

# TURBULENT MAGNETIC FIELD AMPLIFICATION IN BINARY NEUTRON STAR MERGERS

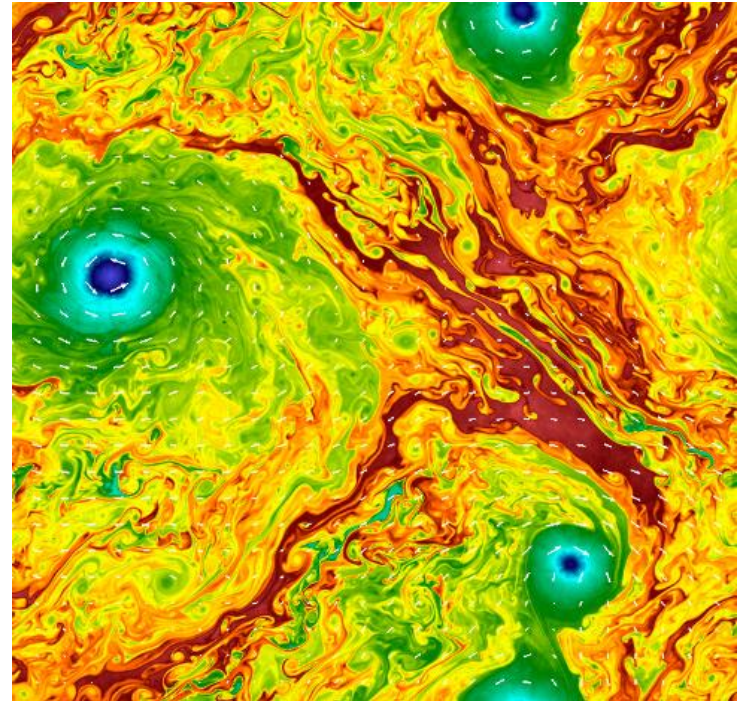
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## ***Modeling MHD turbulence***

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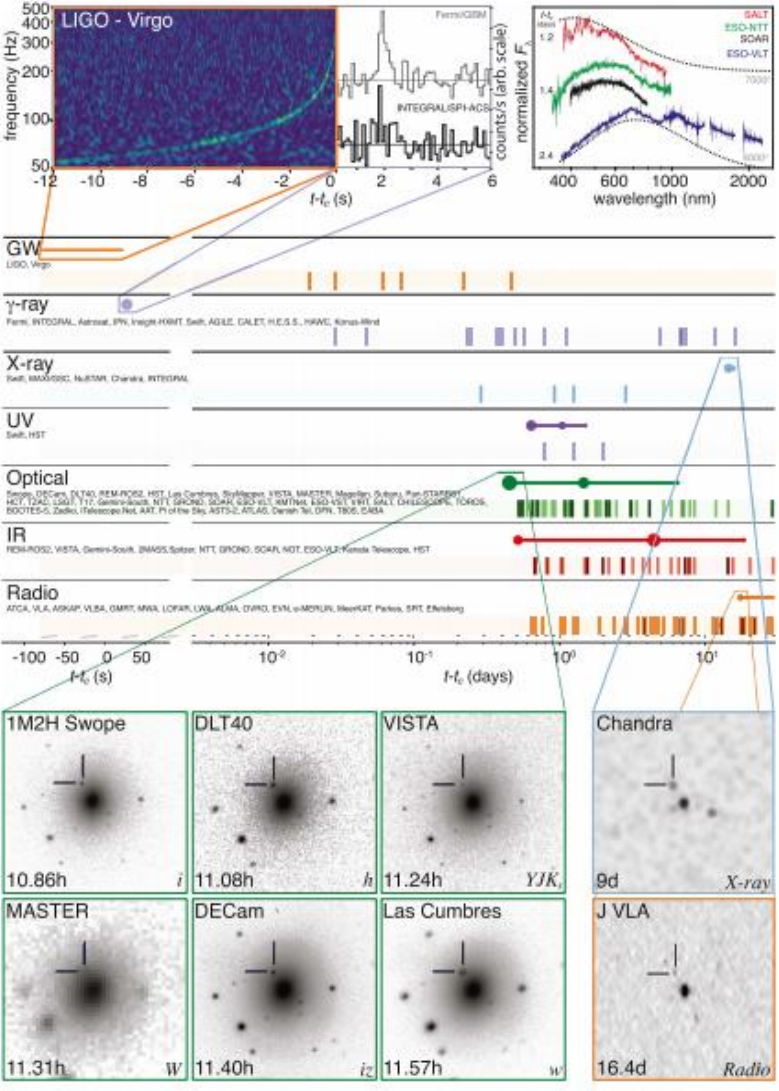
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# Binary Neutron Star Mergers



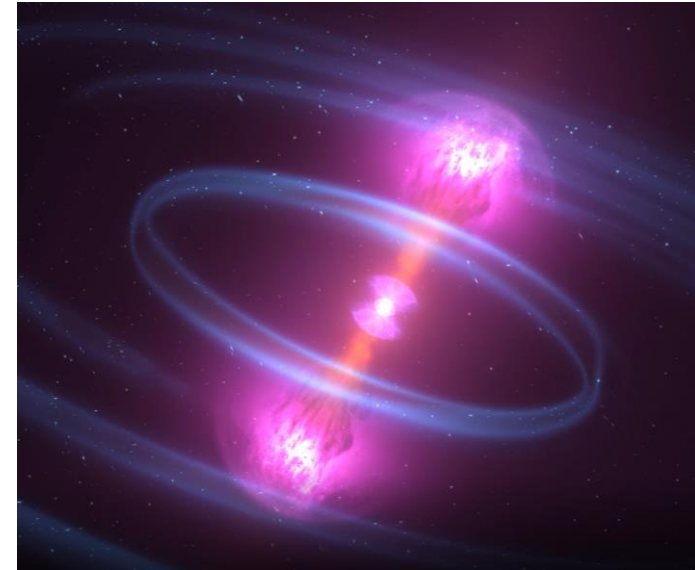
**GW170817:**  
the beginning of the multi-messenger era

Things that we can learn:

- Test General Relativity (or alternative theories to GR)
- Internal properties of NSs (eq. state)
- **Magnetic field amplification mechanisms**
- Production of heavy elements
- EM counterpart (short GRB, kilonova)
- Formation of massive NS and/or light BH

## Magnetic field amplification in mergers

- **PROCESSES DURING AND AFTER THE MERGER:**
  - Kelvin-Helmholtz instability (small scale)
  - Winding up (large scale)
  - Magneto-rotational instability (large scale)



Jet appear during the merger → Seems to need a **strong large-scale magnetic field**

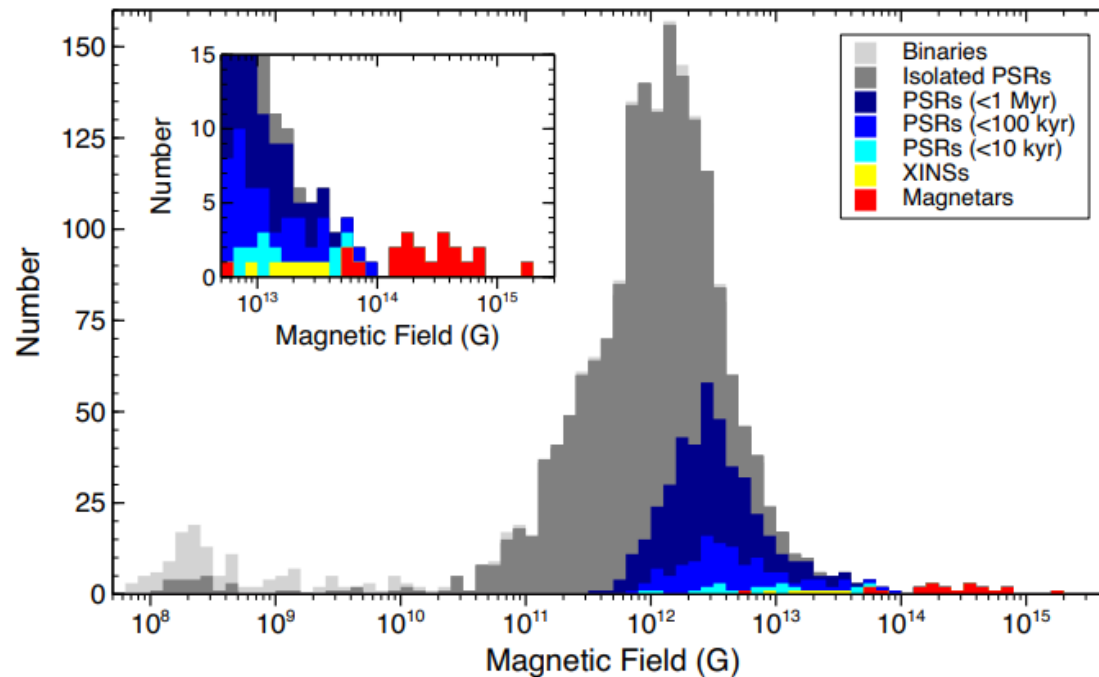
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sGRB

**Simulate these mechanisms via BNS merger simulations**

## Magnetic strenght of neutron stars

What are the typical magnetic fields expected for merging neutron stars?

Most works for simplicity (and for convenience) start with unrealistic magnetar-like values of purely dipolar fields ( $10^{15}$  G), either in the pre-merger or directly in the post-merger stage



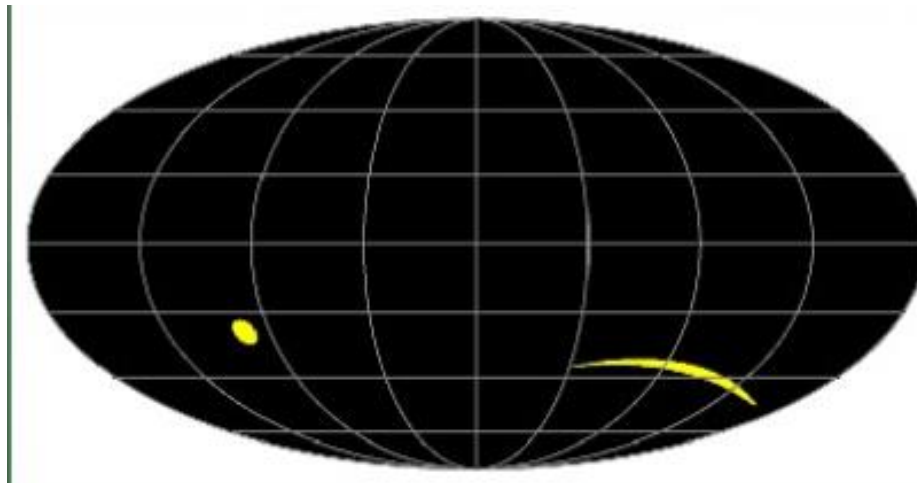
$$B_{\text{BNS}} \sim 10^8 - 10^{12} \text{ G}$$

[Olausen & Kaspi 2014]

## Magnetic field topology of neutron stars

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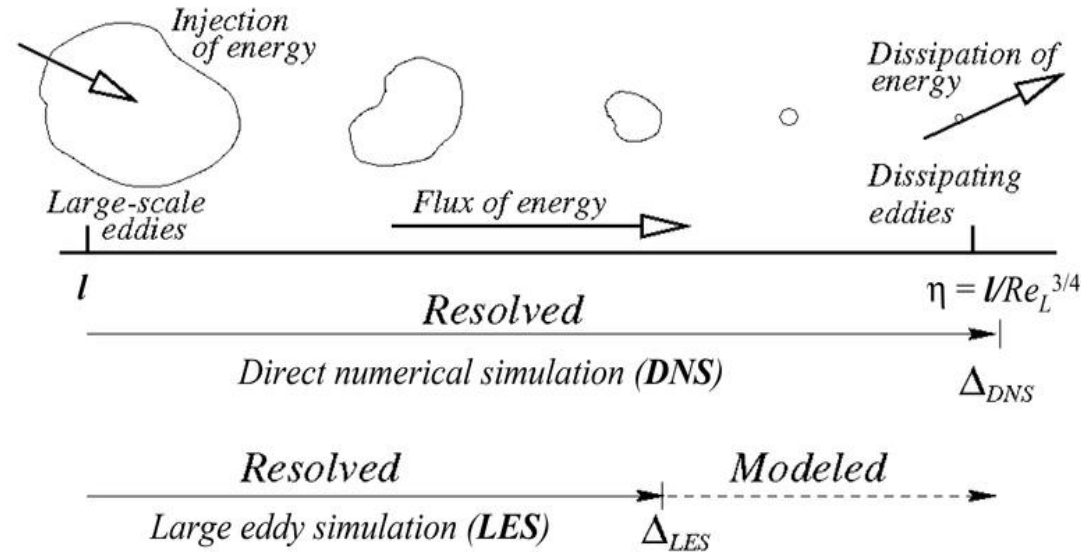
**NICER results**  
[Riley++ 2019,  
Bogdanov++ 2019,  
Miller++ 2019 ]

Strong indications of a multipolar structure in NS  
→  
Assuming a strong dipolar magnetic field topology  
is unsupported by the NICER results.

