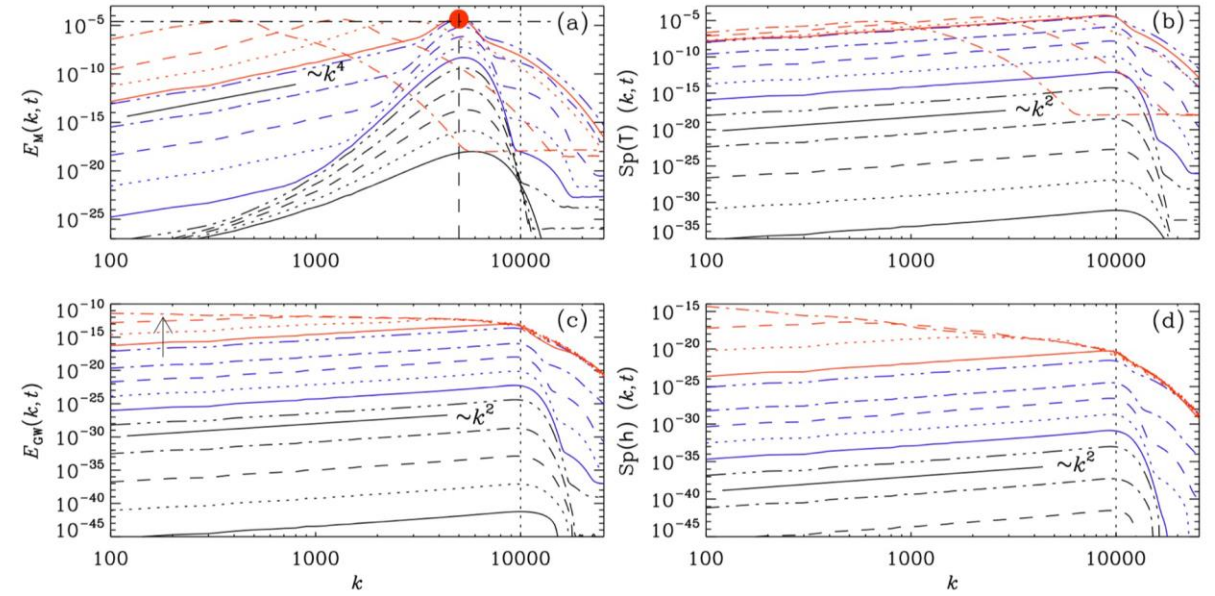
- Regime II: is more resistive  $\rightarrow$  unrealistic, but large GW energies
- Regime I:  $\rightarrow$  realistic, but small scales & less GW energy

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Regime I



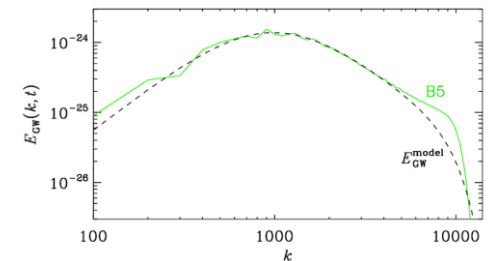
Regime II



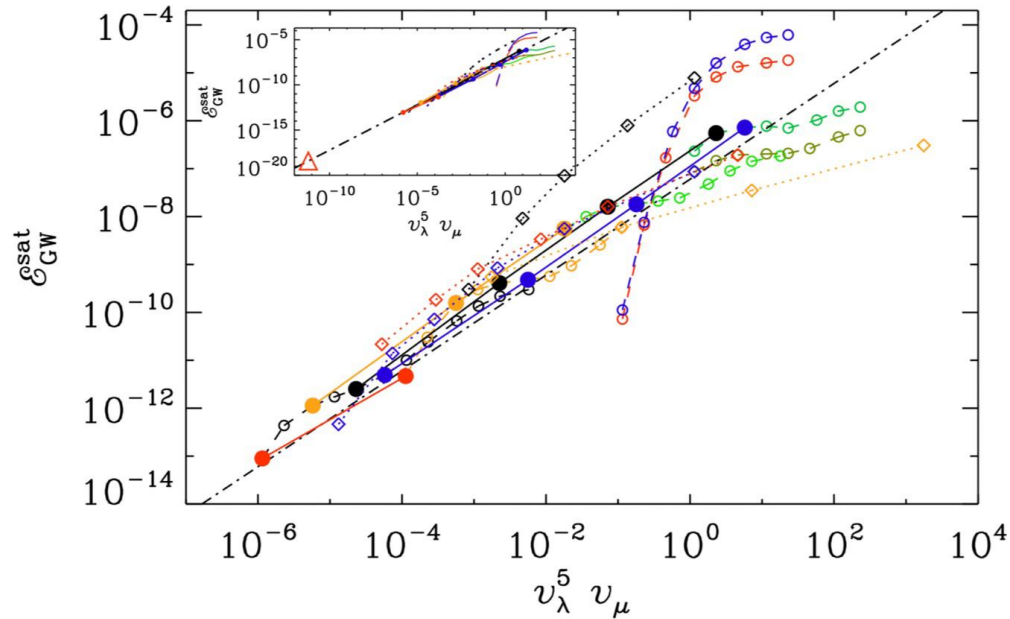
$$\tilde{h}(k, t) = \frac{6\tilde{T}_0(k)}{4\gamma_0^2 + k^2} \left[ e^{2\gamma_0\tau} - \cos k\tau - \frac{2\gamma_0}{k} \sin k\tau \right]_{\tau=t-1}$$

