

Hybrid simulations of ion acceleration at non-relativistic shocks

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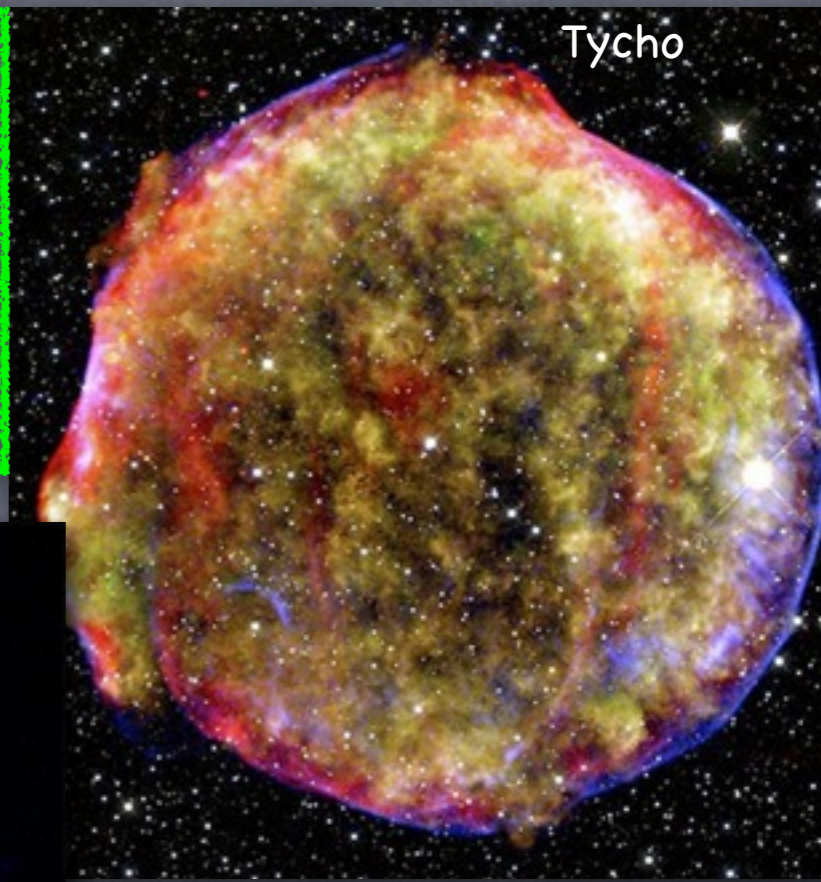


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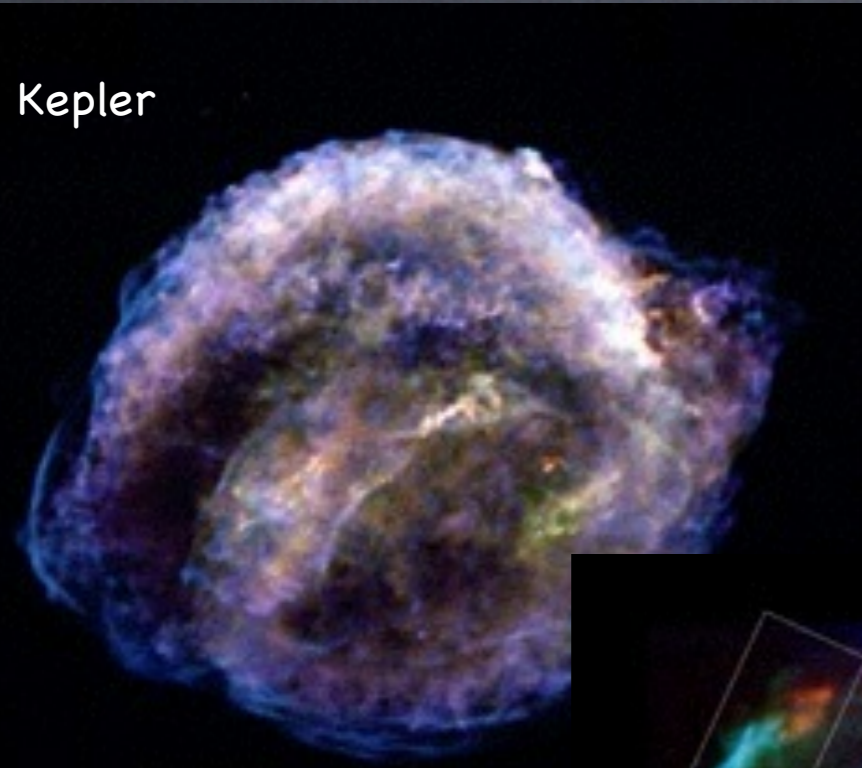
The SNR paradigm for Galactic CRs



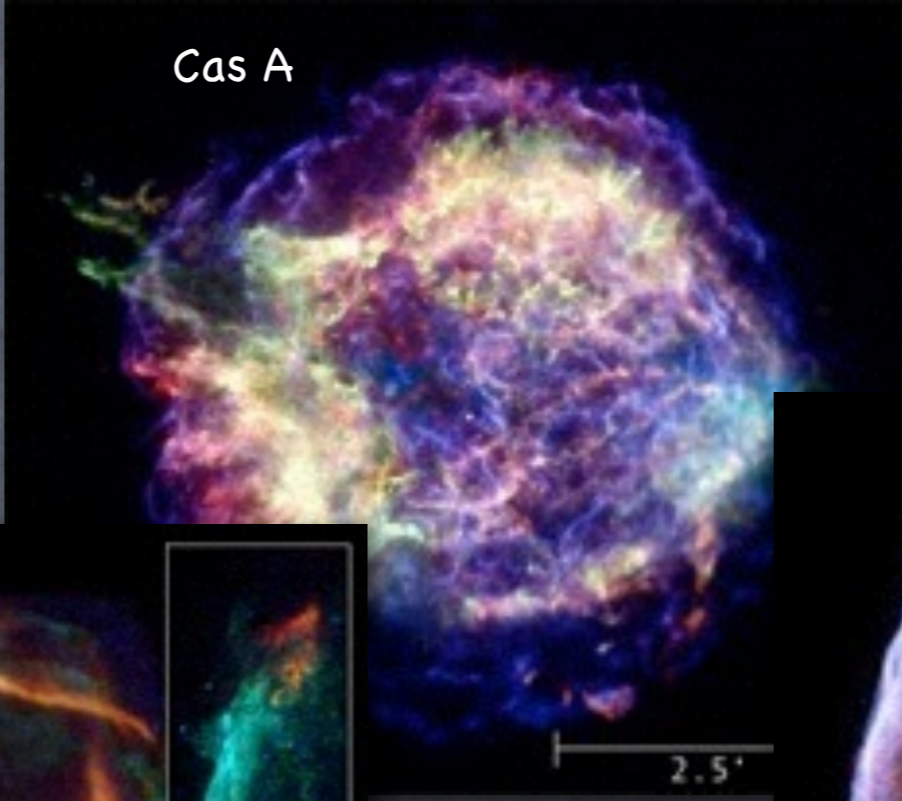
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- Mechanism producing **power-laws**
- Acceleration up to **the knee** ($E=3Z$ PeV)



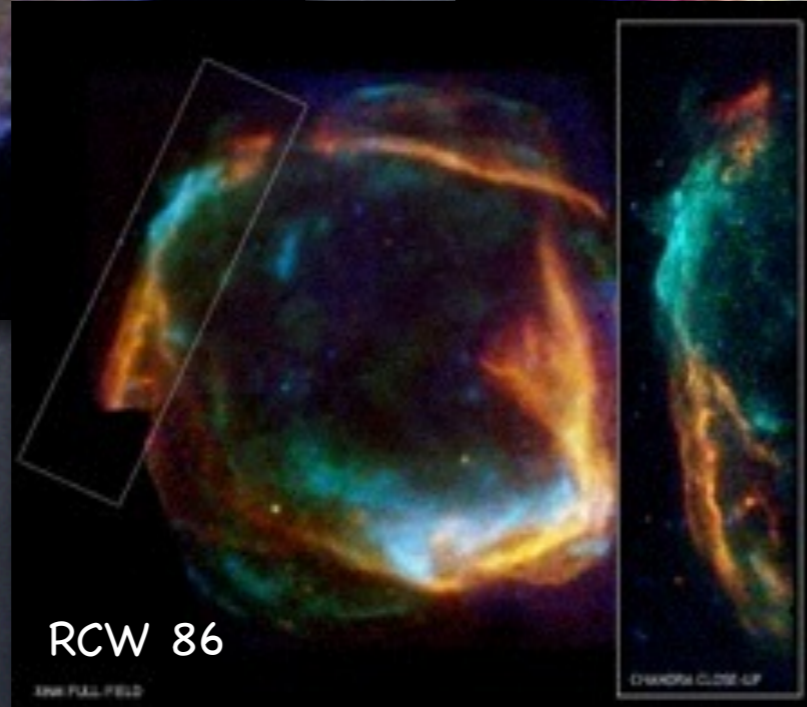
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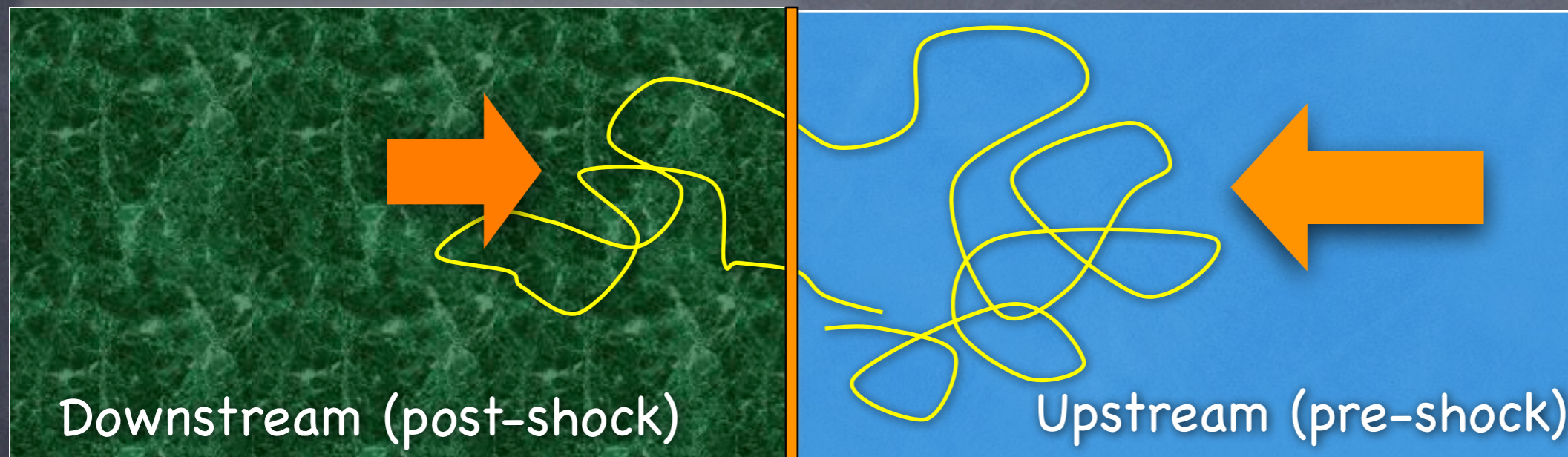