Does the initial magnetic field strength  
and topology matter at all?

## Simulating large eddies, modeling small eddies

Resolve all the scales → Costs lots of computational resources



[Foroozani 2015]

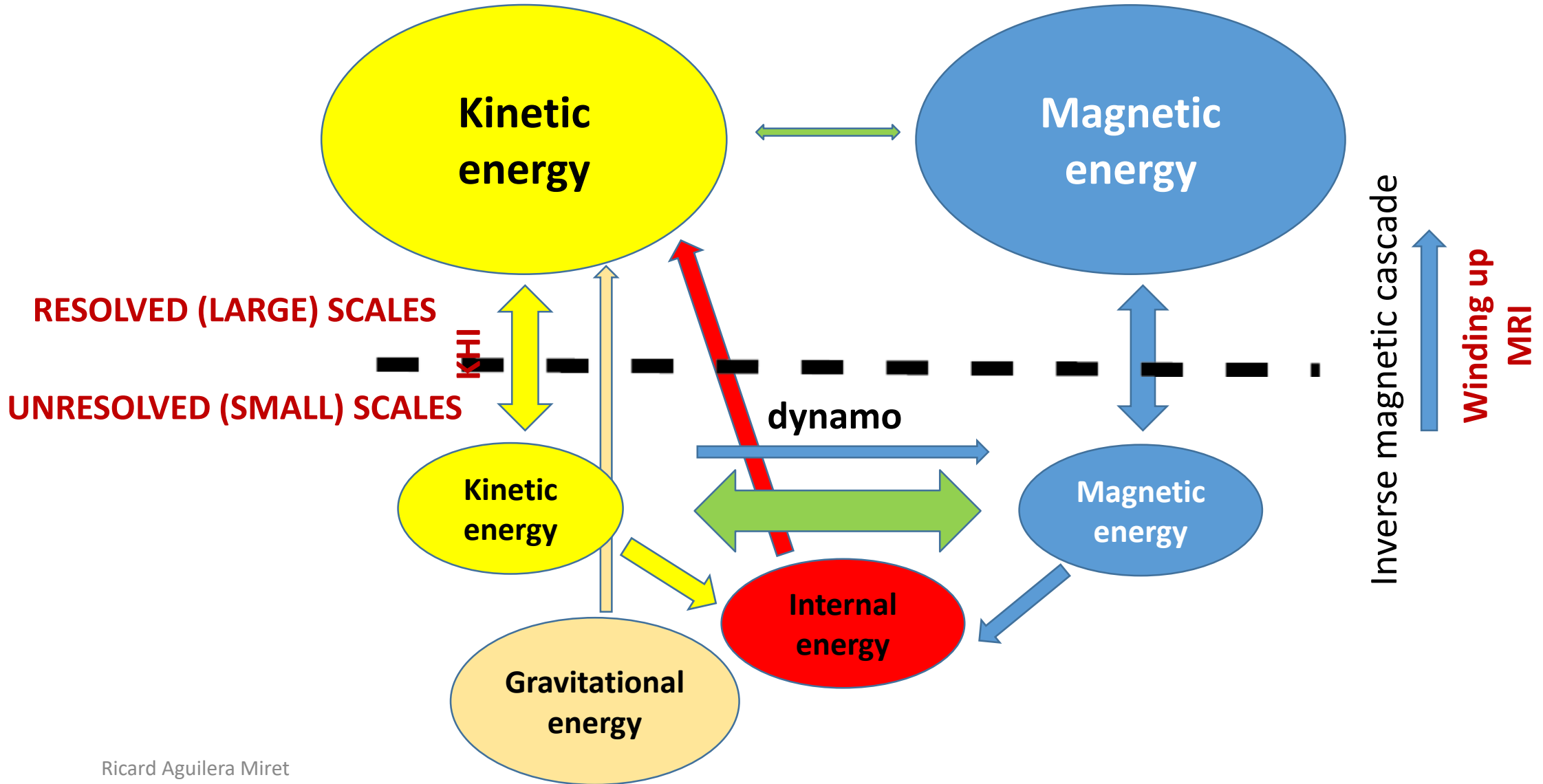
The finite resolution of a simulation corresponds to an effective spatial filter for the fields:

$$f(\vec{x}, t) = \bar{f}(\vec{x}, t) + f'(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\bar{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') f(\mathbf{x}', t) d^3 x'$$



Magnetic field amplification: MHD (Large Eddy Simulations)



## The simplest example

Take the simplest non-linear evolution equation, Burgers:

$$\partial_t u + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x u^2 = 0$$

Apply the filter and **express your discretized equations only in terms of the resolved evolved fields:**

$$\partial_t \bar{u} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x \bar{u}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \partial_x \bar{\tau} \quad \bar{\tau} \equiv \bar{u}^2 - \overline{u^2}$$

**The new sub-filter-scale tensor is not known, by definition.  
It needs to be modelled (or ignored)**

Models can be explicit (Sub-Grid Scale/residual-based models), or implicitly given by the numerical dissipation (implicit LES, non-controllable and intrinsic to the scheme used)

## Magnetic field amplification: MHD

### DISCRETIZED EQUATIONS

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}^i) + \partial_k \left[ \bar{\rho}\tilde{v}^k\tilde{v}^i - \bar{B}^k\bar{B}^i + \delta^{ki} \left\{ p(\bar{\rho}, \bar{e}) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{B}^2 \right\} \right] = \\ = \partial_k \left[ \bar{\tau}_{\text{kin}}^{ki} - \bar{\tau}_{\text{mag}}^{ki} + \delta^{ki}\delta_{lm} \left( \bar{\tau}_{\text{p}}^{lm} + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\tau}_{\text{mag}}^{lm} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\partial_t\bar{B}^i + \partial_k \left[ \tilde{v}^k\bar{B}^i - \tilde{v}^i\bar{B}^k \right] = \partial_k\bar{\tau}_{\text{ind}}^{ki} \quad (14)$$

$$\partial_t\bar{U} + \partial_k \left[ \tilde{\Theta}\tilde{v}^k - (\tilde{v}_j\bar{B}^j)\bar{B}^k \right] = \partial_k[\bar{\tau}_{\text{adv}}^k - \bar{\tau}_{\text{hel}}^k]$$

### UNKNOWN SFS TERMS

$$\bar{\tau}_{\text{kin}}^{ki} = \bar{\rho}\tilde{v}^k\tilde{v}^i - \overline{\rho v^k v^i}$$

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$$\bar{\tau}_{\text{pres}} = \bar{p} - \bar{p} + \frac{1}{\gamma}\bar{\tau}_{\text{mag}}^{jm}\delta_{jm}$$

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$$\bar{\tau}_{\text{hel}}^k = (\tilde{v}_j\bar{B}^j)\bar{B}^k - \overline{(v_j B^j)B^k}$$

Discretization (i.e., filtering) makes you lose some information contained in the Sub-Filter Scales, in the non-linear terms of the fluxes.

**How to model them as a function of the known filtered values?**

## Subgrid-Scale modeling

$$\bar{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') f(\mathbf{x}', t) d^3 x'.$$

- Ideally, with infinite resolution, the kernel function is a Kronecker delta:  $\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$
- **BUT:**
  - Our world is not ideal ☹️
  - Simulations have a grid cell size ( $\Delta$ )
- Simplest kernel function: Step function:  $G_i(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) = \begin{cases} 1/\Delta_f & \text{if } |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'| \leq \Delta_f/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- **BUT:**
  - It is not suitable for analytical calculations involving derivatives...

## Subgrid-Scale modeling: gradient model

- The finite resolution of a simulation can be thought as a filter of conserved equations:

$$\partial_t \bar{U}^a + \partial_k F^{ka}(\bar{U}) = \partial_k \bar{\tau}^{ka}, \quad \bar{\tau}_F^{ka} := F^{ka}(\bar{U}) - \overline{F^{ka}(U)},$$

- The gradient model assumes a Gaussian kernel:

$$\bar{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') f(\mathbf{x}', t) d^3 x'. \quad G_i(|x_i - x'_i|) = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\xi}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left(\frac{-|x_i - x'_i|^2}{4\xi}\right),$$

Moment ( $\mu$ )	Step function kernel	Gaussian kernel
$\mu_0$	1	1
$\mu_1$	0	0
$\mu_2$	$\Delta^2/12$	$2\xi$
$\mu_3$	0	0

$$\xi = \Delta^2/24$$

We obtain a Gaussian function that ressembles to a step function up to the **third moment!**

## Subgrid-Scale modeling: gradient model

- Its inverse Fourier transform, expanded in series of  $\xi$ , is:

$$\frac{1}{\hat{G}(\mathbf{k})} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (\xi \mathbf{k}^2)^n.$$

- First-order Taylor series expansion of the Gaussian filter in the Fourier space.

$$f \equiv G^{-1} * \bar{f} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} (\xi \nabla^2)^n \bar{f}.$$

- For a generic filtered product, we can **approximate its unknown filtered value with the filtered fields and their gradients (that we know)**:

$$\overline{fg} \simeq \bar{f} \bar{g} + 2 \xi \nabla \bar{f} \cdot \nabla \bar{g}$$

**The new terms vanish by construction in the continuous limit (as most SGS models do).**

## Compressible non-relativistic MHD with the gradient model

[Viganò+ 2019]

### DISCRETIZED EQUATIONS

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}^i) + \partial_k \left[ \bar{\rho}\tilde{v}^k\tilde{v}^i - \bar{B}^k\bar{B}^i + \delta^{ki} \left\{ p(\bar{\rho}, \bar{e}) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{B}^2 \right\} \right] = \\ = \partial_k \left[ \bar{\tau}_{\text{kin}}^{ki} - \bar{\tau}_{\text{mag}}^{ki} + \delta^{ki} \delta_{lm} \left( \bar{\tau}_{\text{p}}^{lm} + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\tau}_{\text{mag}}^{lm} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