Kinematic phase:  
Peak determined  
By growth rate

$$\gamma_0 = \eta\mu_{50}^2/4$$



# GW energy depends quintically on limiting CME speed $v_\lambda$



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- For realistic parameters  $\rightarrow$  very weak GW energy
- Need larger length scales

Magnetic energy also weak

$$\langle \mathbf{B}^2 \rangle \xi_M = \epsilon (k_B T_0)^3 (\hbar c)^{-2},$$



# Inflationary magnetogenesis

- Early Universe Turbulence
  - Source of gravitational waves
  - Information from young universe

- Magnetogenesis

- Inflation/reheating
- No particles yet, no conductivity
- Coupling with electromagn field

$$f^2 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu},$$

- Breaking of conformal invariance
- Quantum fluct  $\rightarrow$  field stretched

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}'' + \left( \mathbf{k}^2 - \frac{f''}{f} \right) \tilde{\mathbf{A}} = 0,$$
$$\tilde{h}''_{+/\times} + \left( \mathbf{k}^2 - \frac{a''}{a} \right) \tilde{h}_{+/\times} = \frac{6}{a} \tilde{T}_{+/\times},$$

CODE (Pencil Code Collaboration et al. 2021), where

$$\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} + \sigma^{-1} \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} \quad (8)$$

is solved in real space, which includes the induction effect from the velocity and the finite conductivity. It is solved together with (Brandenburg et al. 1996)

$$\mathbf{u}' = -\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{4} \nabla \ln \rho + \frac{3}{4\rho} \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathcal{F}_\nu + \mathcal{F}, \quad (9)$$

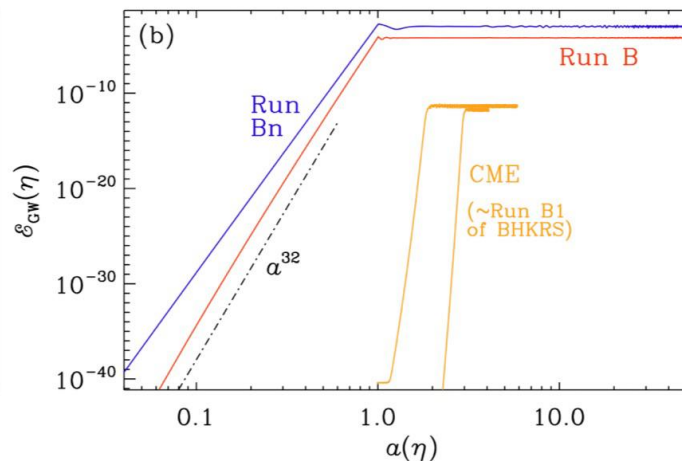
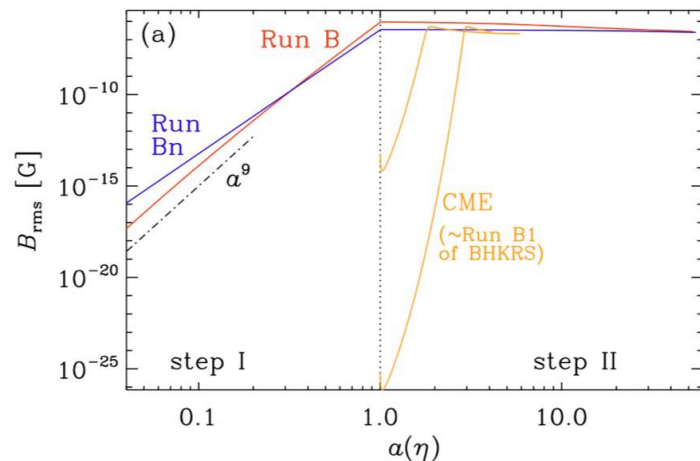
$$(\ln \rho)' = -\frac{4}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \ln \rho) + \mathcal{H}, \quad (10)$$

where  $\mathcal{F} = (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \ln \rho) \mathbf{u} / 3 - [\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{J}^2 / \sigma] \mathbf{u} / \rho$ , and  $\mathcal{H} = [\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{J}^2 / \sigma] \rho$  are higher