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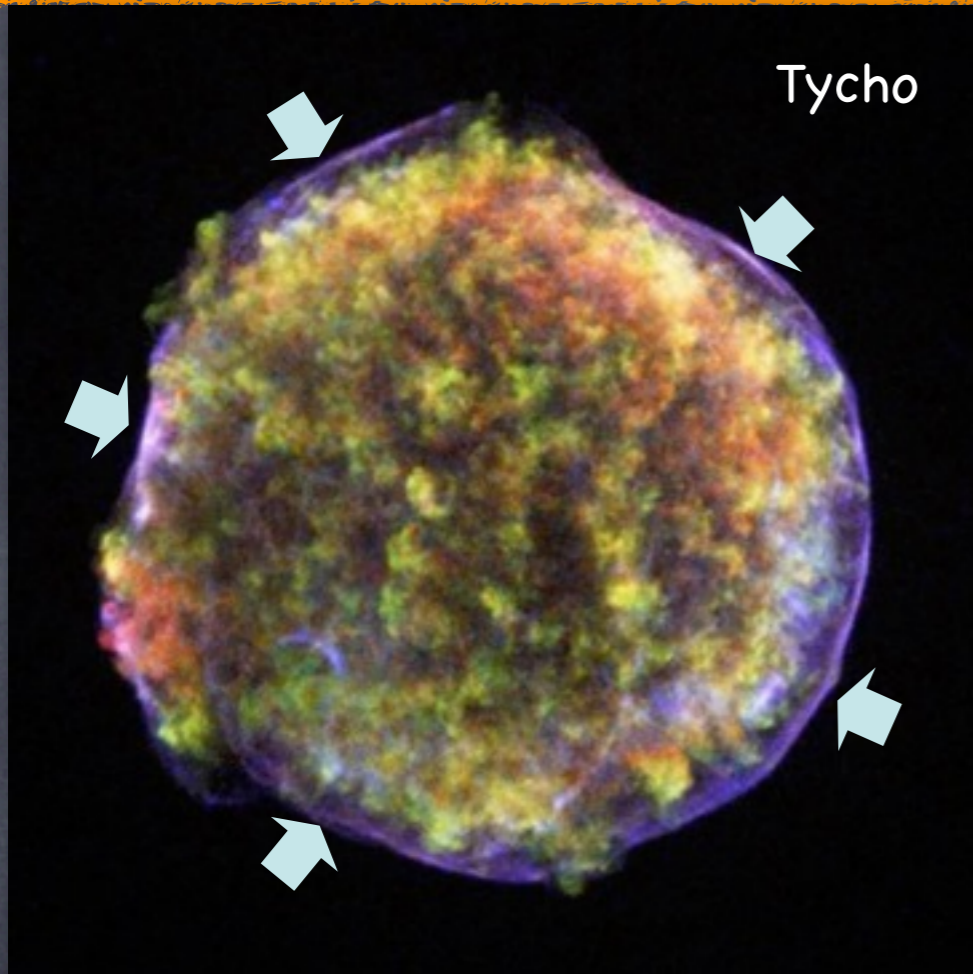


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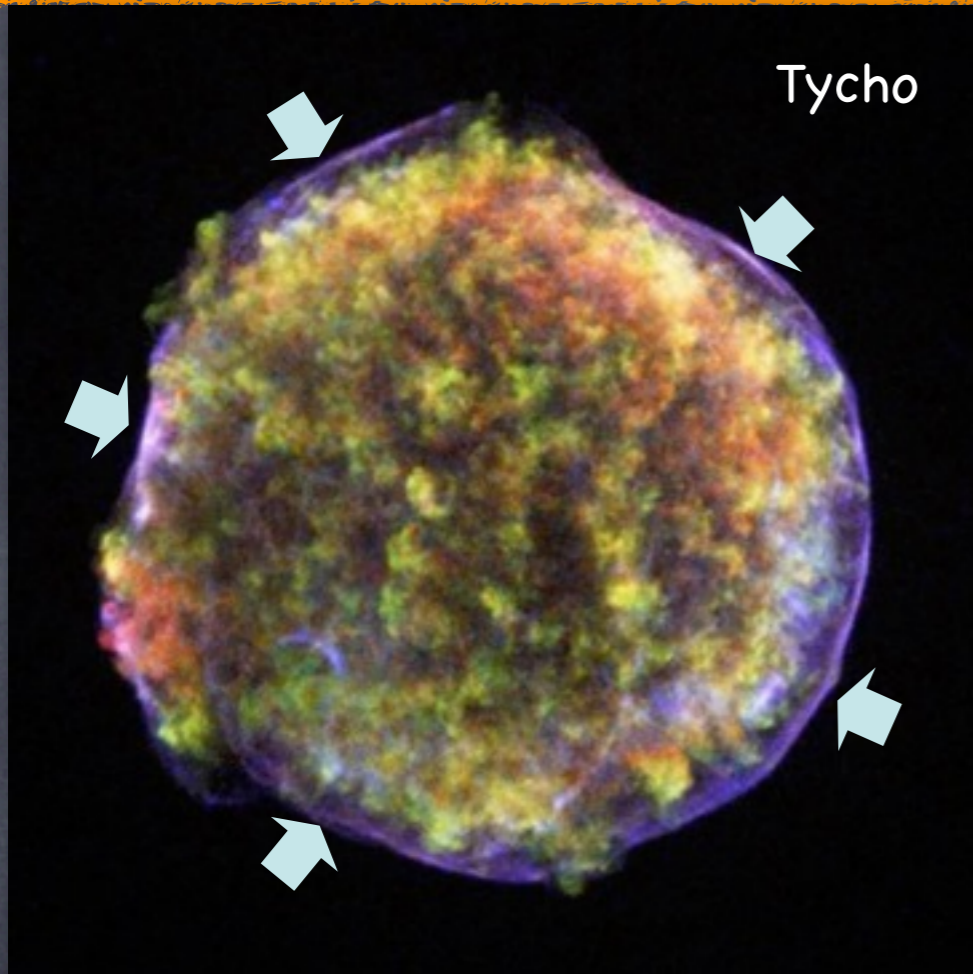


- DSA produces **power-law** $p^{-\alpha}$ in momentum, depending on the **compression ratio** $R=u_1/u_2$ **only**. For strong shocks: $\alpha=4$ (i.e., $\propto E^{-2}$)

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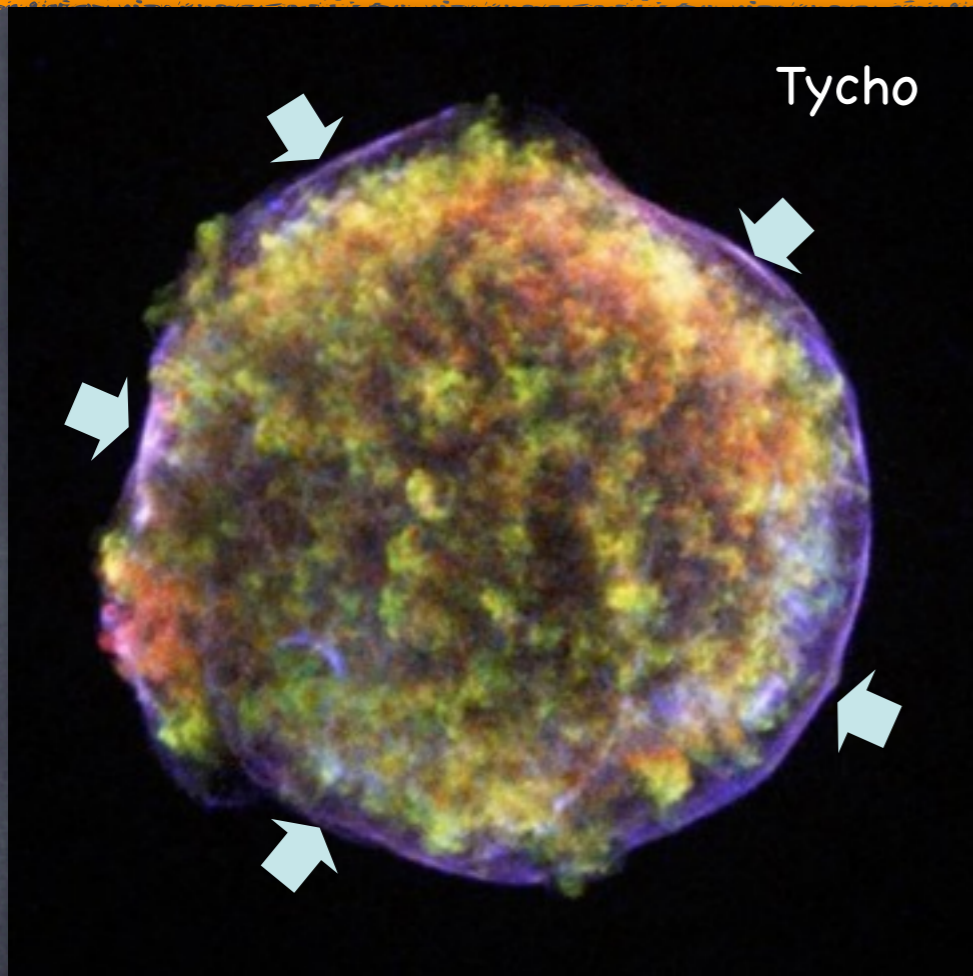


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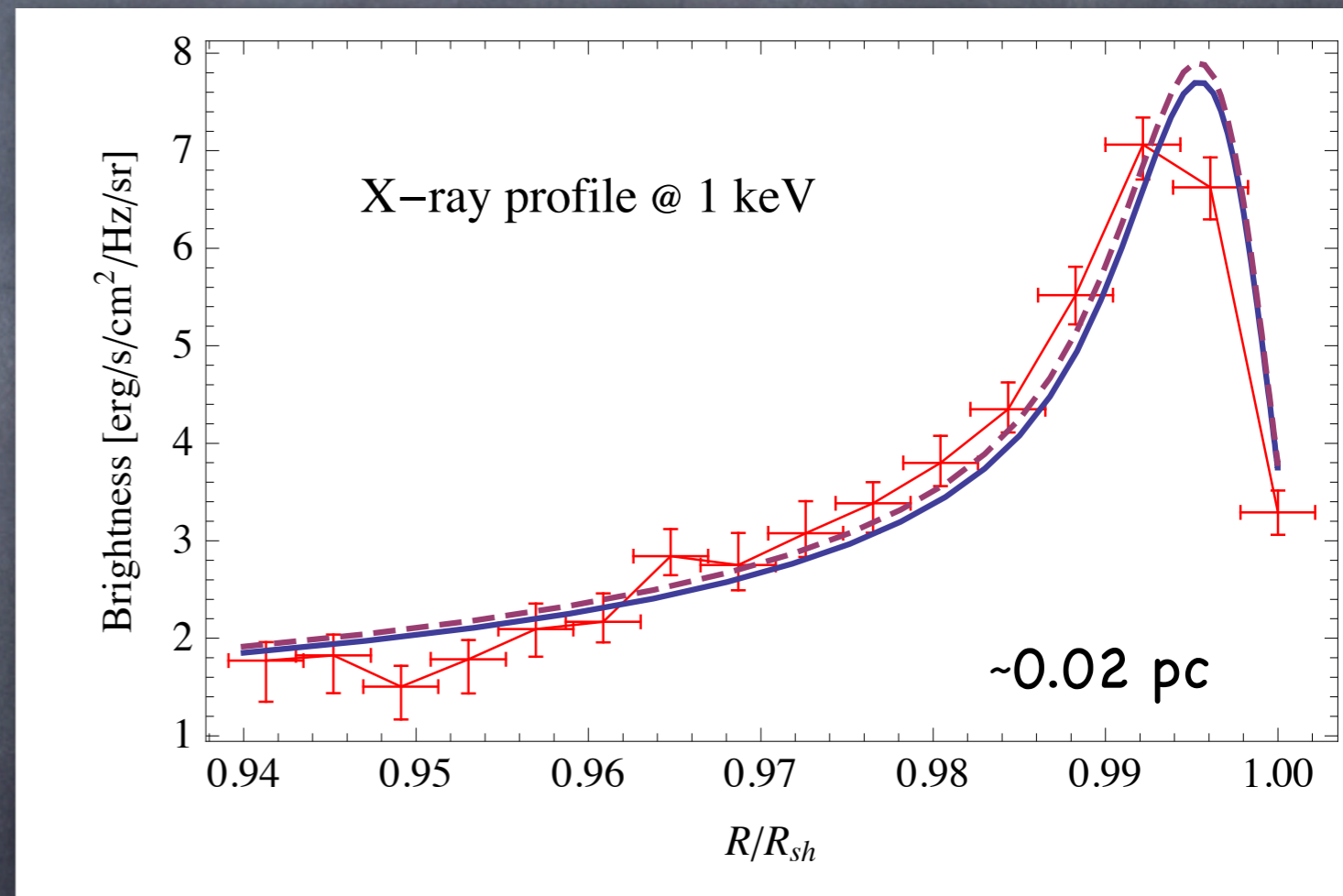