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### GRADIENT SGS MODEL TERMS

$$\tau_{\text{kin}}^{ki} = -2\xi\bar{\rho}\partial_j\tilde{v}^k\partial^j\tilde{v}^i$$

$$\tau_{\text{mag}}^{ki} = -2\xi\partial_j\bar{B}^k\partial^j\bar{B}^i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\text{ind}}^{ki} = -2\xi \left[ \partial_j\tilde{v}^k \left( \partial^j\bar{B}^i - \frac{\bar{B}^i}{\bar{\rho}}\partial^j\bar{\rho} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \partial_j\tilde{v}^i \left( \partial^j\bar{B}^k - \frac{\bar{B}^k}{\bar{\rho}}\partial^j\bar{\rho} \right) \right] . \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_{\text{adv}}^k = \tau_{\text{pres}}\tilde{v}^k - 2\xi \left( \partial_j\tilde{\Theta}\partial^j\tilde{v}^k - \frac{\tilde{\Theta}}{\bar{\rho}}\partial_j\bar{\rho}\partial^j\tilde{v}^k \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\text{hel}}^k = -2\xi \left[ \partial_j(\tilde{v}_m\bar{B}^m)\partial^j\bar{B}^k + \right. \\ \left. + \bar{B}^k\partial^j\tilde{v}^m \left( \partial_j\bar{B}_m - \frac{\bar{B}_m}{\bar{\rho}}\partial_j\bar{\rho} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$



## Gradient model for general relativistic MHD

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t(\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{D}) + \partial_k[-\beta^k\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{D} + \alpha\sqrt{\gamma}(\tilde{N}^k - \tilde{\tau}_N^k)] &= 0, \\
 \partial_t(\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{S}_i) + \partial_k[-\beta^k\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{S}_i + \alpha\sqrt{\gamma}(\tilde{T}_i^k - \gamma_{ij}\tilde{\tau}_T^{jk})] &= \sqrt{\gamma}\bar{R}^S{}_i, \\
 \partial_t(\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{U}) + \partial_k[-\beta^k\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{U} + \alpha\sqrt{\gamma}(\tilde{S}^k - \tilde{\tau}_S^k)] &= \sqrt{\gamma}\bar{R}^U, \\
 \partial_t(\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{B}^i) + \partial_k[\sqrt{\gamma}(-\beta^k\bar{B}^i + \beta^i\bar{B}^k) \\
 + \alpha\sqrt{\gamma}(\gamma^{ki}\bar{\phi} + \tilde{M}^{ki} - \tilde{\tau}_M^{ki})] &= \sqrt{\gamma}\bar{R}_B^i, \quad (20)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_t(\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{\phi}) + \partial_k[-\beta^k\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{\phi} + \alpha c_h^2\sqrt{\gamma}\bar{B}^k] = \sqrt{\gamma}\bar{R}^\phi, \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_N^k &= -C\xi H_N^k, & \tau_T^{ki} &= -C\xi H_T^{ki}, \\
 \tau_S^k &= 0, & \tau_M^{ki} &= -C\xi H_M^{ki}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_N^k &= 2\nabla\bar{D} \cdot \nabla\tilde{v}^k + \bar{D}H_v^k, \quad (48) \\
 H_T^{ki} &= 2[\nabla\tilde{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \nabla(\tilde{v}^i\tilde{v}^k) + \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\tilde{v}^i H_v^k + \nabla\tilde{v}^i \cdot \nabla\tilde{v}^k) \\
 &\quad + \tilde{v}^i\tilde{v}^k H_\mathcal{E} - 2[\nabla\bar{B}^i \cdot \nabla\bar{B}^k + \nabla\tilde{E}^i \cdot \nabla\tilde{E}^k + \tilde{E}^i H_E^k] \\
 &\quad + \delta^{ki}[H_p + \nabla\bar{B}_j \cdot \nabla\bar{B}^j + \nabla\tilde{E}_j \cdot \nabla\tilde{E}^j + \tilde{E}_j H_E^j], \quad (49)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H_M^{ki} = 4\nabla\bar{B}^{[i} \cdot \nabla\tilde{v}^{k]} + 2\bar{B}^{[i} H_v^{k]}, \quad (50)$$

$$H_\mathcal{E} = H_p - \nabla\bar{B}_j \cdot \nabla\bar{B}^j - \nabla\tilde{E}_j \cdot \nabla\tilde{E}^j - \tilde{E}_k H_E^k,$$

$$H_\Theta = \tilde{\Psi}_\Theta + \frac{\tilde{\Theta}}{\tilde{\Theta} - \tilde{E}^2} H_p,$$

$$H_v^k := \tilde{\Psi}_v^k - \left( \tilde{v}^k + \frac{\tilde{v} \cdot \bar{B}}{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}} \bar{B}^k \right) \frac{H_\Theta}{\tilde{\Theta}}.$$

$$\tilde{\Psi}_v^k = \frac{2}{\tilde{\Theta}} \left\{ \nabla(\tilde{v} \cdot \bar{B}) \cdot \nabla\bar{B}^k - \nabla\tilde{\Theta} \cdot \nabla\tilde{v}^k + \frac{\bar{B}^k}{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}} [\tilde{\Theta}\nabla\bar{B}_j \cdot \nabla\tilde{v}^j + \bar{B}_j\nabla\bar{B}^j \cdot \nabla(\tilde{v} \cdot \bar{B}) - \bar{B}_j\nabla\tilde{v}^j \cdot \nabla\tilde{\Theta}] \right\},$$

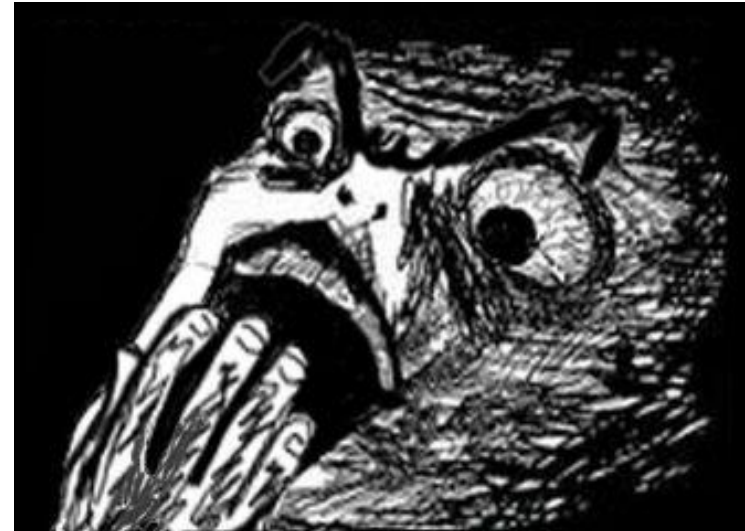
$$\tilde{\Psi}_M^{ki} = \frac{4}{\tilde{\Theta}} [\tilde{\Theta}\nabla\bar{B}^{[i} \cdot \nabla\tilde{v}^{k]} + \bar{B}^{[i}\nabla\bar{B}^{k]} \cdot \nabla(\tilde{v} \cdot \bar{B}) - \bar{B}^{[i}\nabla\tilde{v}^{k]} \cdot \nabla\tilde{\Theta}],$$

$$\tilde{\Psi}_\Theta = \frac{\tilde{\Theta}}{\tilde{\Theta} - \tilde{E}^2} \{ \nabla\bar{B}_j \cdot \nabla\bar{B}^j - \nabla\tilde{E}_j \cdot \nabla\tilde{E}^j - \bar{B}_{[i}\tilde{v}_{k]} \tilde{\Psi}_M^{ki} \},$$

$$\tilde{\Psi}_A = \tilde{W}^2 \left( \tilde{\rho} \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\epsilon}} + \tilde{\rho}^2 \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\rho}} \right),$$

[Carrasco+, 2020]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{H_p}{\tilde{\Theta} - \tilde{E}^2} &= \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}\tilde{W}^2}{(\tilde{\rho}\tilde{\mathcal{E}} - \tilde{\Psi}_A)(\tilde{\Theta} - \tilde{E}^2)\tilde{W}^2 + \tilde{\Psi}_A\tilde{\Theta}} \left\{ \tilde{\rho} \left( \nabla \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\rho}} \cdot \nabla\tilde{\rho} + \nabla \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\epsilon}} \cdot \nabla\tilde{\epsilon} \right) - 2 \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\epsilon}} \nabla\tilde{\rho} \cdot \nabla\tilde{\epsilon} \right. \\
 &\quad - \left( \tilde{\mathcal{E}} \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\epsilon}} - \tilde{\Psi}_A \right) \left[ \frac{\tilde{W}^2}{4} \nabla\tilde{W}^{-2} \cdot \nabla\tilde{W}^{-2} + \nabla\tilde{W}^{-2} \cdot \nabla(\ln\tilde{\rho}) \right] - \frac{2}{\tilde{W}^2} \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\epsilon}} [\nabla\bar{B}_j \cdot \nabla\bar{B}^j + \nabla\tilde{W}^2 \cdot \nabla\tilde{h}] \\
 &\quad \left. - \left( \tilde{\mathcal{E}} \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\epsilon}} + \tilde{\Psi}_A \right) [\tilde{v}_k \tilde{\Psi}_v^k + \nabla\tilde{v}_j \cdot \nabla\tilde{v}^j + \tilde{W}^2 \nabla\tilde{W}^{-2} \cdot \nabla\tilde{W}^{-2}] + \frac{1}{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}} \left[ \left( \tilde{\mathcal{E}} \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\tilde{\epsilon}} + \tilde{\Psi}_A \right) (\tilde{\Theta} - \tilde{E}^2) - \frac{\tilde{\Psi}_A\tilde{\Theta}}{\tilde{W}^2} \right] \frac{\tilde{\Psi}_\Theta}{\tilde{\Theta}} \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$





## Gradient model for general relativistic MHD

[Viganò+ 2020]

### Assumptions & Caveats

- **The space-time metric is not “turbulent”**, i.e., the gradient terms arising from metric components in the fluid equations are neglected (verified by a-priori tests under typical conditions)
- Similarly, **the SGS terms arising in the Einstein equations are not included**, i.e., the steepness (derivatives) of MHD fields are dominating the non-linearity of the turbulence.
- The **SGS modelling mimics the dynamics down to finite “depths”** inside the cell: if physical dynamics qualitatively differ at much smaller scales, there is nothing one can do.

## Methods & Models considered

### MHDuet code generated with Simflowny software

Einstein equation 4<sup>th</sup> order accurate finite differences

Kreiss-Oliger 6<sup>th</sup> order dissipation

Fluid MP5 reconstruction scheme + Lax-Friedrichs flux splitting formula

**LES 4<sup>th</sup> order differential operators for SGS terms**

4<sup>th</sup> order Runge-Kutta

CCZ4 formulation of Einstein equations.