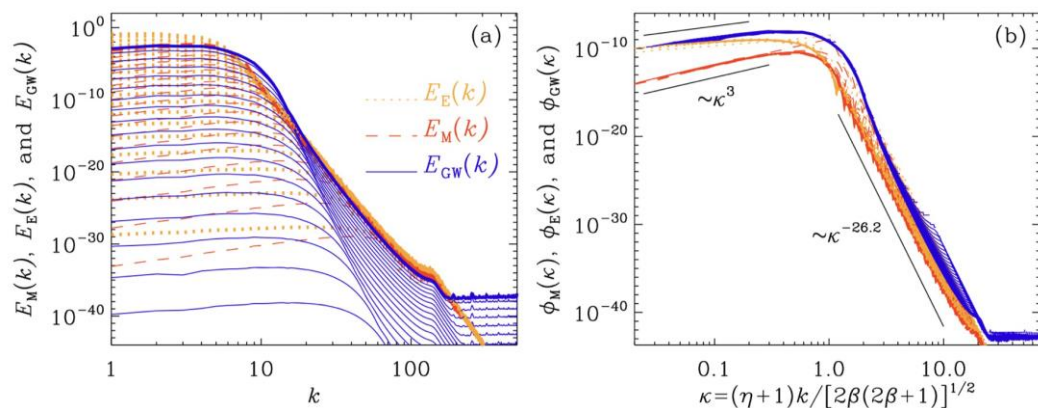
*Software and Data Availability.* The source code used for the simulations of this study, the PENCIL CODE (Pencil Code Collaboration et al. 2021), is freely available on <https://github.com/pencil-code/>. The doi of the code is [10.5281/zenodo.2315093](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.2315093) (Brandenburg 2018). The simulation setup and the corresponding data are freely available from [doi:10.5281/zenodo.4448211](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4448211), see also <http://www.nordita.org/~brandenb/projects/GWfromCME/> for easier access.

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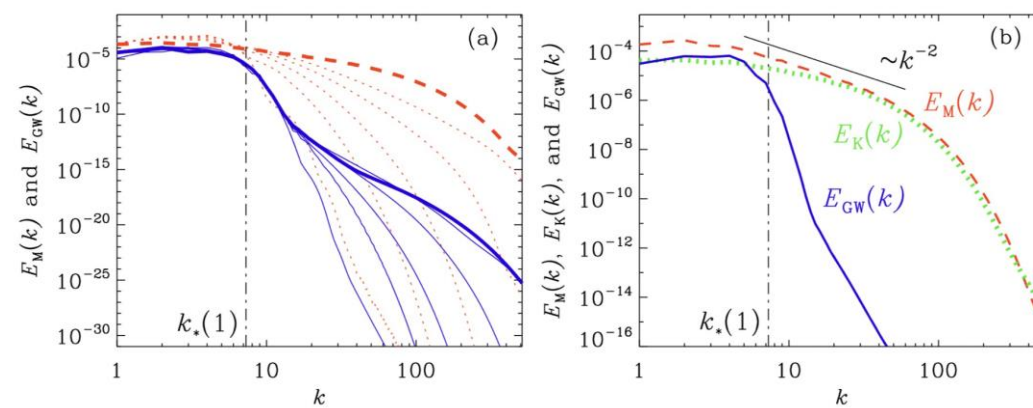
# Inflationary growth & magnetic decay