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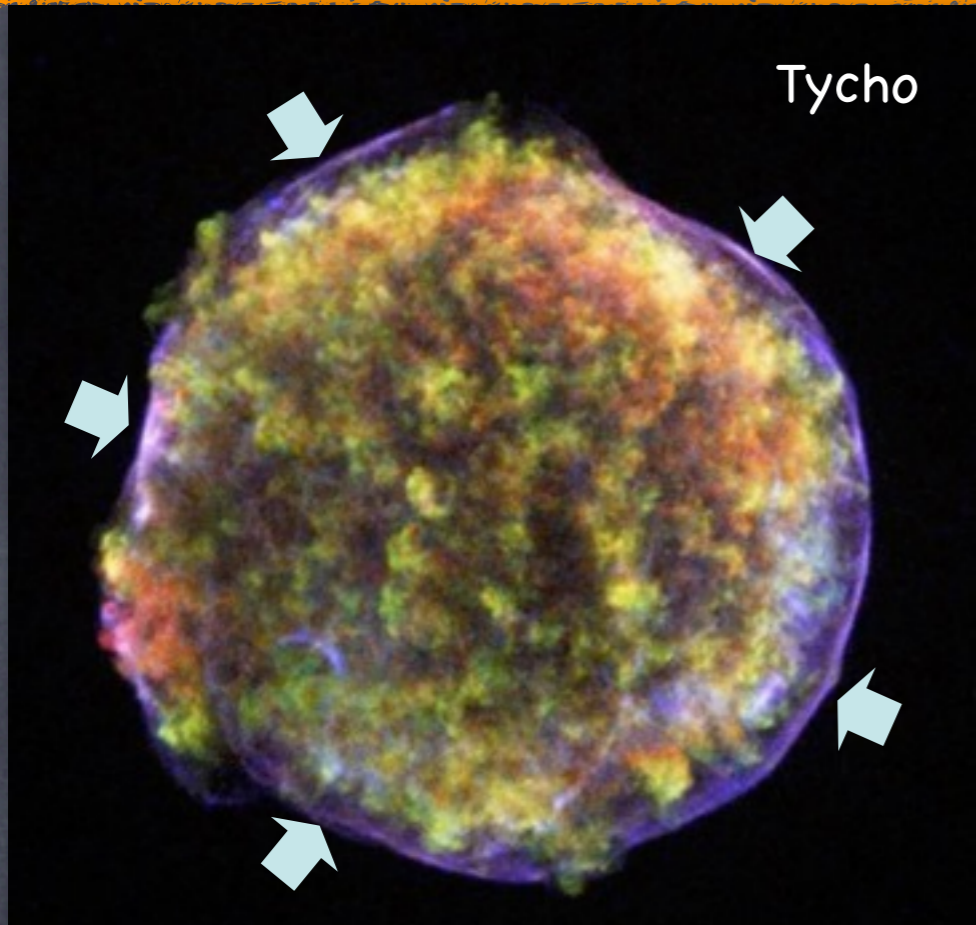


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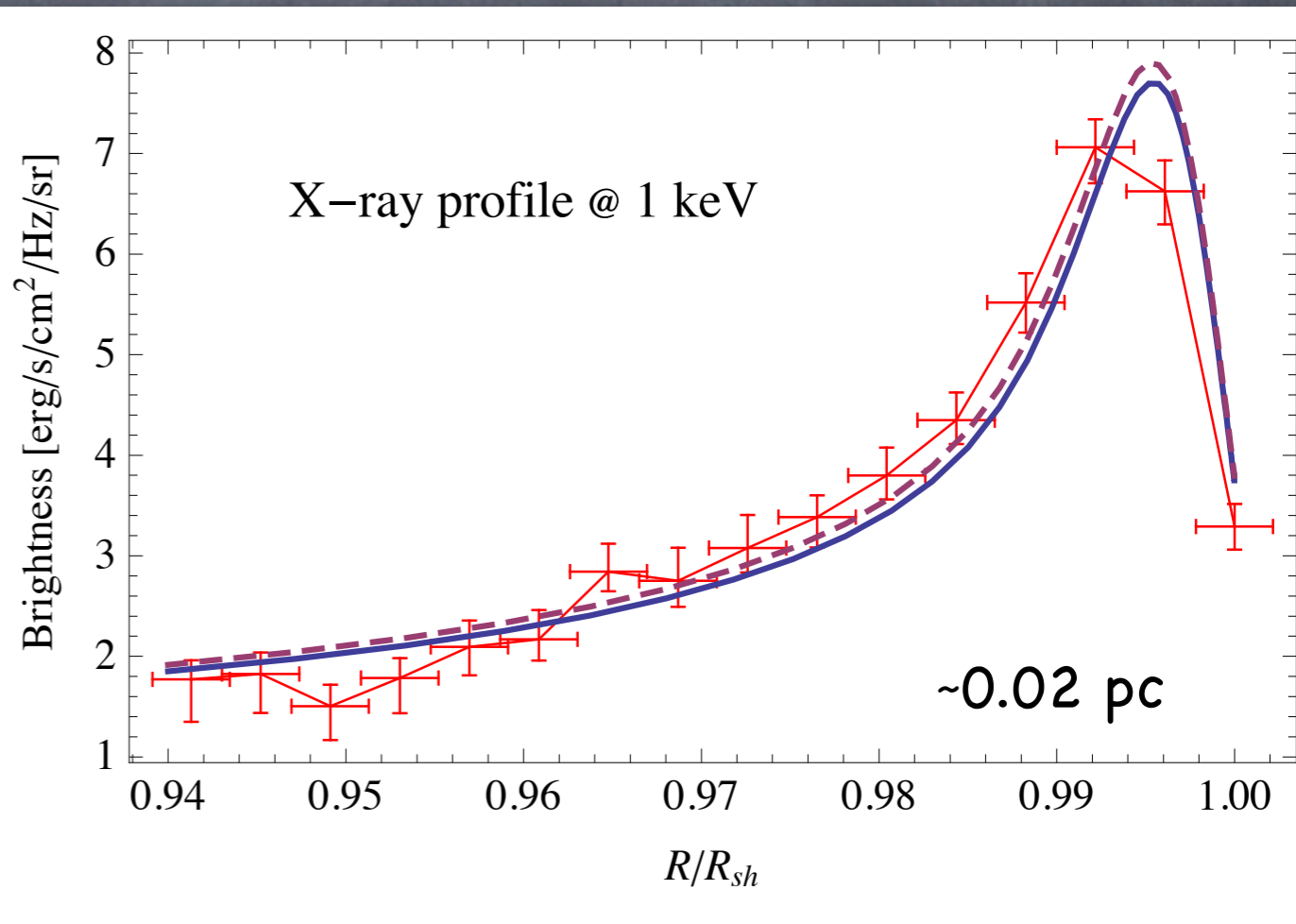
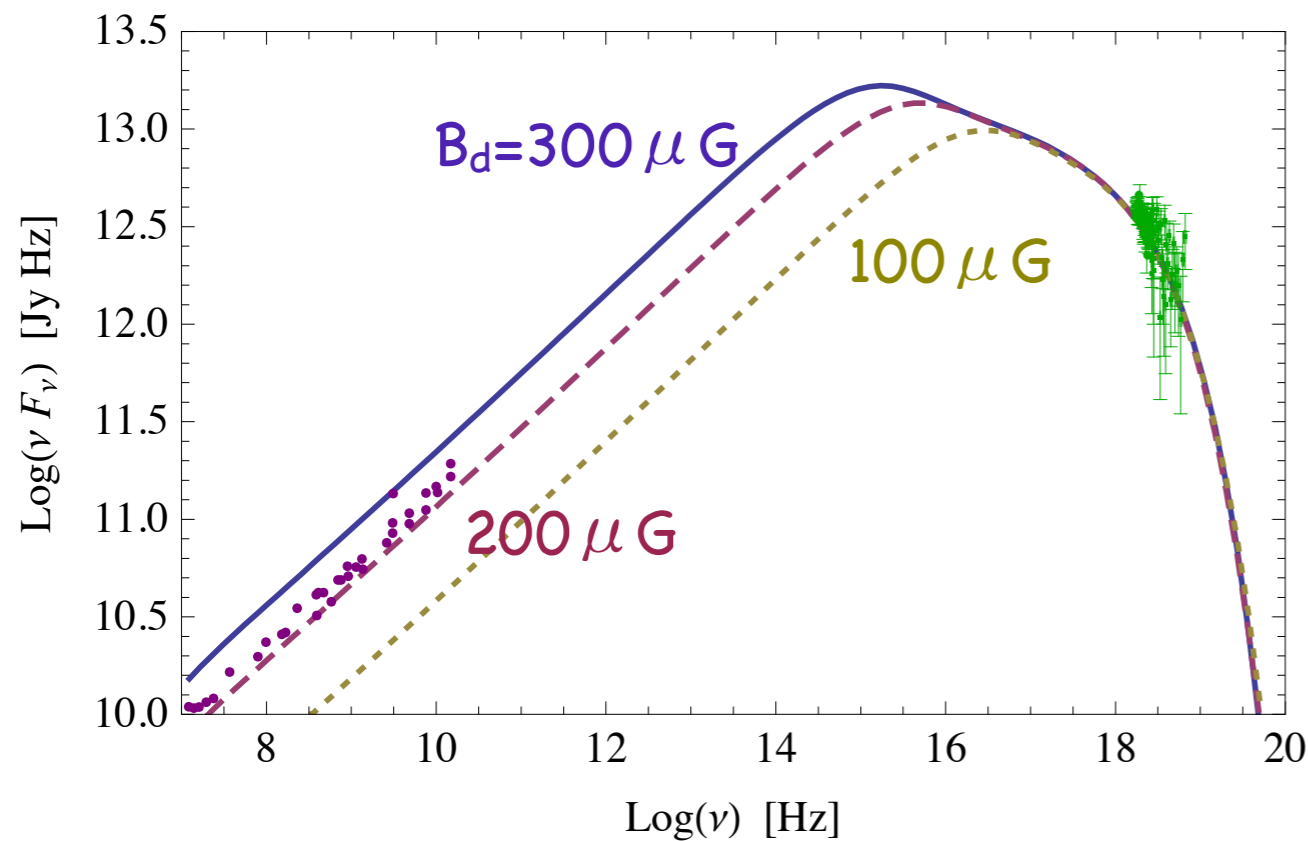