Initial data by Lorene code, equal masses (1.3 Msun),  
quasi-circular orbits separated by 37 km

Magnetic fields initially  $10^{11}$  G, confined to each star

Hybrid EoS: piecewise APR4 + ideal

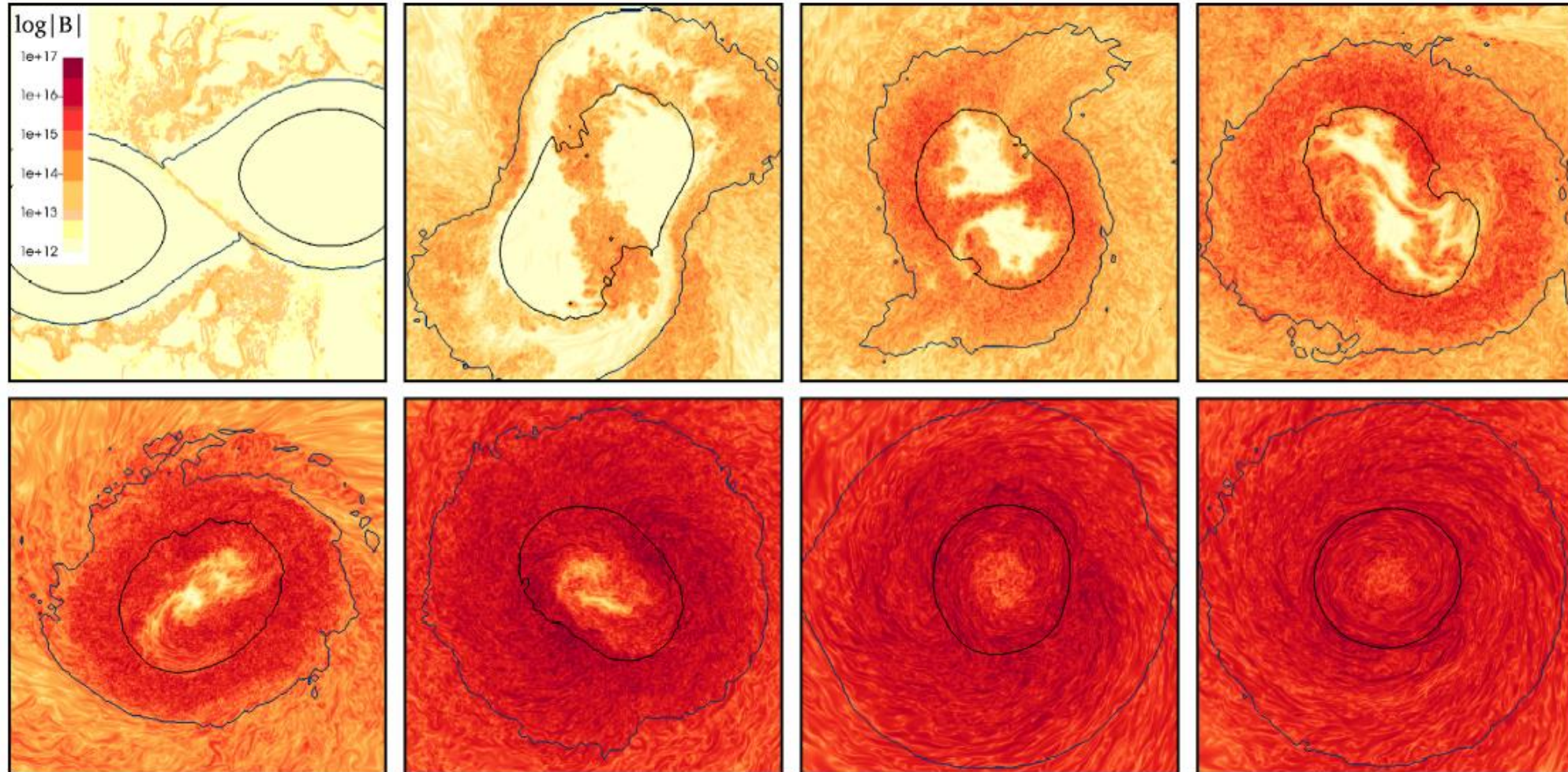
Numerical  
methods

Physical setup

Case	$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}$	Refinement levels	$\Delta L_{min}$ [km]	$\Delta_{min}$ [m]
LR	0	7 FMR	[-28,28]	120
MR	0	7 FMR + 1 AMR	[-13,13]	60
HR	0	7 FMR + 2 AMR	[-11,11]	30
LR LES	8	7 FMR	[-28,28]	120
MR LES	8	7 FMR + 1 AMR	[-13,13]	60
HR LES	8	7 FMR + 2 AMR	[-11,11]	30
MR B0	8	7 FMR + 1 AMR	[-13,13]	60

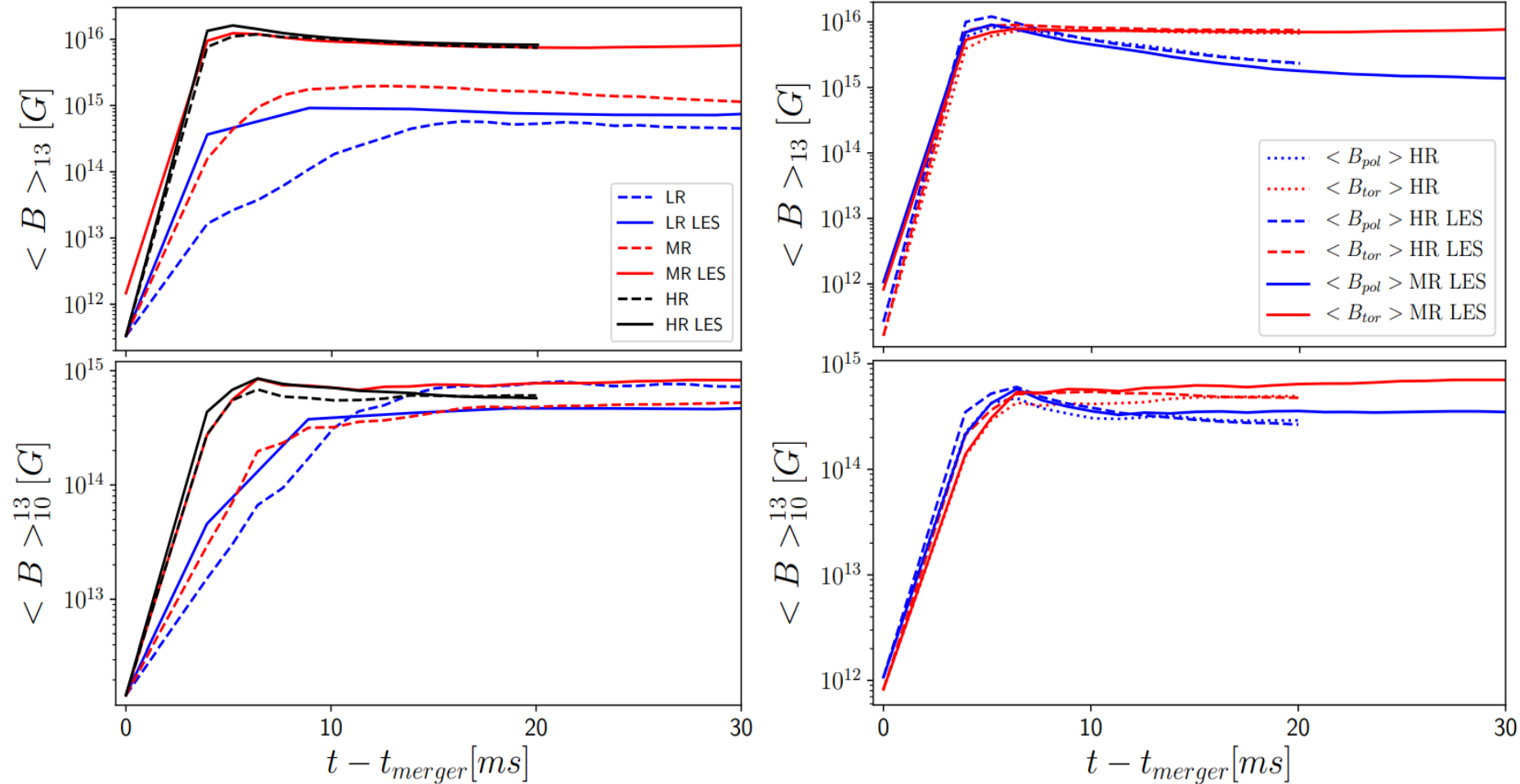
## Binary NS evolution

[Palenzuela+ 2022]



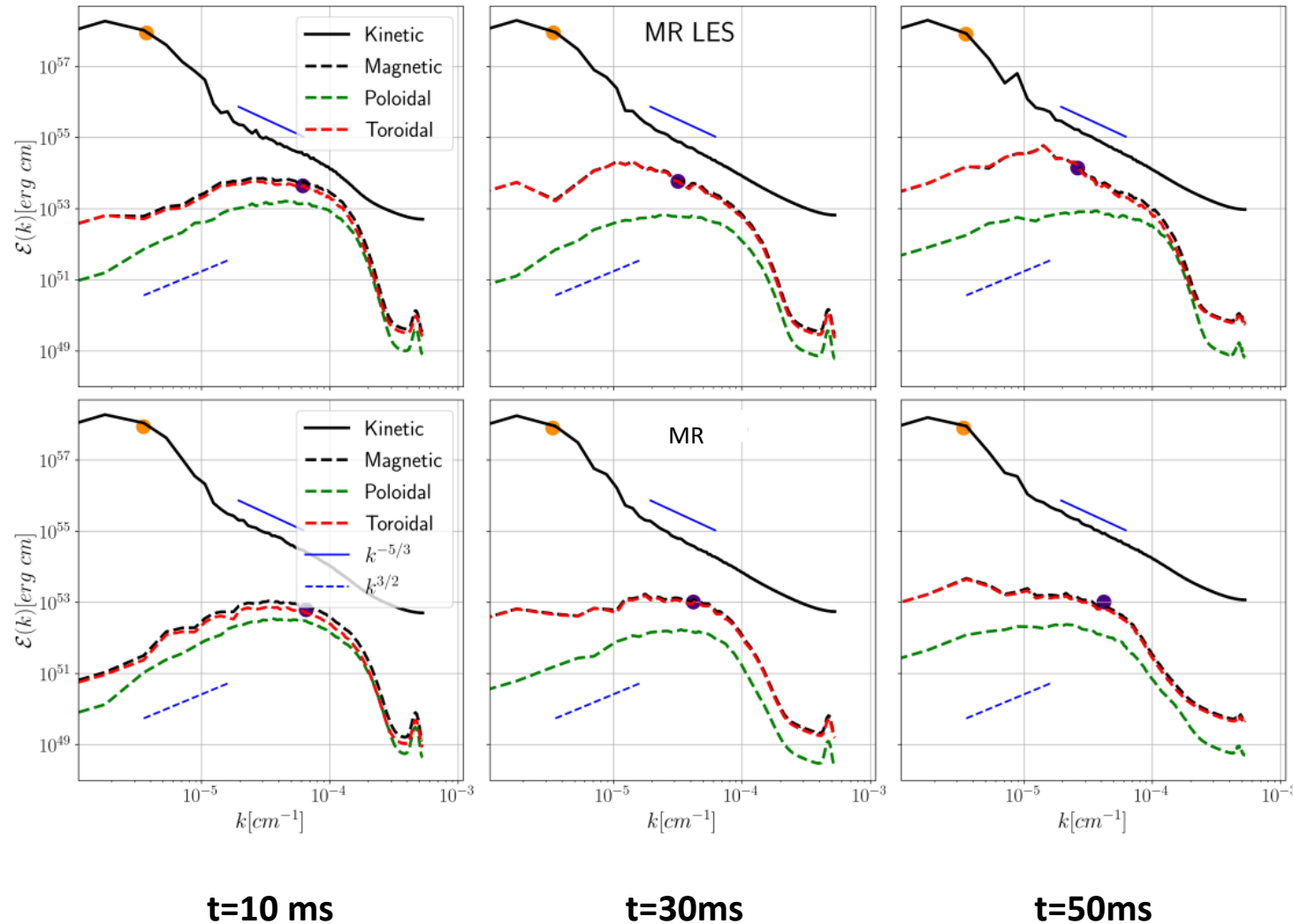
Magnetic field strength at  $t = (0.5, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3.5, 5, 10, 15)$  ms  
Constant density surfaces in  $10^{13}$  and  $5 \times 10^{14}$  g / cm<sup>3</sup>

## Binary NS evolution



**Saturation of magnetic field in  $t < 5$  ms and convergence of averaged magnetic field strength and components!!**

## Binary NS evolution



Magnetic field characteristic structure:

$t = 10\text{ ms} \rightarrow 700\text{ m}$

$t = 50\text{ ms} \rightarrow 2\text{ km}$

## Binary NS evolution (different topologies)

Does the initial magnetic field strength and topology matter at all?