Inflationary growth: electric, magnetic, and GW grow

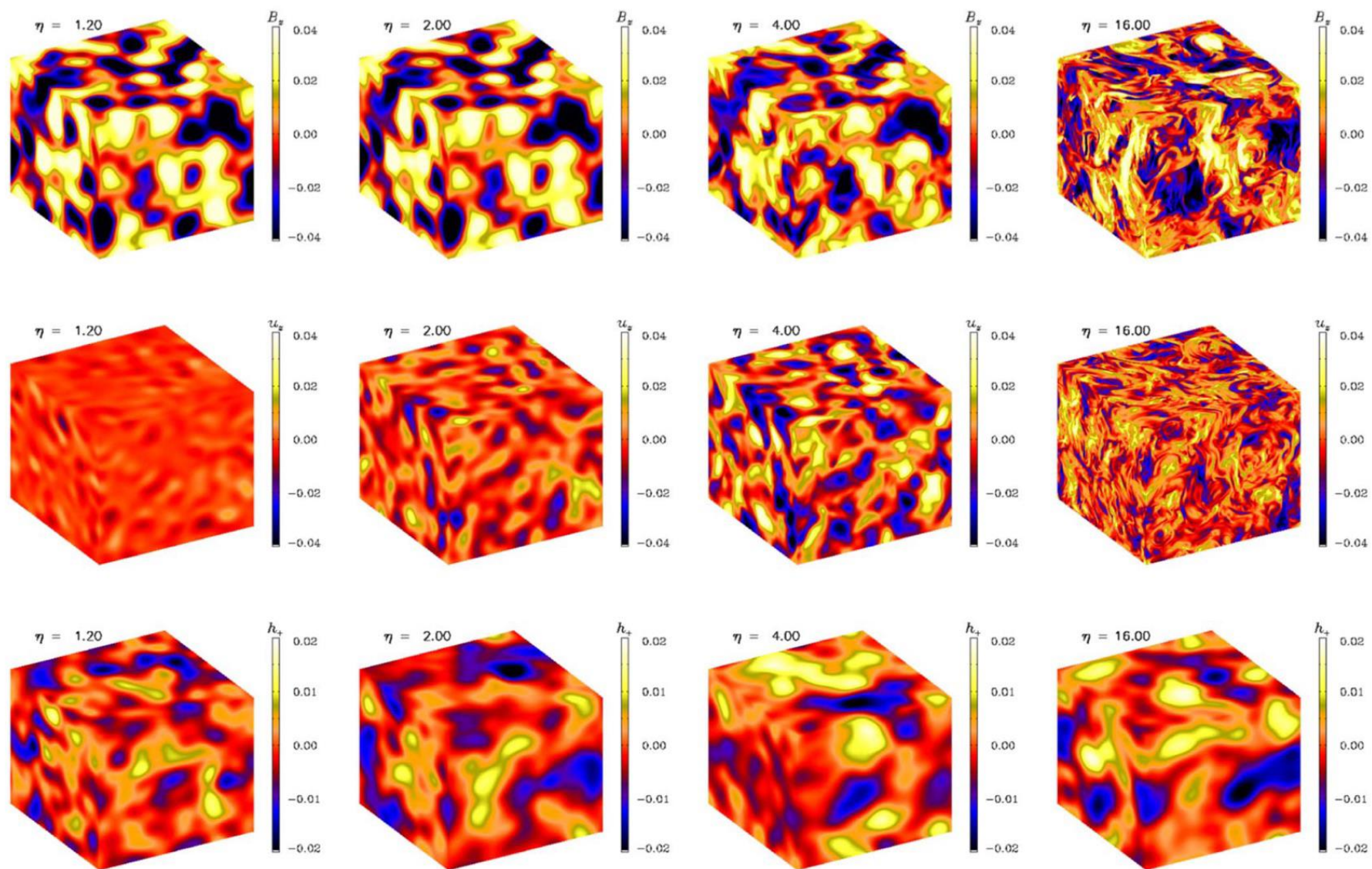


Lorentz force drives smaller scales: surprisingly weak





# No small scales in GW field



# Circular polarization in chiral inflationary magnetogenesis

$$\iota f^2 F_{\mu\nu} * F^{\mu\nu}$$

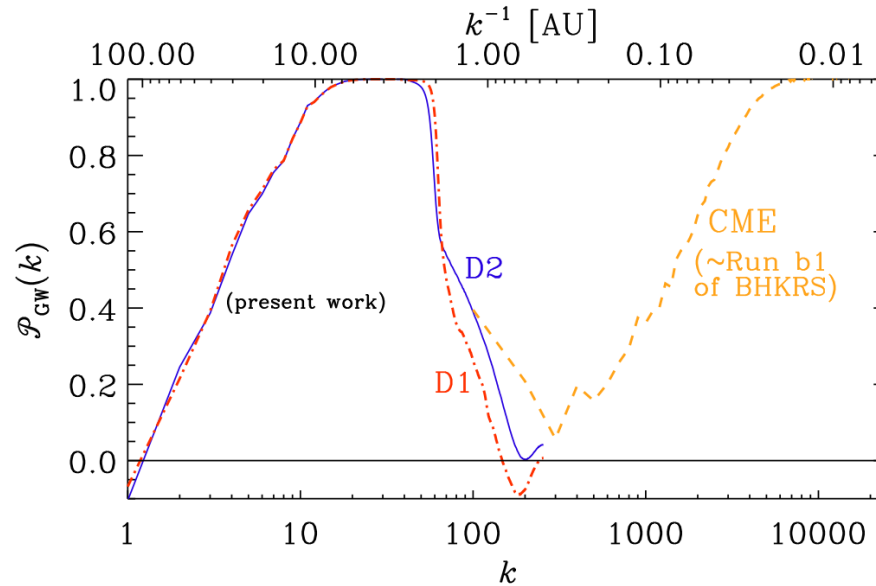
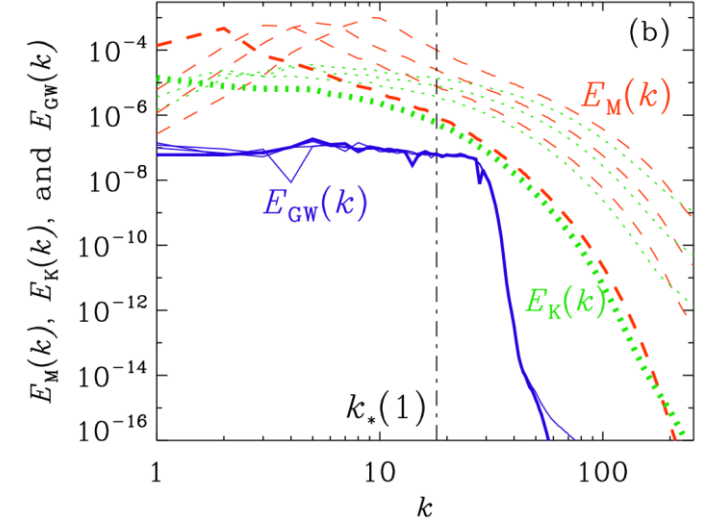
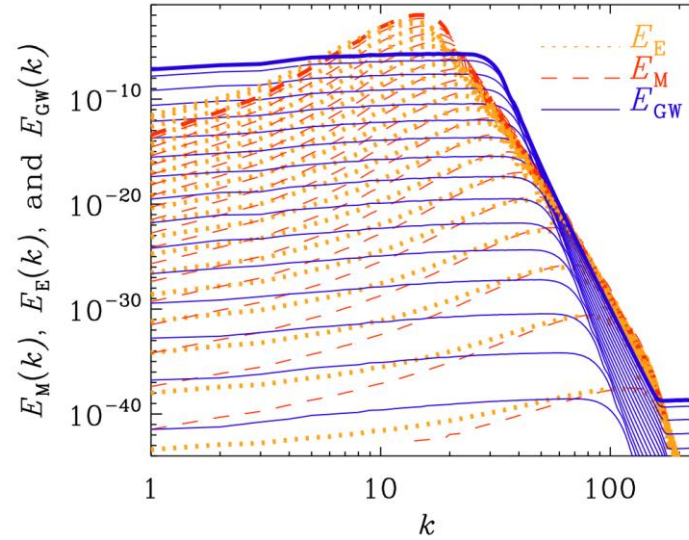
$$f(a) = a^{-\beta}, \quad \text{where } a = (\eta + 1)^2/4$$

$$\tilde{A}''_{\pm} + \left( k^2 \pm 2\iota k \frac{f'}{f} - \frac{f''}{f} \right) \tilde{A}_{\pm} = 0,$$

$$\frac{f'}{f} = -\frac{2\beta}{\eta + 1}, \quad \frac{f''}{f} = \frac{2\beta(2\beta + 1)}{(\eta + 1)^2}.$$

- Step I: spectra peaked
- Step II: Inverse cascade
- GW: circularly polarized

$$\mathcal{P}(k) = \frac{\int 2 \text{Im} \tilde{h}_+ \tilde{h}_\times^* k^2 d\Omega_k}{\int (|\tilde{h}_+|^2 + |\tilde{h}_\times|^2) k^2 d\Omega_k}$$



Helical field from  
CME or inflation:  
Always ~100%  
circular polarized

# Conclusions

- $\text{Sp}(dh/dt) \sim k^{-2} \text{Sp}(T) \sim k^{-2} \text{Sp}(B)$
- B decays, GW do not  $\rightarrow$  messenger
- CME: interesting, but weak B and GWs
- Inflation & reheating: large scale
  - Small scales during radiation era
  - But surprisingly inefficient
  - $f^{8/3}$  spectrum characteristic of turbulence
- NANOGrav result  $\leftrightarrow$  low energy scale