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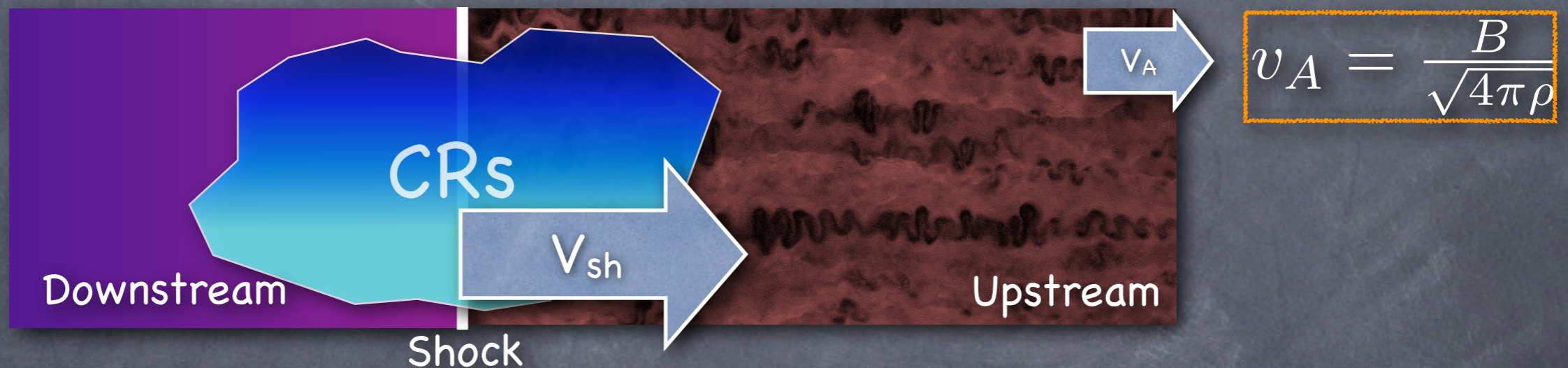


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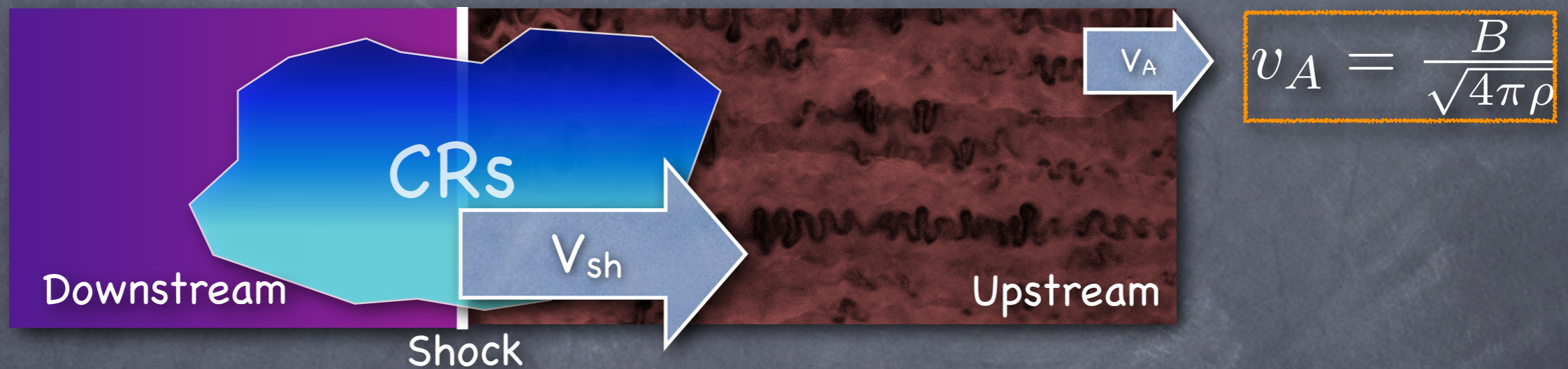
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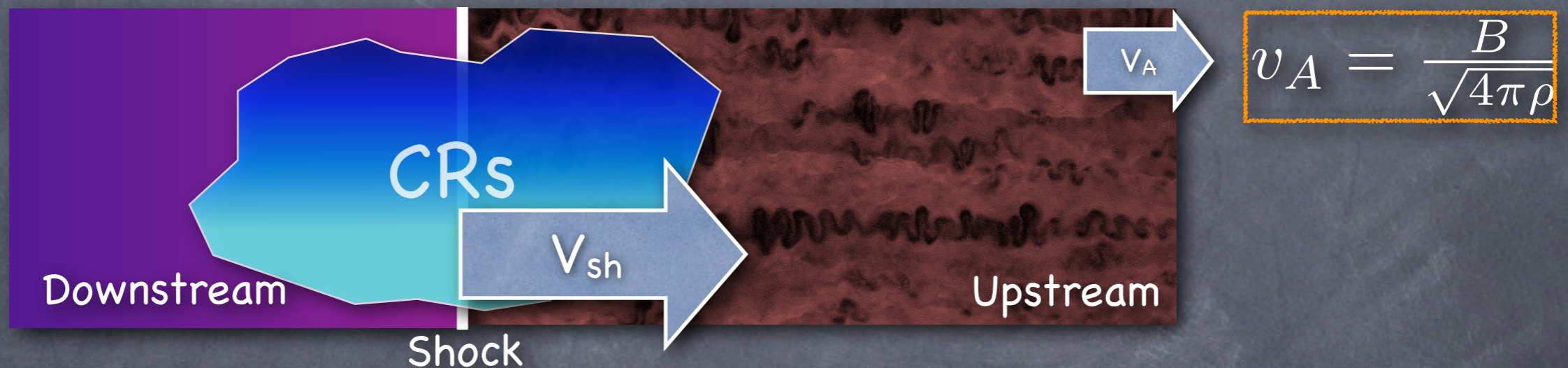


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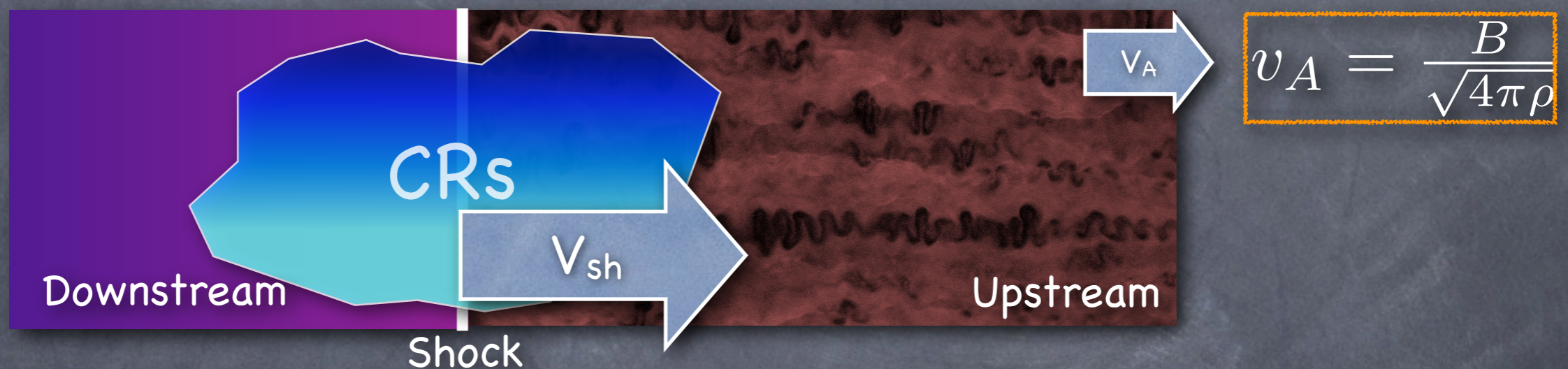
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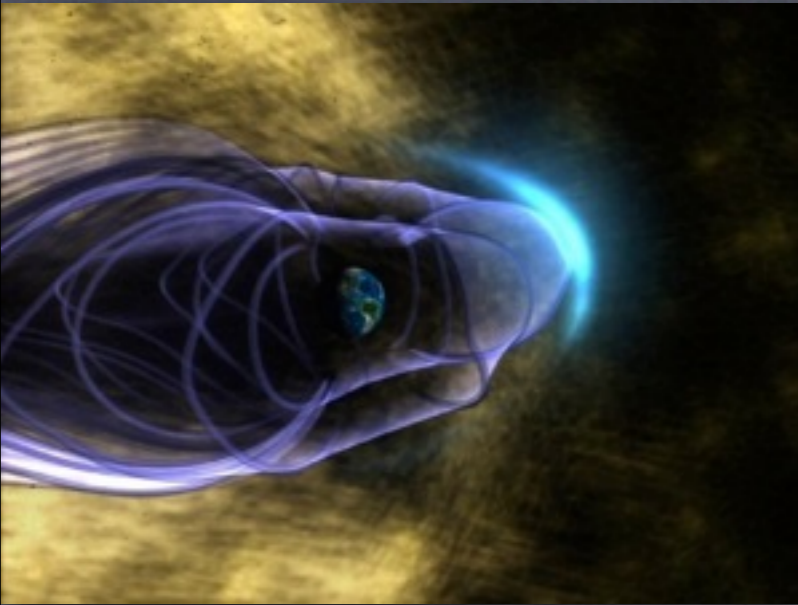


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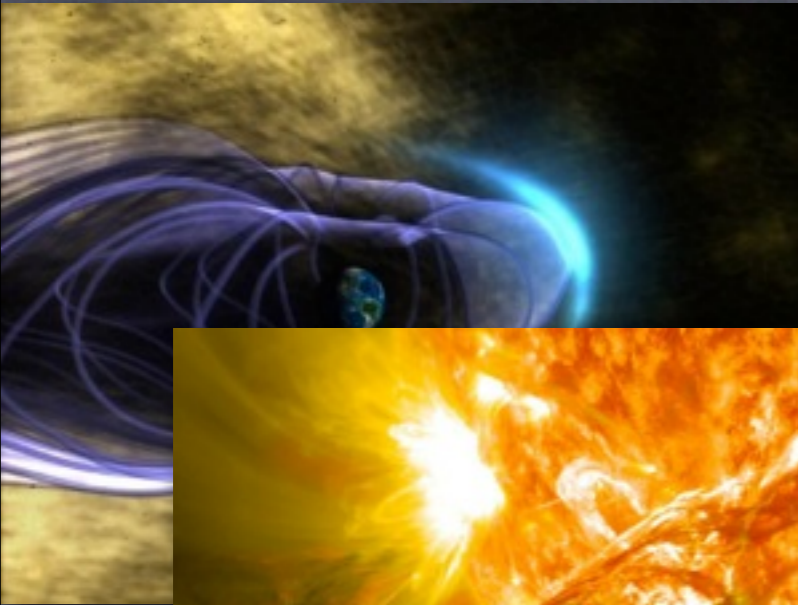