### Dependence on the initial magnetic field topology

Consider different initial topologies of the magnetic field inside the star before the merger

1) Dipolar magnetic field  $\langle B \rangle \sim 10^{11}$  G (**Dip**)

$$A_\phi \propto r^2 (P - P_{cut})$$

2) Dipolar magnetic field  $\langle B \rangle \sim 10^{14}$  G (**Bhigh**)

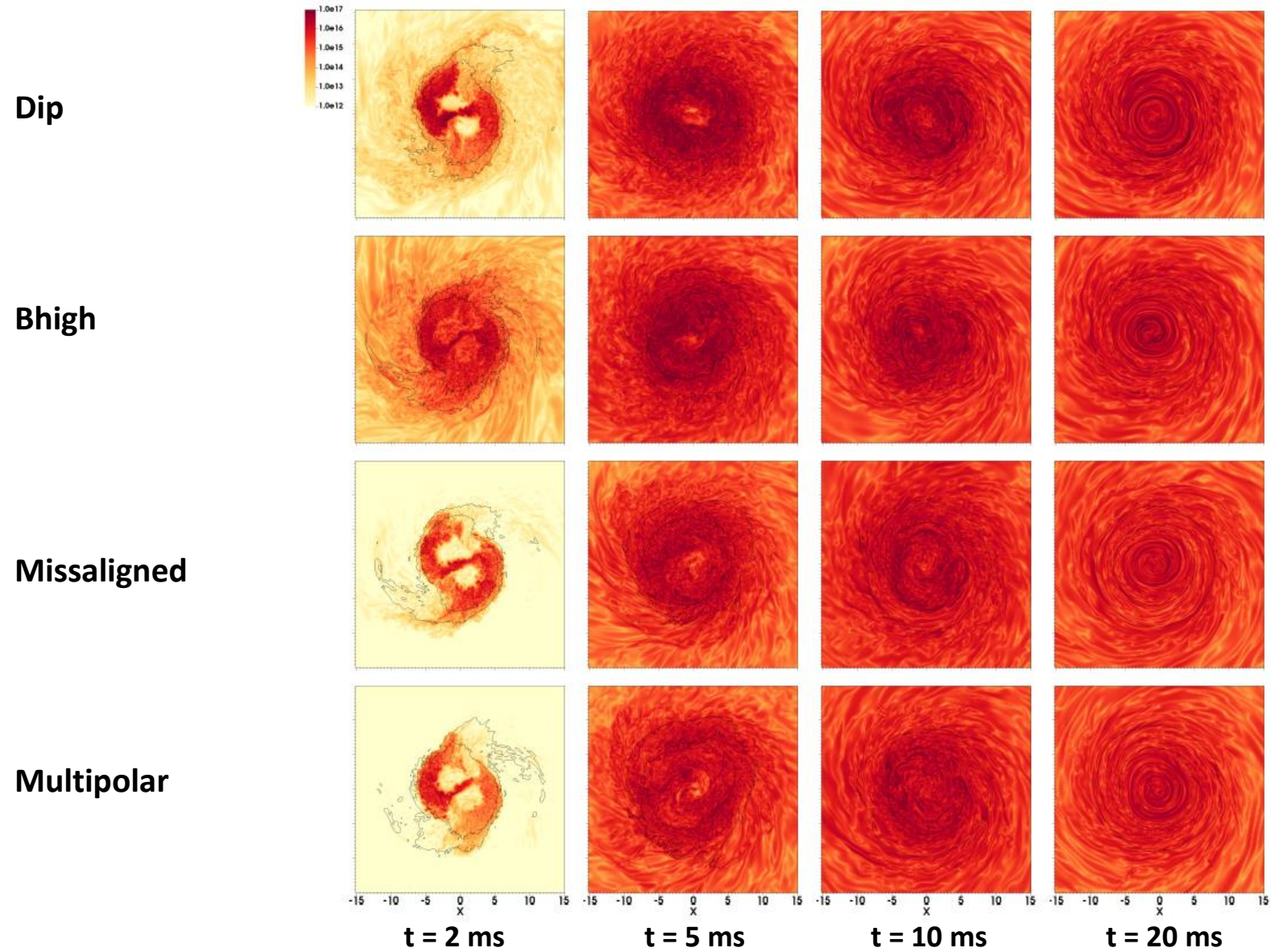
3) Dipolar with magnetic moment perpendicular to the z-axis  $\langle B \rangle \sim 10^{11}$  G (**Missaligned**)

4) Multipolar magnetic field  $\langle B \rangle \sim 10^{11}$  G (**Multipolar**)

$$A_\phi \propto \sin^4 \theta (1 + \cos \theta) r^2 (P - P_{cut}).$$

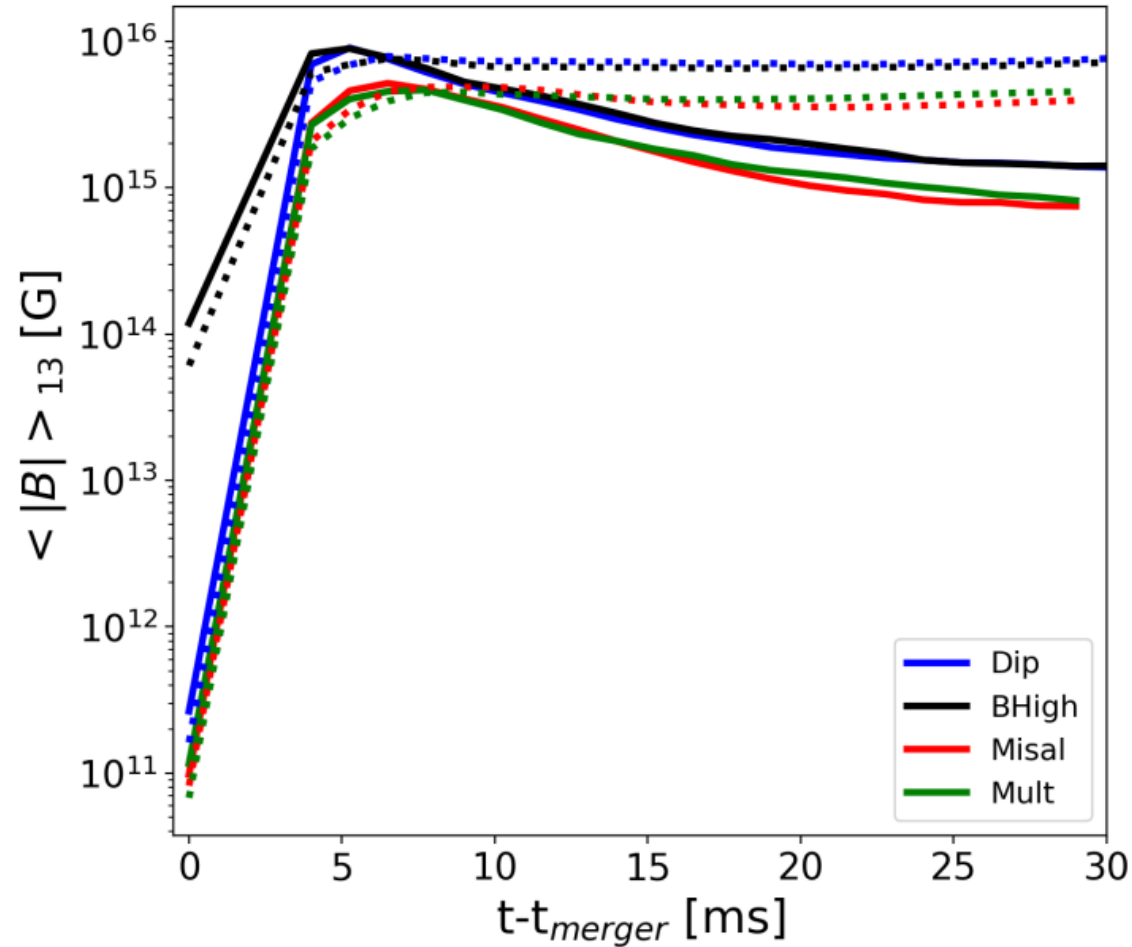
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[Aguilera-Miret+ 2022]



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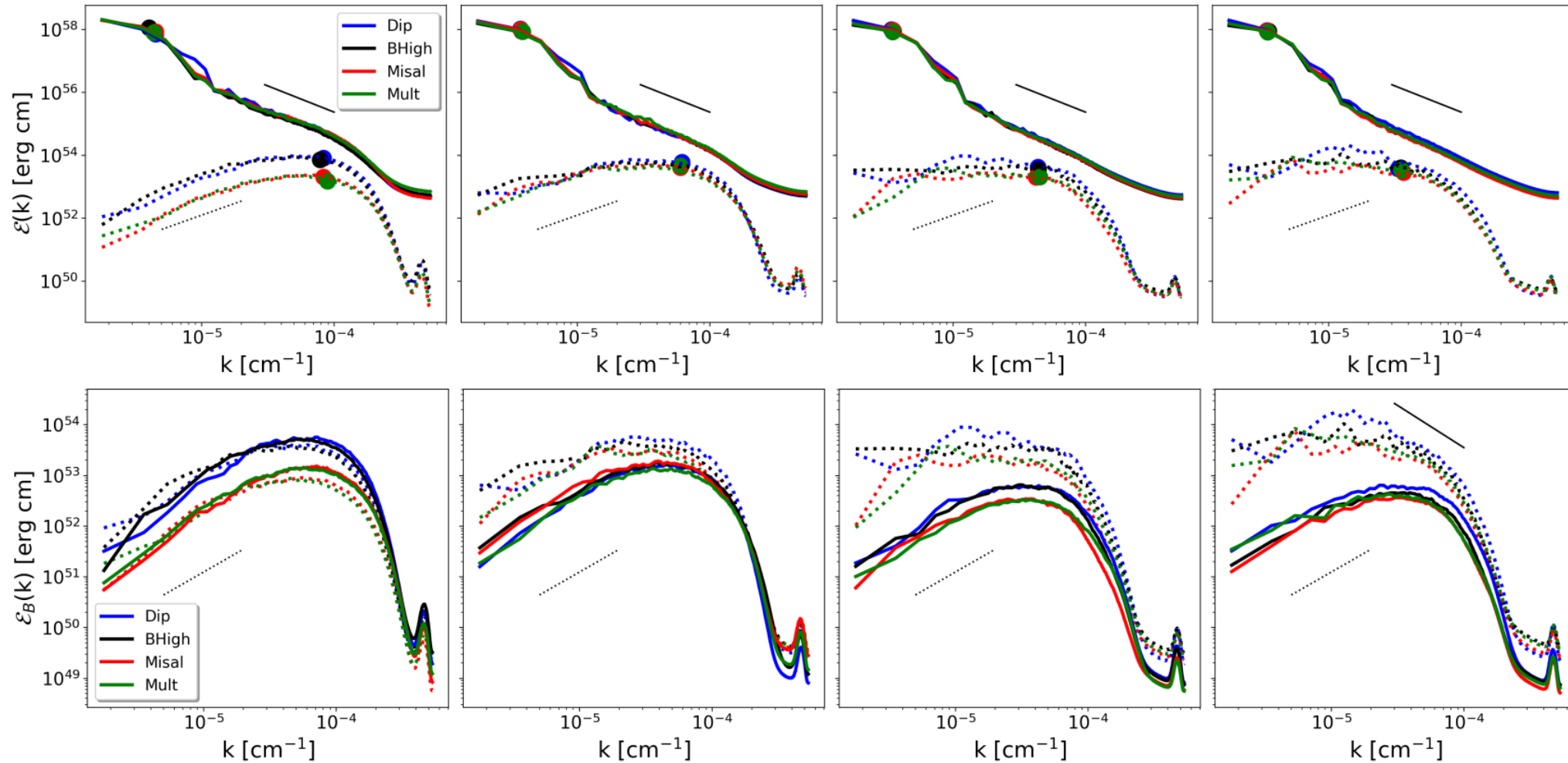