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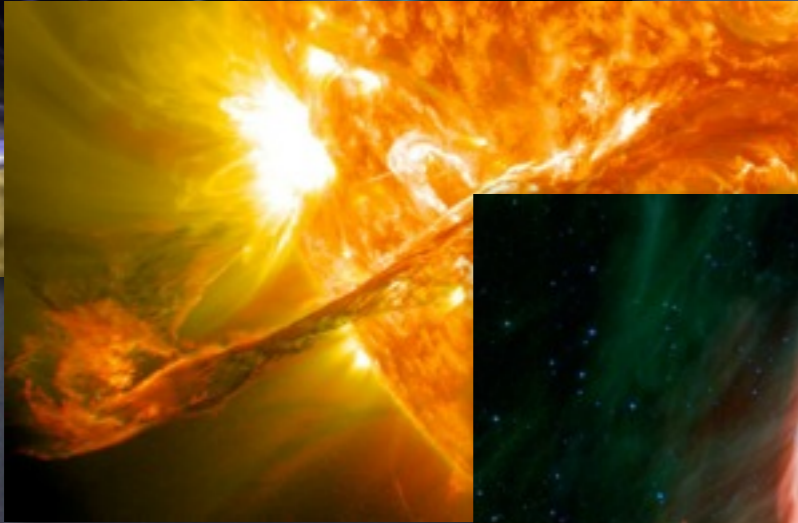
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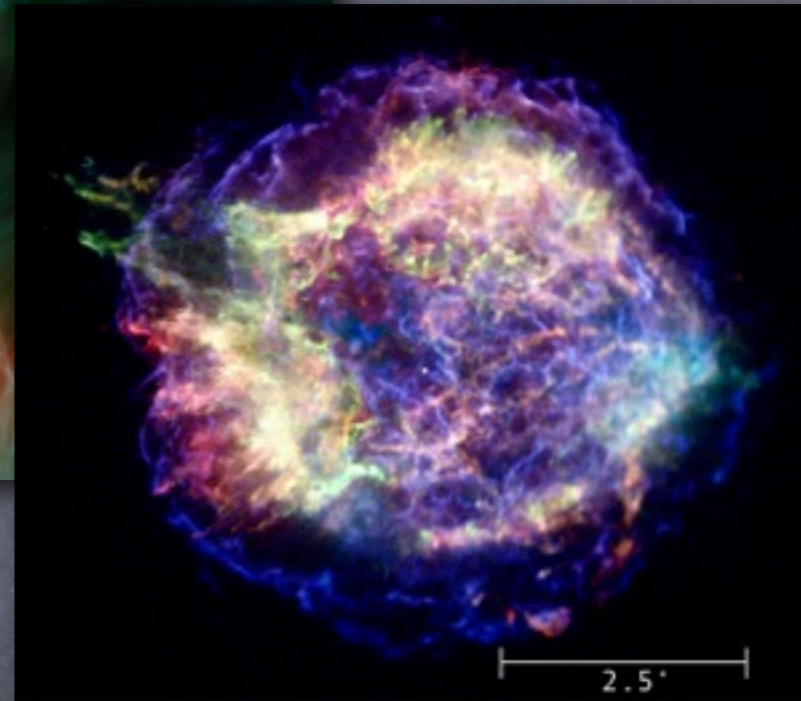
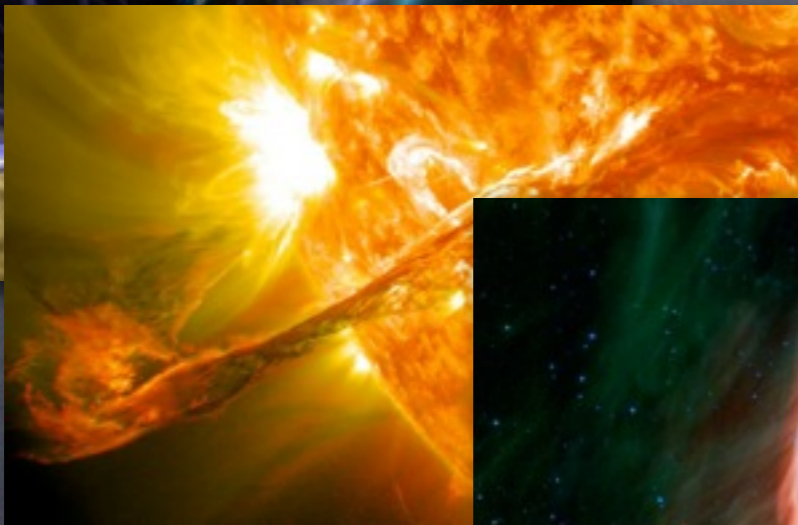
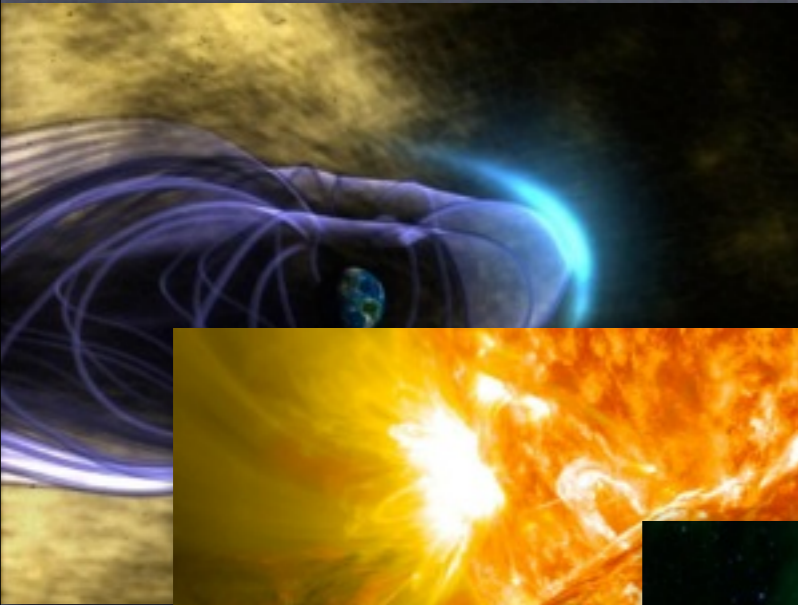
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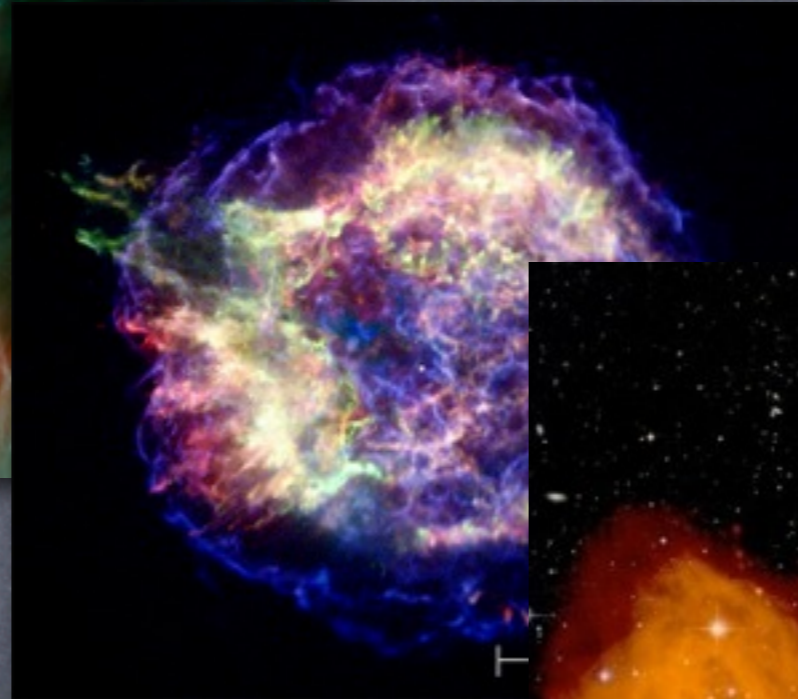
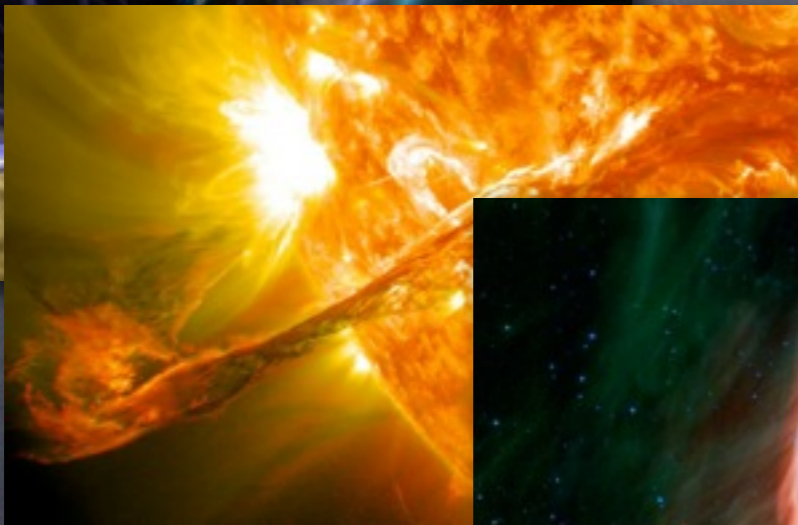
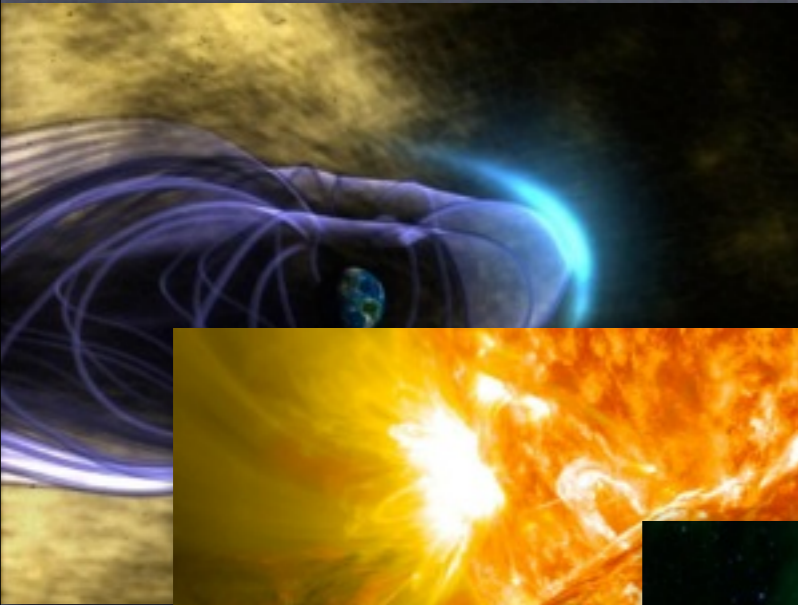