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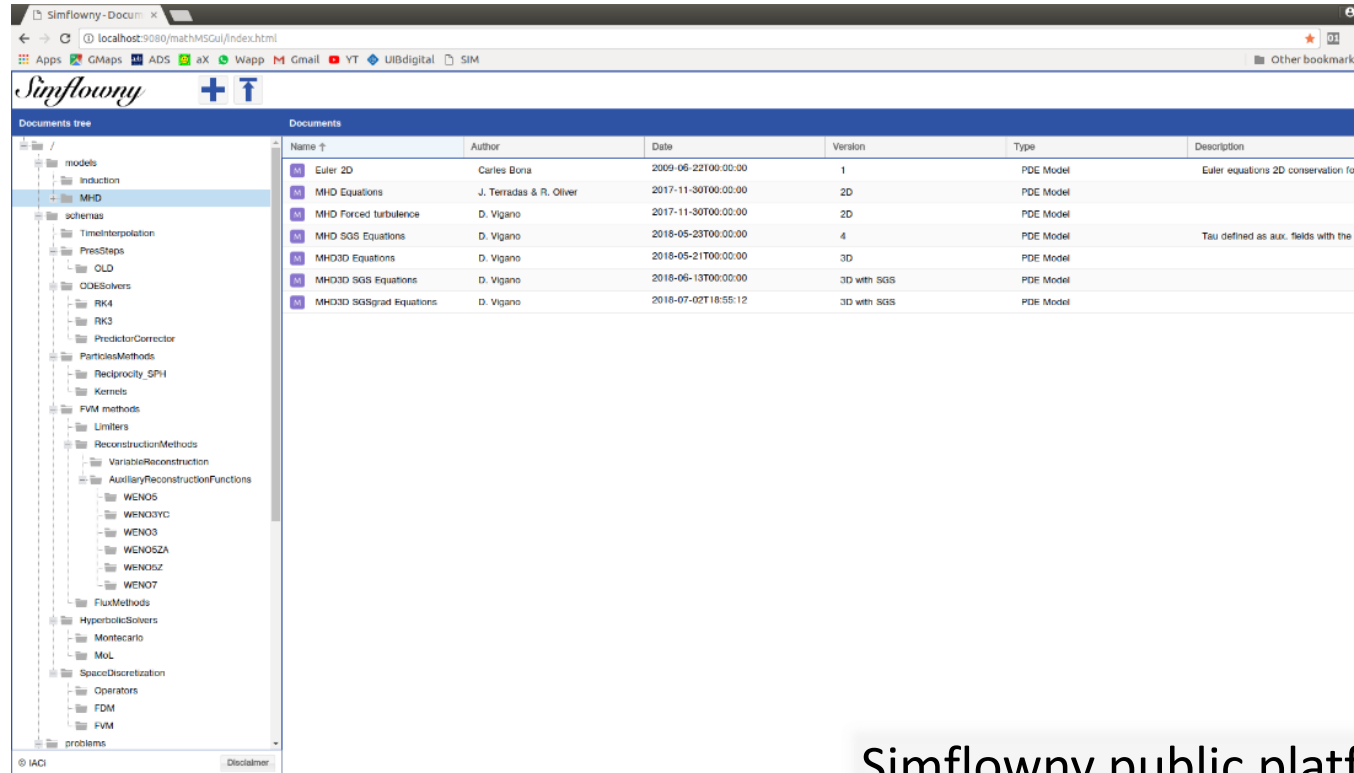


**Comparable magnetic field spectra (both toroidal and poloidal part)!!**

1. Turbulent MHD in BNS cannot be fully captured with DNS in the near future in long simulations → affects the dynamics of the remnant and jet/kilonova → LES
2. Average magnetic fields are amplified  $\langle B \rangle \sim 10^{11} \text{ G} \rightarrow 10^{16} \text{ G}$  in  $t < 5 \text{ ms}$  after merger (bulk)
3. The winding up effect change the magnetic spectra after the KHI from Kazantsev (3/2) to Kolmogorov (-5/3) power law
4. The LES + SGS models allows to include part of the unresolved dynamics, effectively increasing the accuracy of the solution and saving of computational time → **quick (convergent) saturation of the magnetic field during the merger.**
5. **The initial magnetic field strength and topology DOES NOT MATTER at all...** as long as you can resolve the KHI that causes a turbulent amplification of the magnetic field. The turbulent magnetic field is isotropic and **erases any dependence on the initial magnetic field topology and strength.**
6. The formulation is general and **can be applied to BNS post-merger or any scenario where the small scales are important.**



## Simflowny platform (developed by IAC3)



Simflowny public platform:

- High-order accuracy methods
- Any evolution equation (time dependent PDE)
- Adaptive Mesh Refinement + Parallelization by SAMRAI

[Arbona+ 2018,  
Palenzuela+ 2018,  
Viganò+ 2019]

<https://bitbucket.org/iac3/simflowny/>

## Sub-grid-scale modeling: dissipative

Turbulent viscosity term in the momentum equation (prop. to strain rate) and turbulent resistive term (prop. to current) in the induction equation.

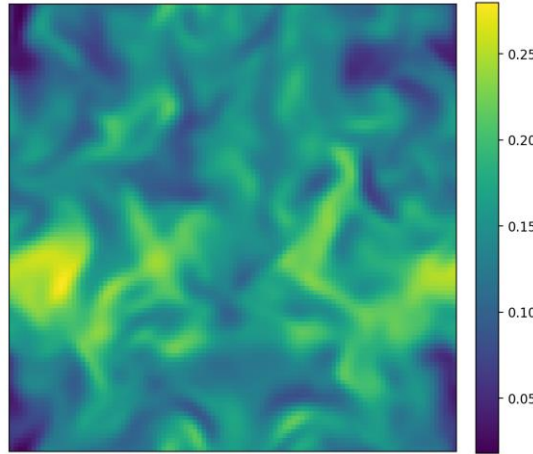
$$\tau_{\text{kin}}^{ki} = \Delta^2 \bar{\rho} |\tilde{S}| \tilde{S}^{ki}$$
$$\tau_{\text{ind}}^{ki} = \Delta^2 \frac{|\bar{J}|}{\sqrt{\bar{\rho}}} \bar{J}^{ki}$$

Applied also in GRHD mergers [Radice 2017-2020, Shibata & Kouichi 2017]:

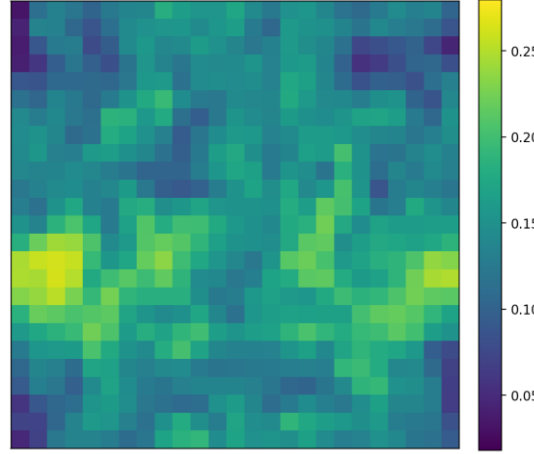
$$\tau_{ij} = -2v_T(e + p)W^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} (D_i \bar{v}_j + D_j \bar{v}_i) - \frac{1}{3} D_k \bar{v}^k \gamma_{ij} \right], \quad v_T = \ell_{\text{mix}} c_s,$$
$$\ell_{\text{mix}} = \alpha c_s \Omega^{-1},$$

It **only allows transfer from large to small scales**. It can simulate the effective viscous magnetic force but not inverse (non-local) cascades.

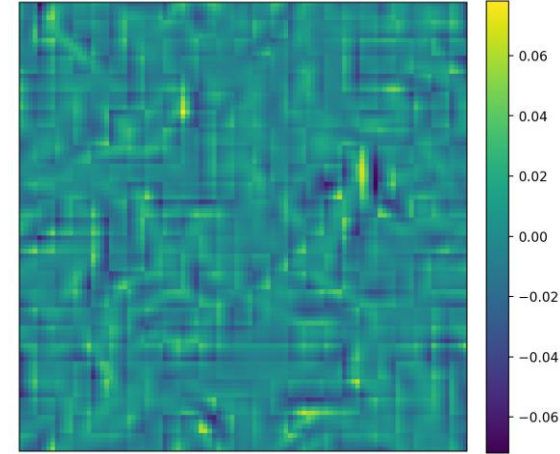
## Simulating large eddies, modeling small eddies



*Original resolution*



*Filtered resolution*



*Sub-Filter Scale loss*

$$f(\vec{x}, t) = \bar{f}(\vec{x}, t) + f'(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\bar{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') f(\mathbf{x}', t) d^3 x'.$$

How is it applied with non-linear evolution equations?

## Sub-grid-scale modeling: gradient model

Consider evolution equations with fluxes and conserved variables as a function of primitive variables  $P$

$$\partial_t \bar{C}^a + \partial_k F^{ka}(\tilde{P}) = \partial_k \bar{\tau}^{ka}, \quad C^a = f^a(P), \quad P^a := (f^{-1})^a(C) \equiv g^a(C),$$

$$\tilde{P}^a := g^a(\tilde{C})$$

The SFS residuals are

$$\bar{\tau}_F^{ka} := F^{ka}(\tilde{P}) - \overline{F^{ka}(P)},$$

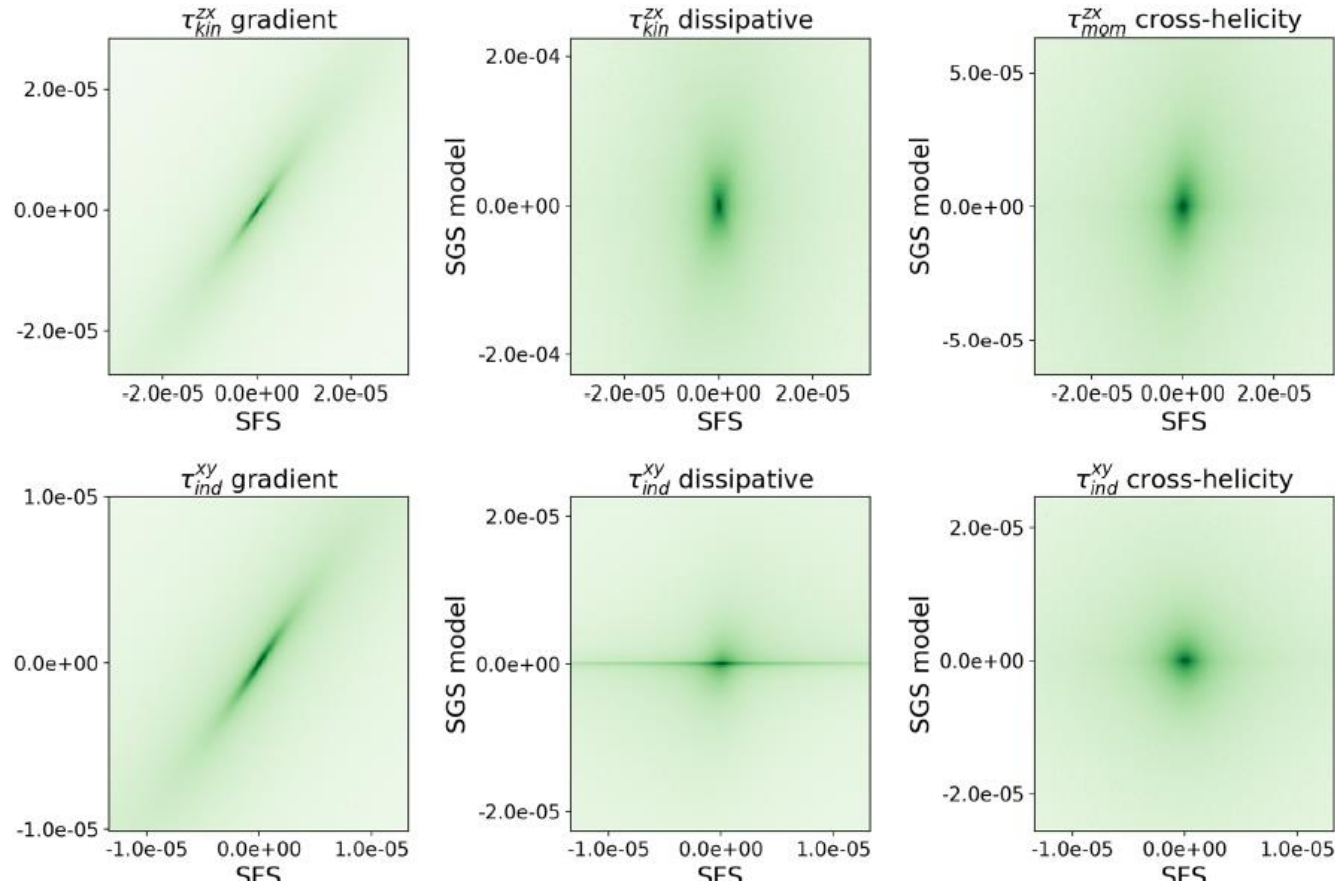
and can be modelled by alternative formulations:

$$\tau_F^{ka} = \xi \left( \frac{dF^{ka}}{d\tilde{P}^b} \frac{d\tilde{P}^b}{d\tilde{C}^e} \nabla^2 \tilde{C}^e - \nabla^2 F^{ka}(\tilde{P}) \right),$$

$$\tau_F^{ka} = -\xi \nabla \frac{dF^{ka}}{d\tilde{C}^b} \cdot \nabla \tilde{C}^b.$$

Depending on the non-linear form in fluxes, expressions can be cumbersome

## Compressible MHD: a-priori test for different SGS models



Gradient model outperforms the other models tested for all:

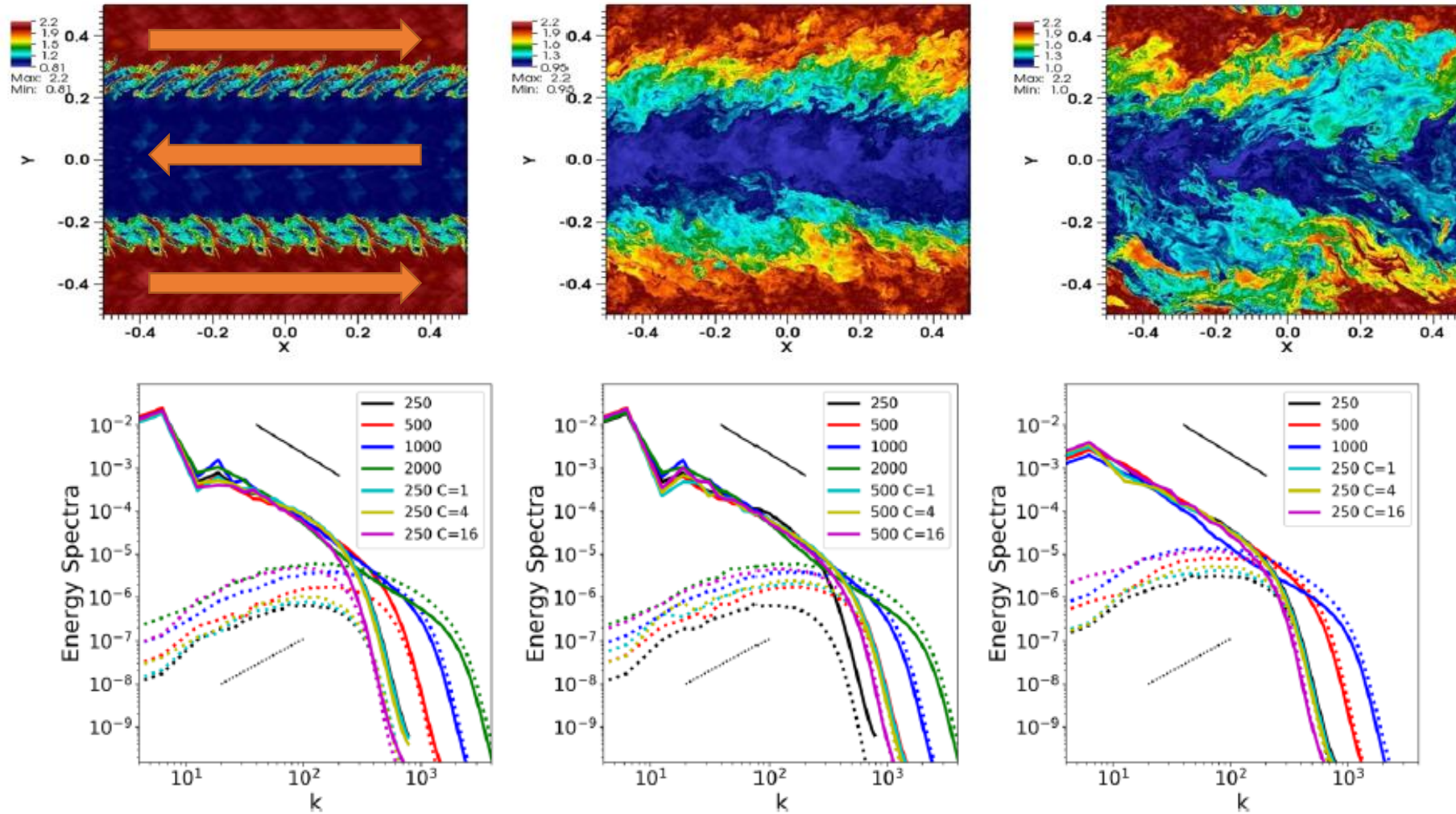
- Tensor components
- Resolutions
- Filter sizes
- Initial conditions
- Times

[Viganò+ 2019]

See also Machine Learning SGS models applied to the same problem in 2D can perform better [Rosofsky & Huerta 2020] (but how costly is to train them?)

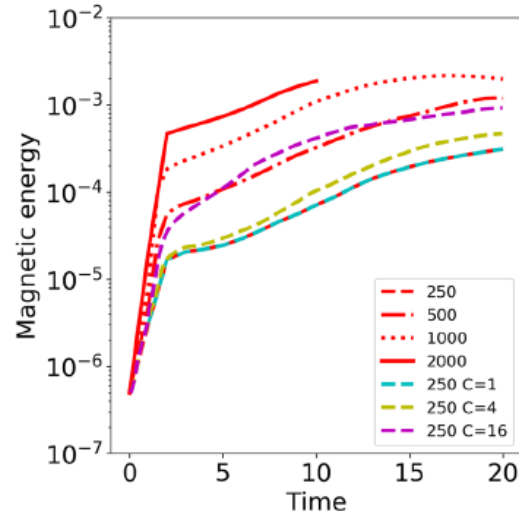
## Assessment with KHI box simulations

[Viganò+ 2019]



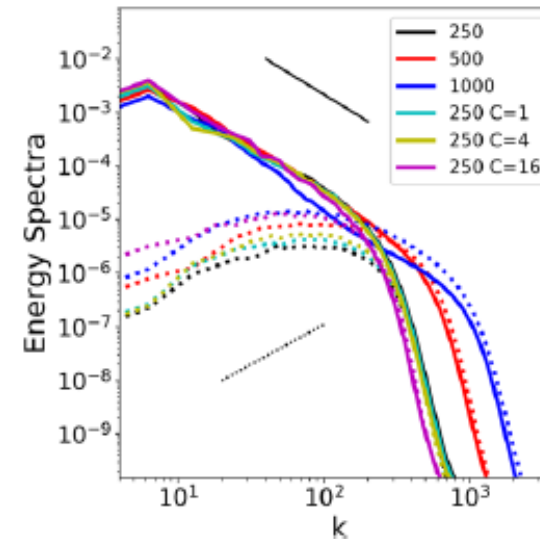
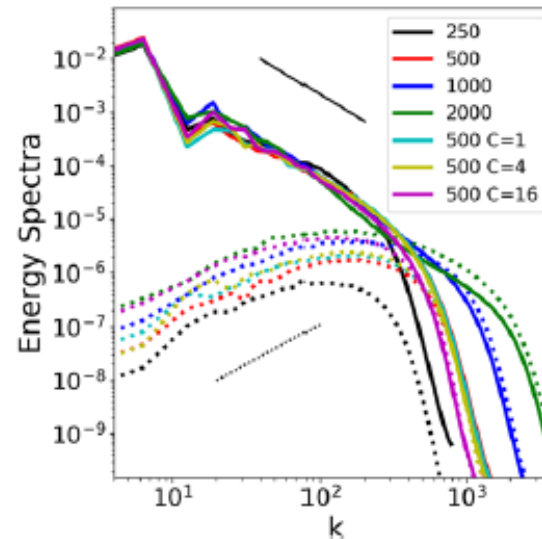
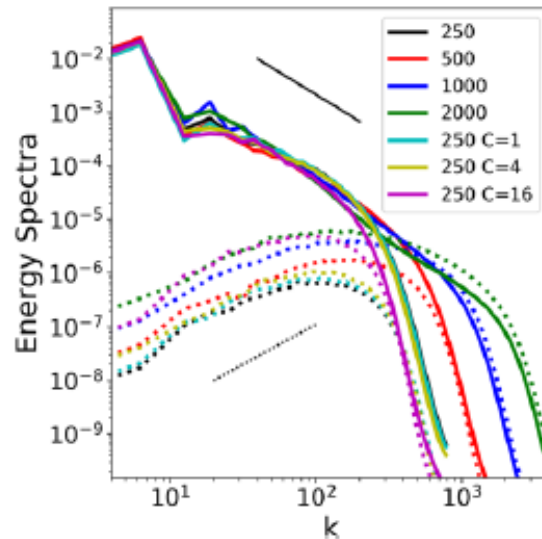


## Compressible MHD: *a-posteriori* test [Viganò+ 2019]

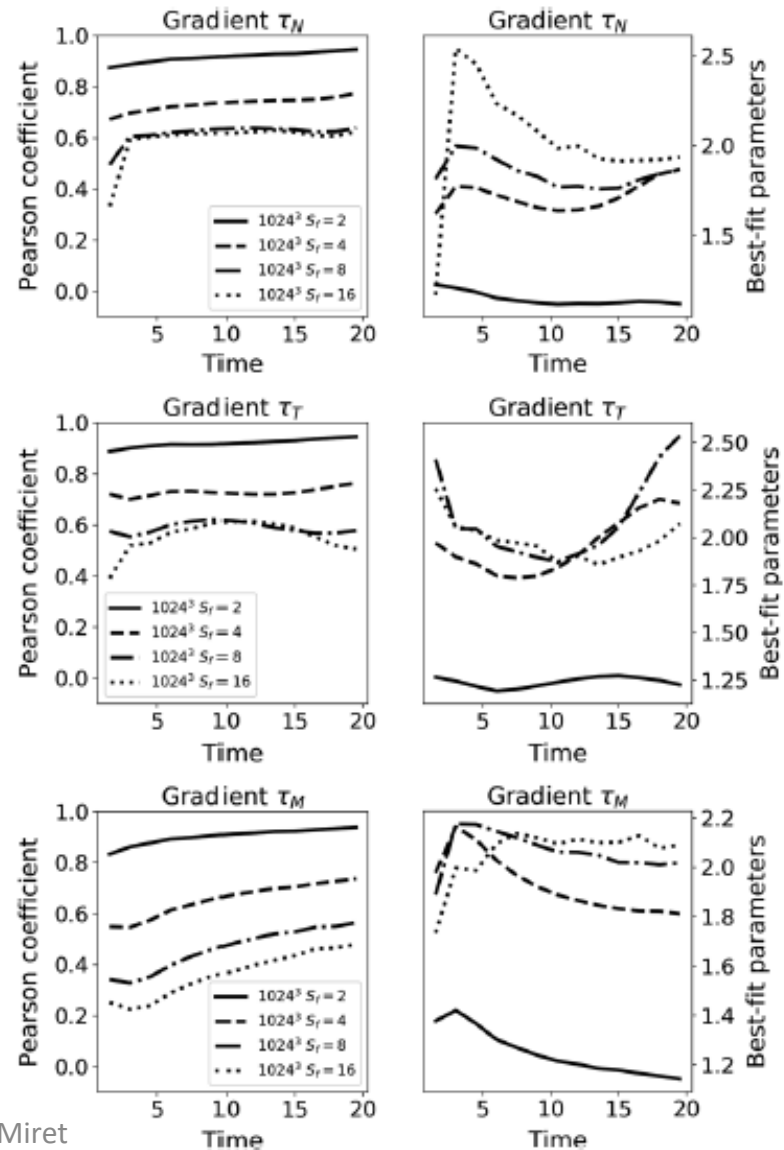


Compare high resolution runs with low resolution + SGS.