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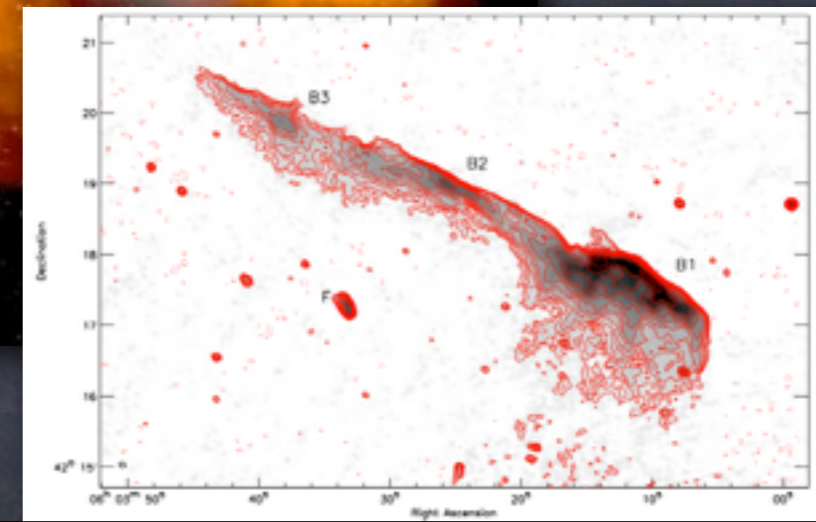
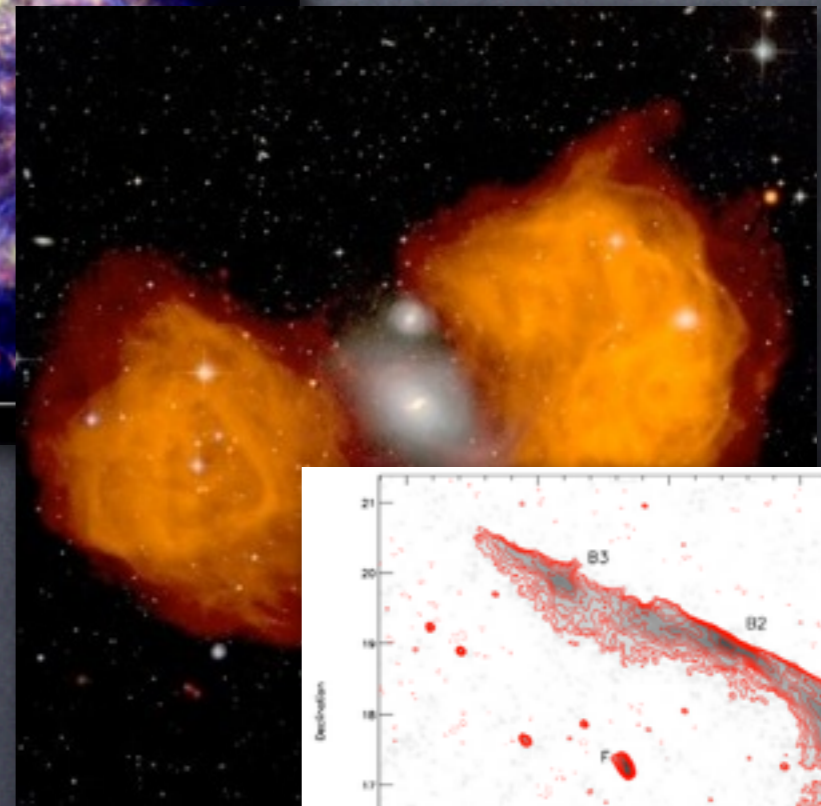
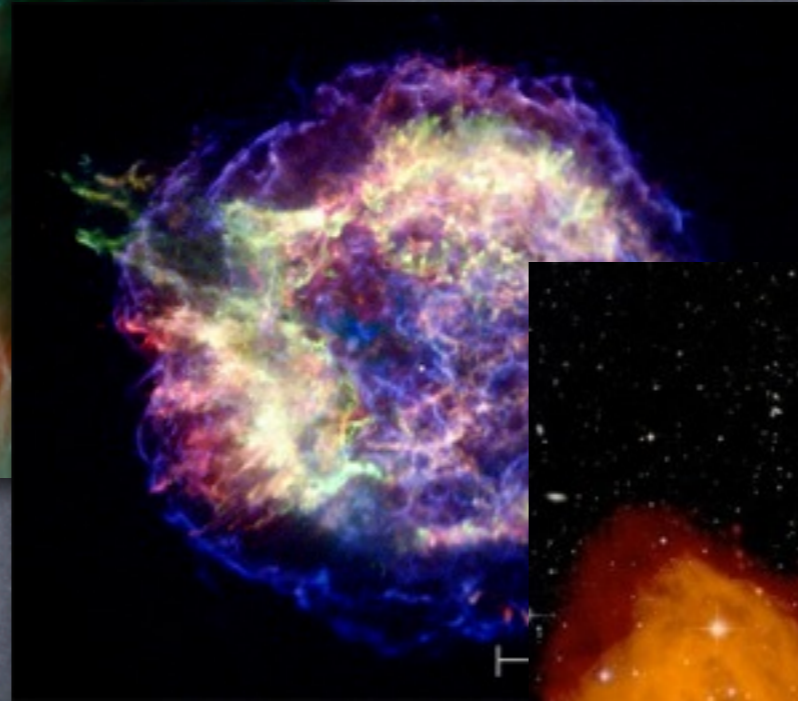
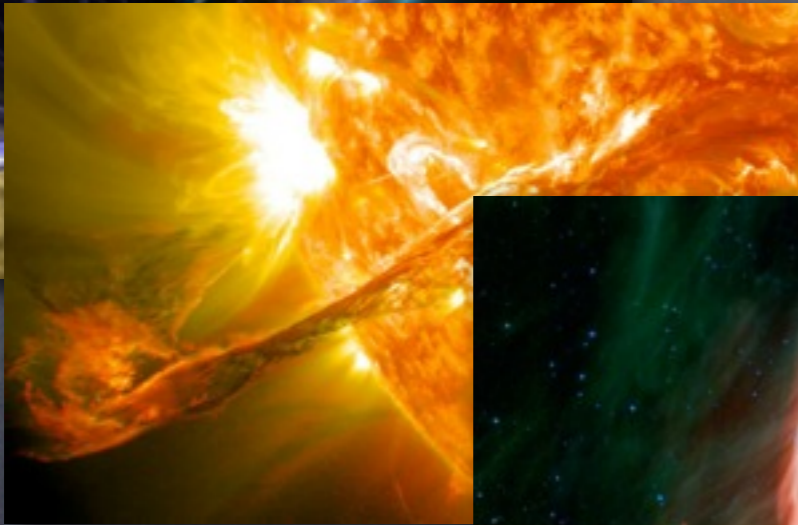
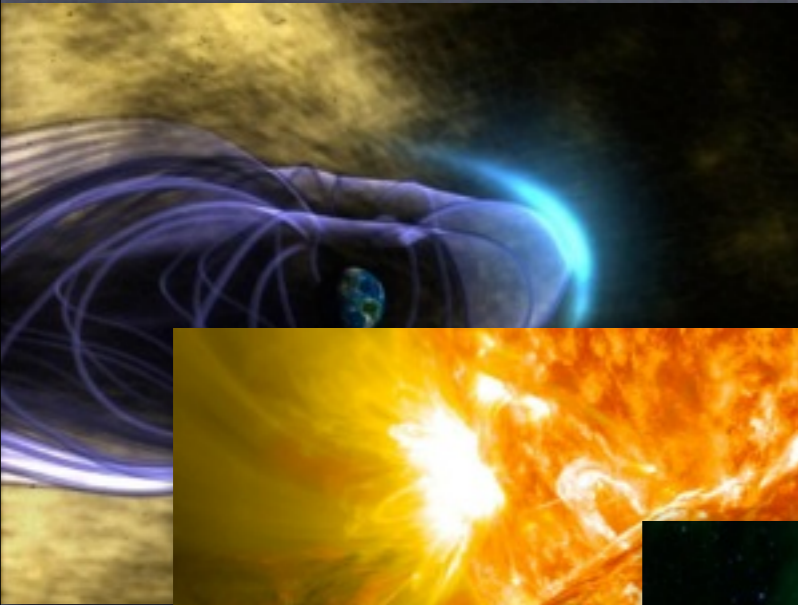
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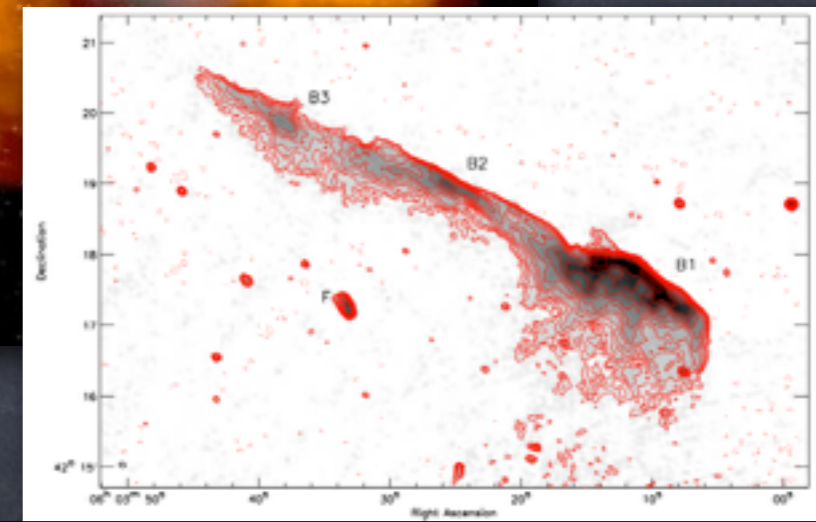
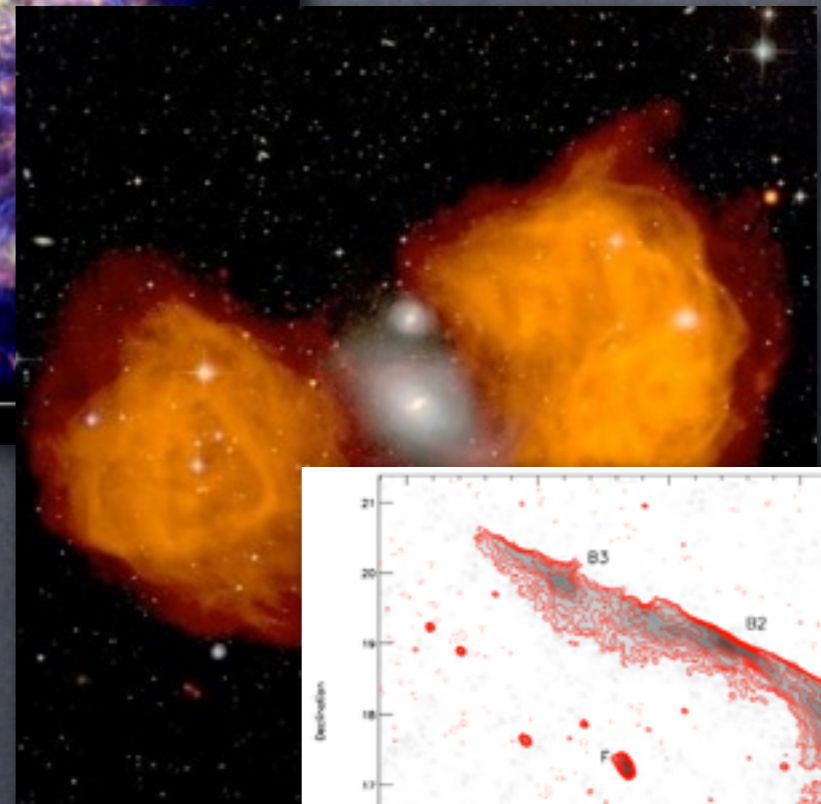
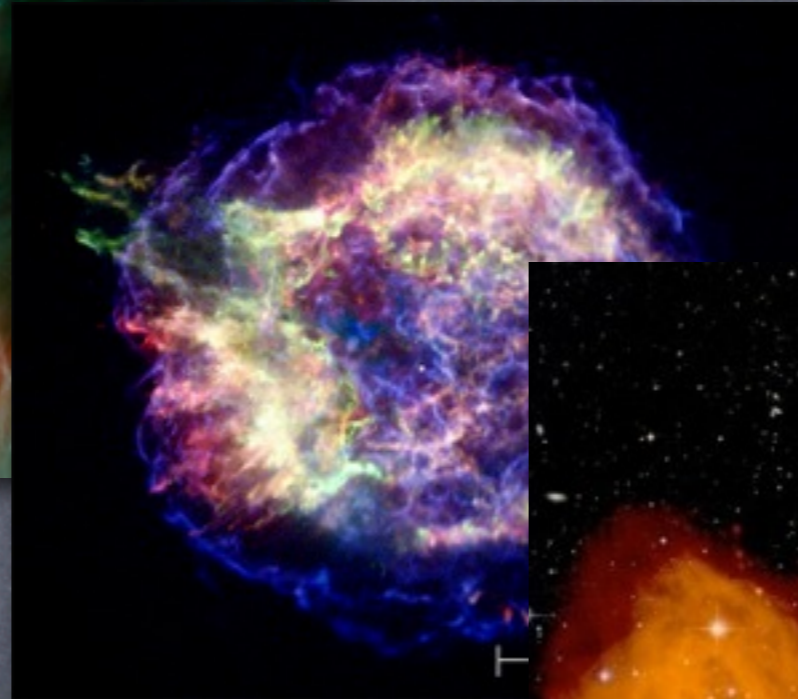
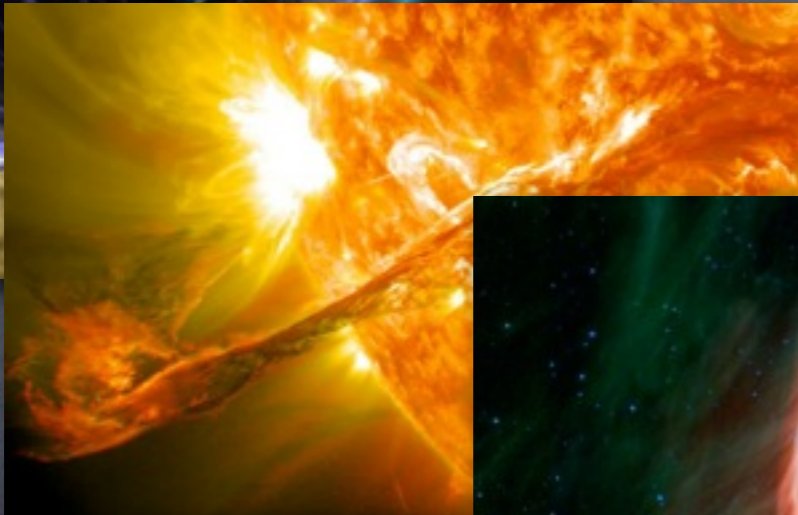
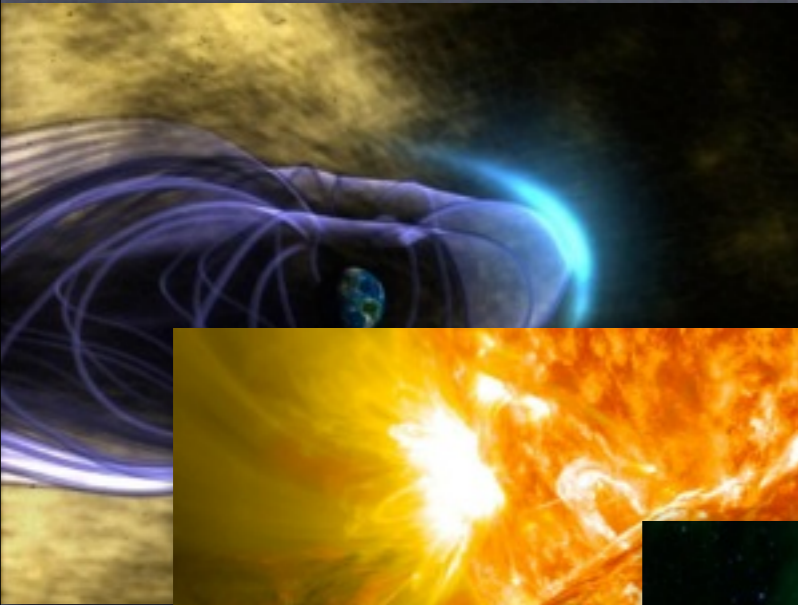
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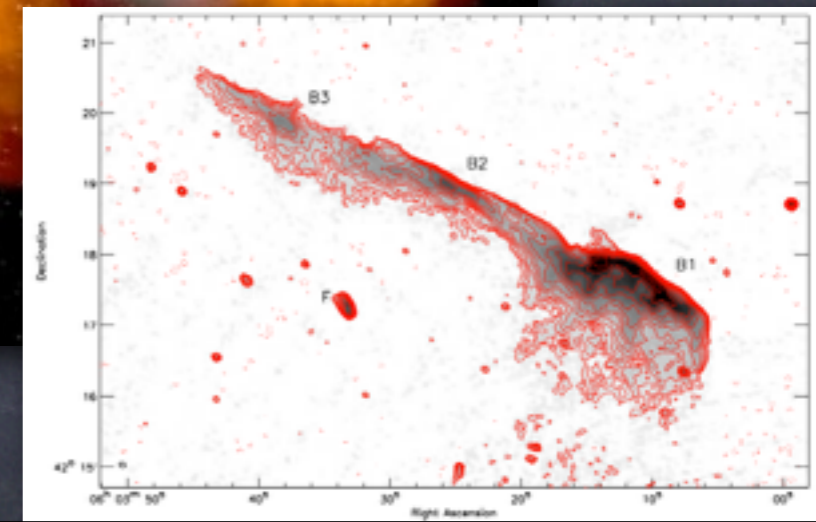
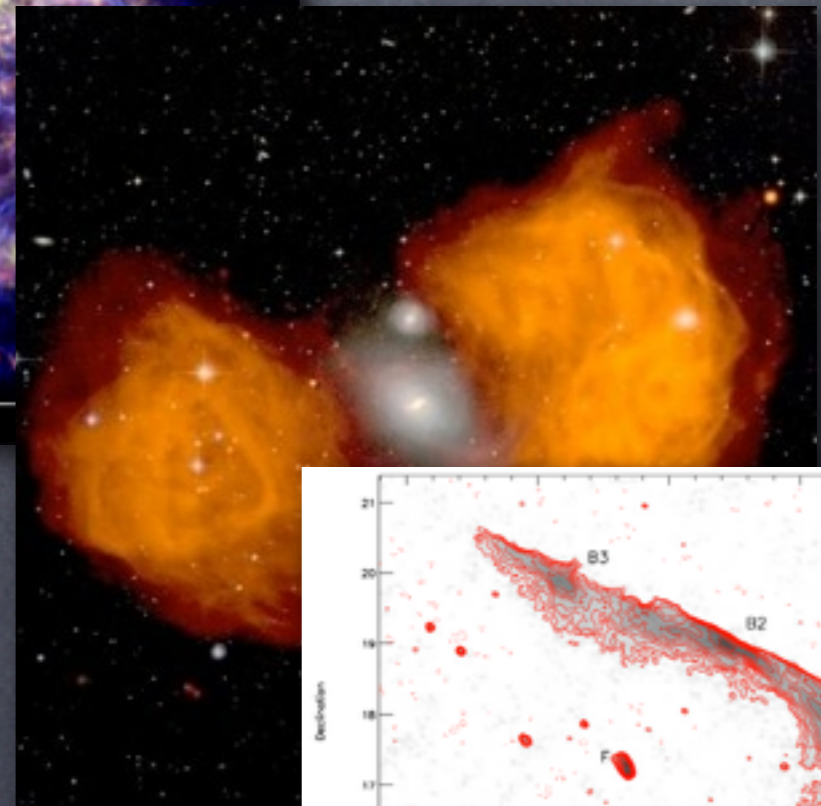
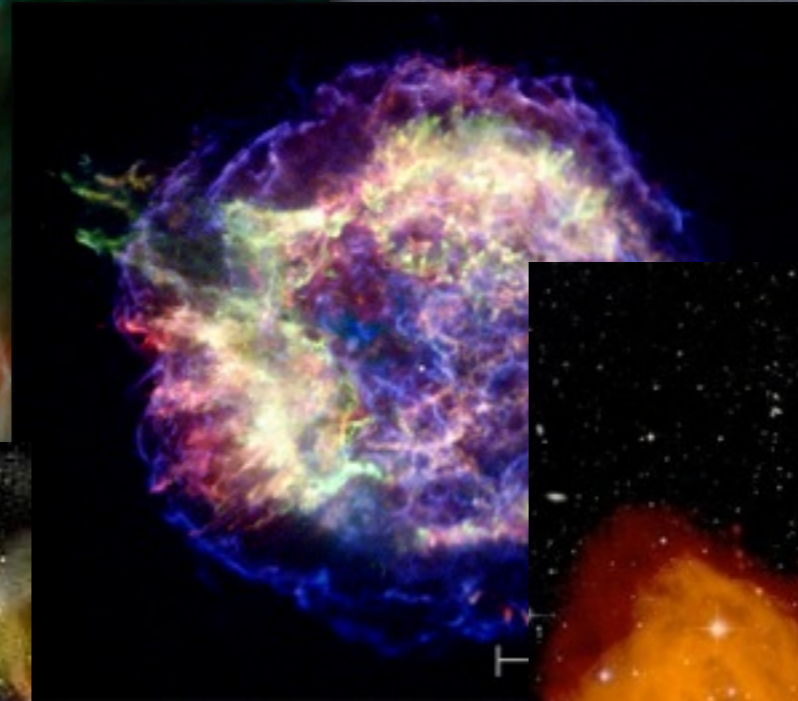
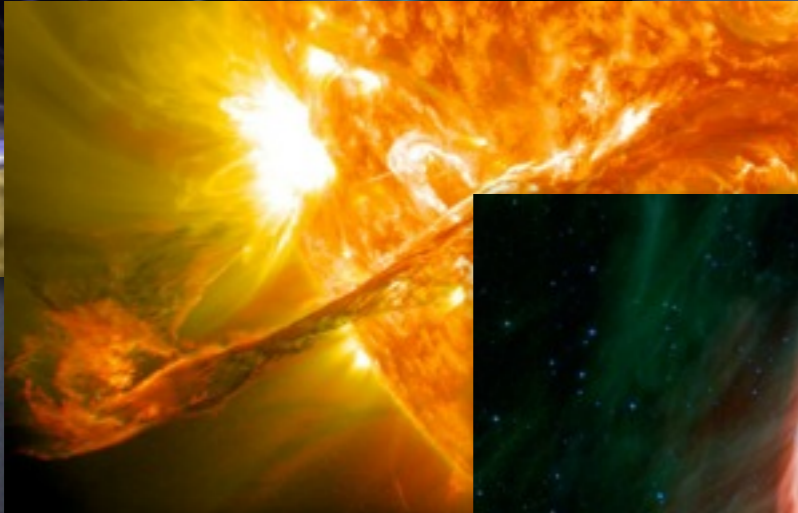
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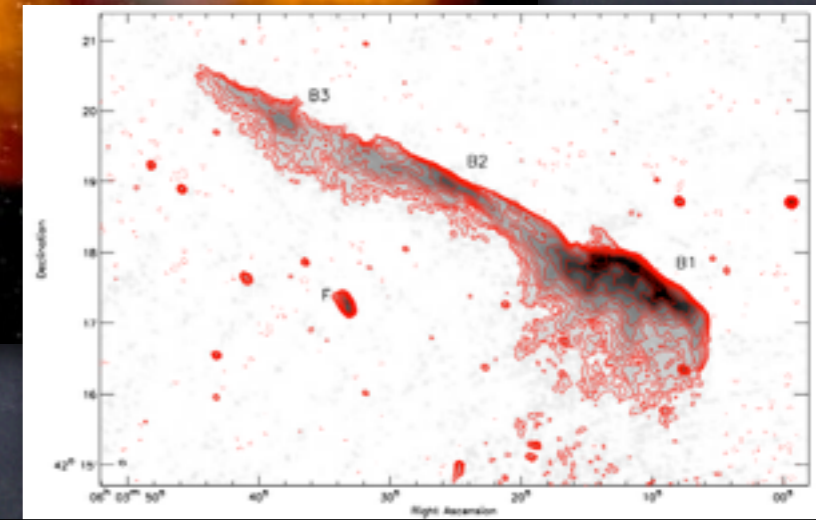