Need for large values of the free parameter C. Probably due to the numerical dissipation of the scheme.



## Gradient model for different filtering



Higher filter: more information loss:  
more difficult to fit.

Applying the SGS gradient model  
partially includes the physics which  
would appear with an effective  
resolution higher by a factor of a  
few.

## Gradient model for general relativistic MHD [Viganò+ 2020]

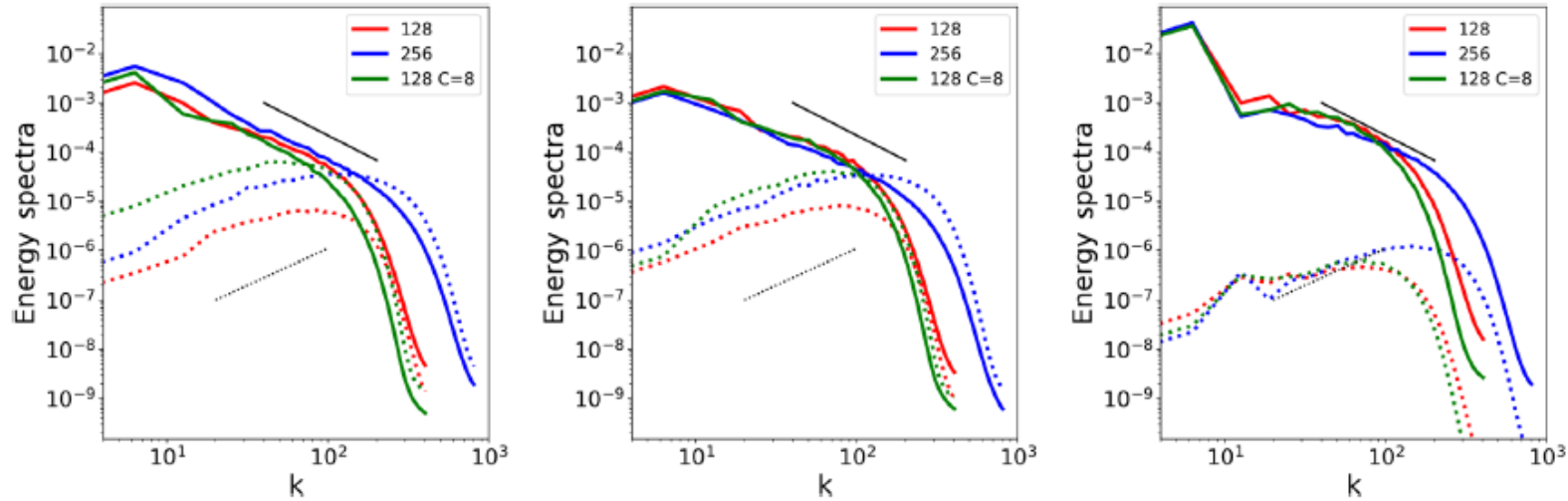
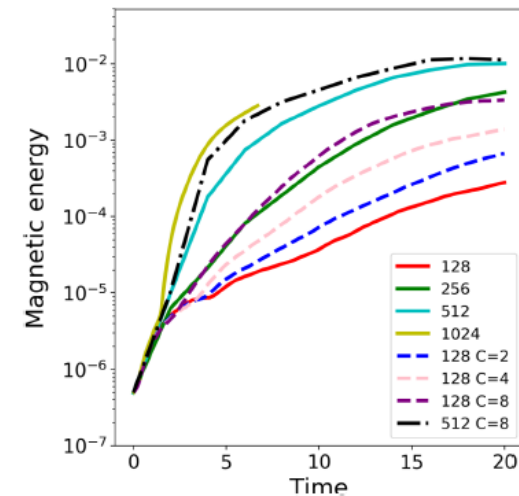
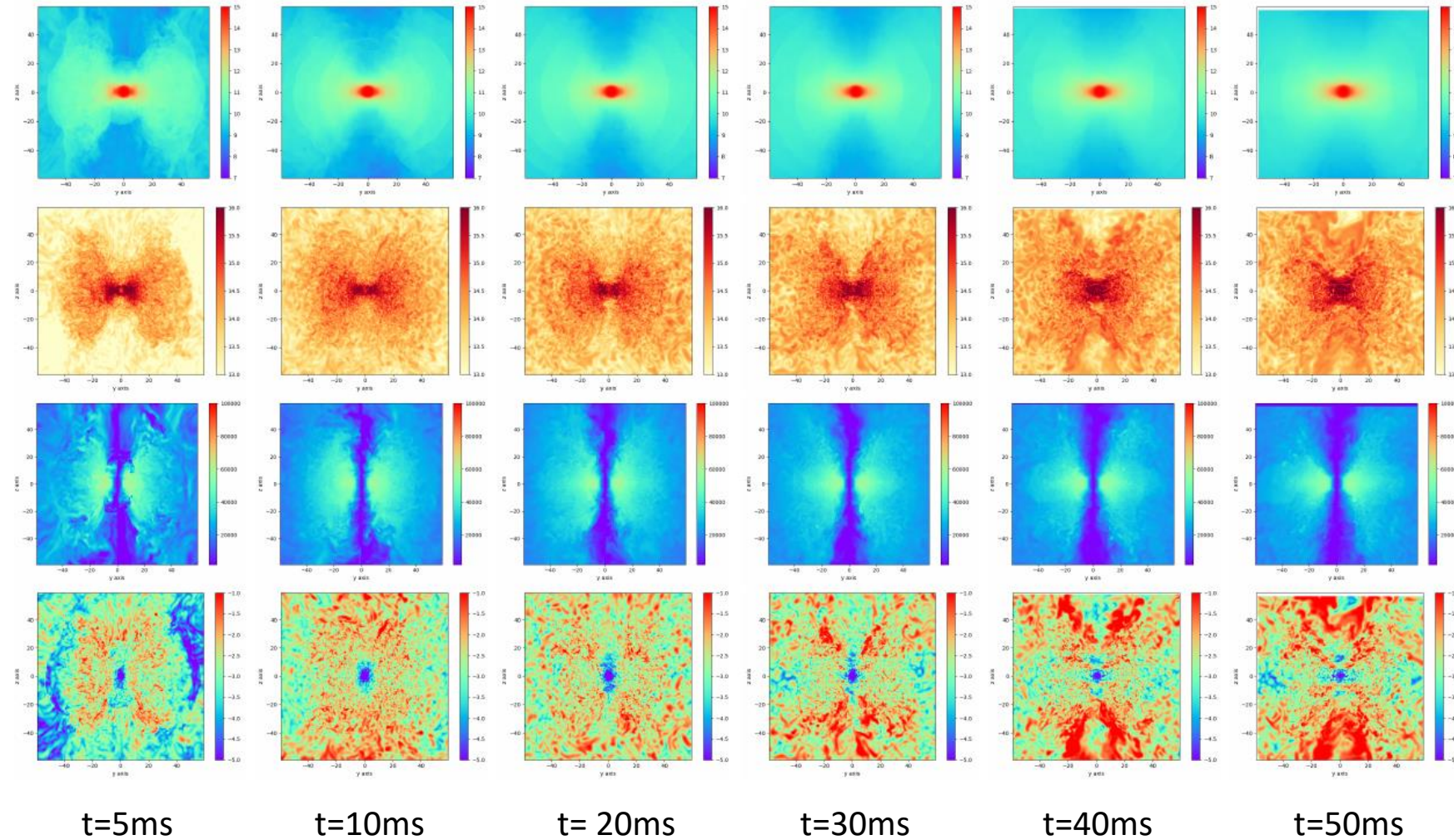


FIG. 6. Box simulations in 3D: *A posteriori* tests in curved background. Kinetic (solid lines) and magnetic (dashed lines) energy spectra at  $t = 20$  for  $\chi = 1$  (left panel),  $\chi = [0.20 - 0.90]$  (middle panel), and  $\chi = [0.20 - 0.24]$  (right panel) of a box simulation, compared with higher resolution and  $C = 8$ .

We again find excellent results for a variety of fixed space-time backgrounds.

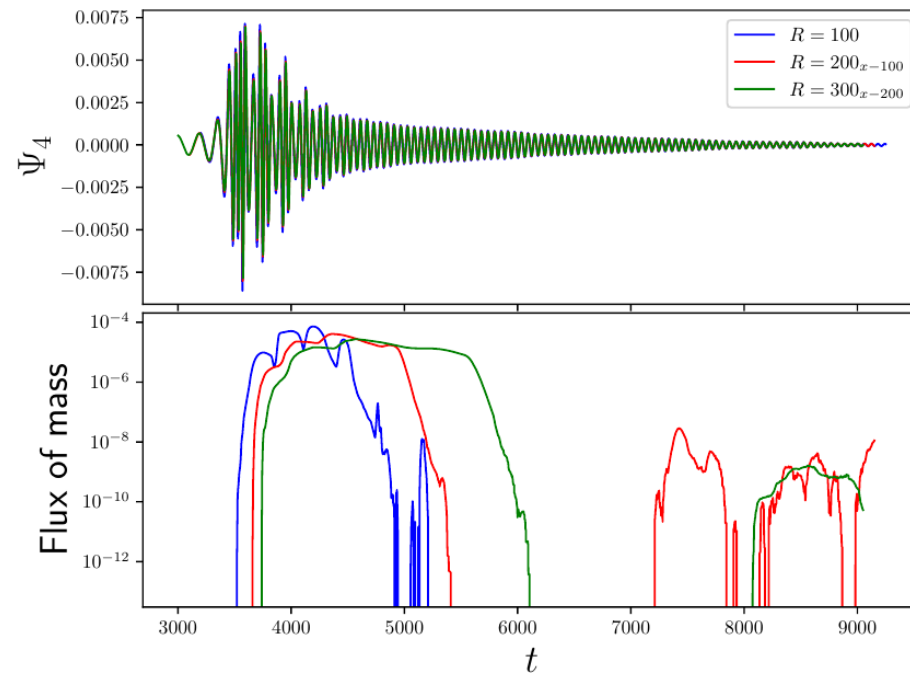


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Density, magnetic field, angular velocity and  $\beta^{-1} = P_{\text{mag}}/P$  (meridional plane)

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Gravitational waves ( $\Psi_4$ )  
and dynamical mass ejecta