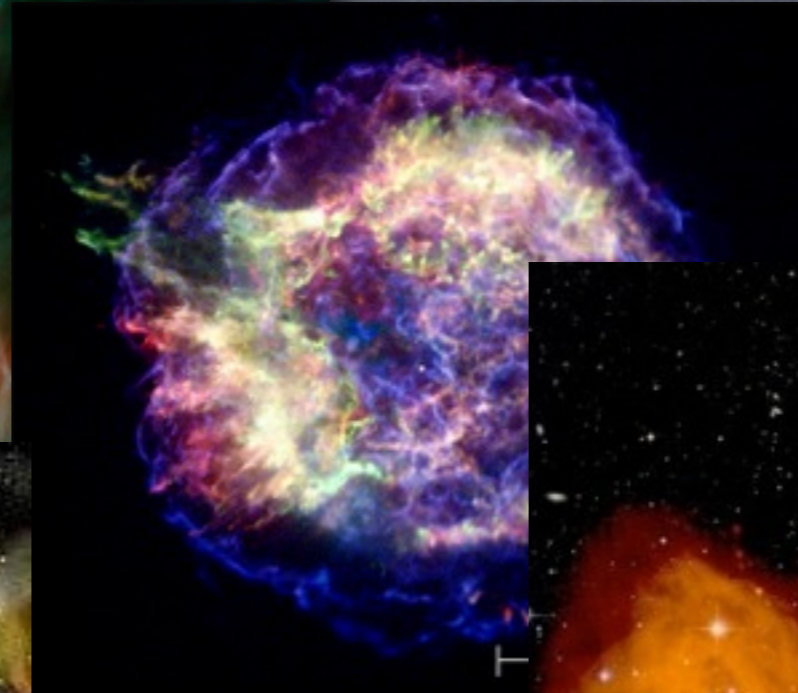
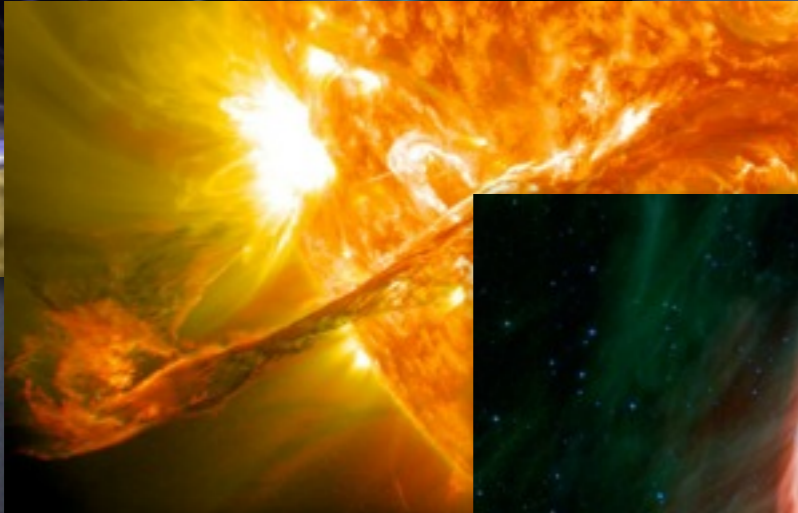
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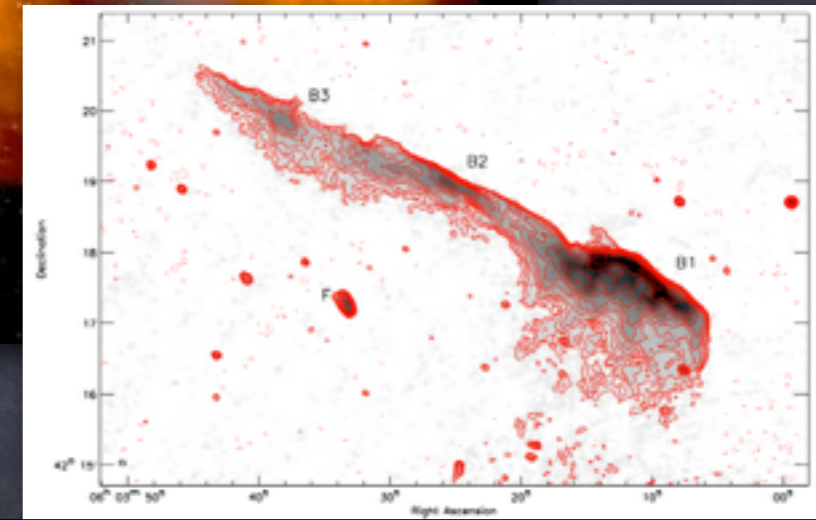
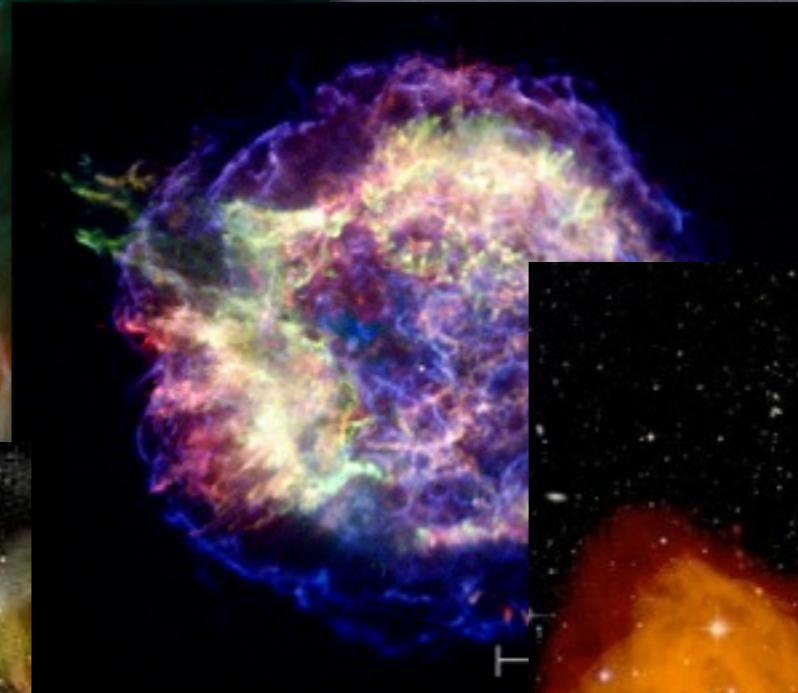
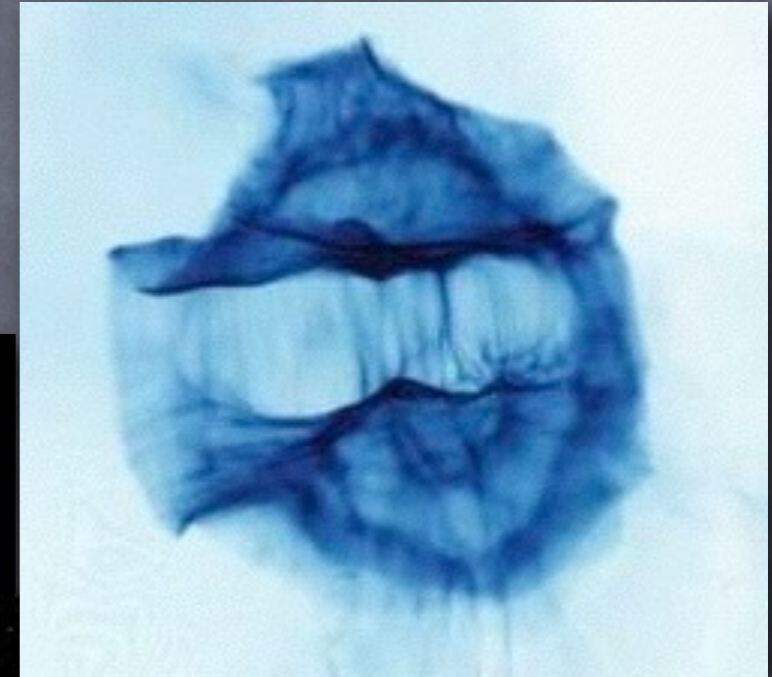
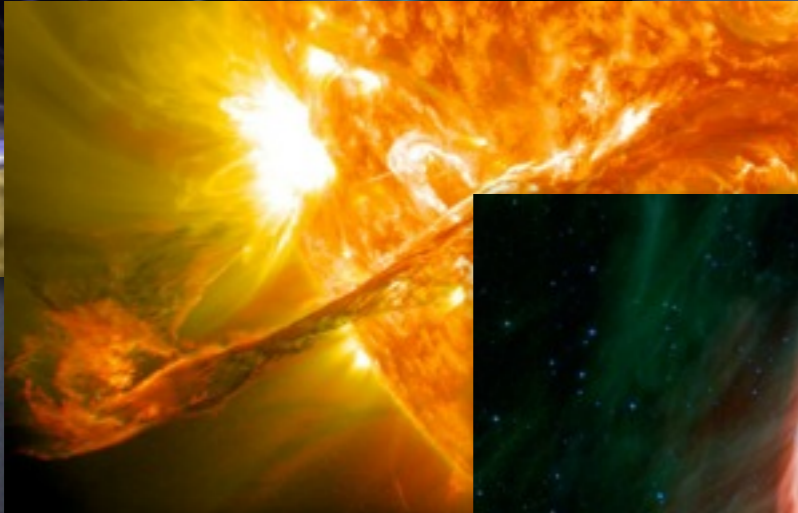
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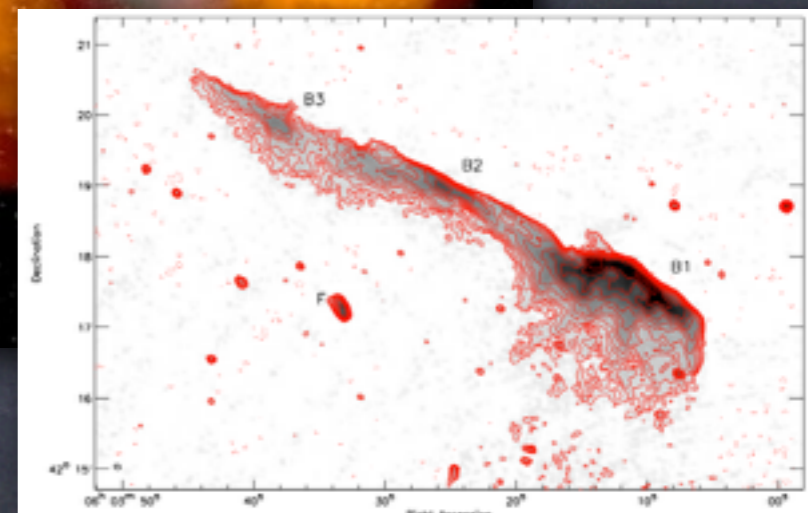
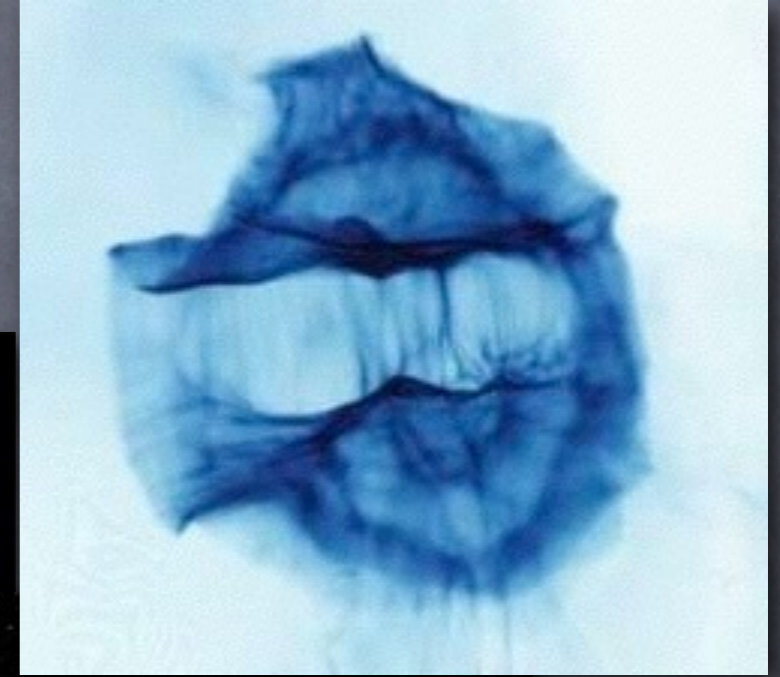
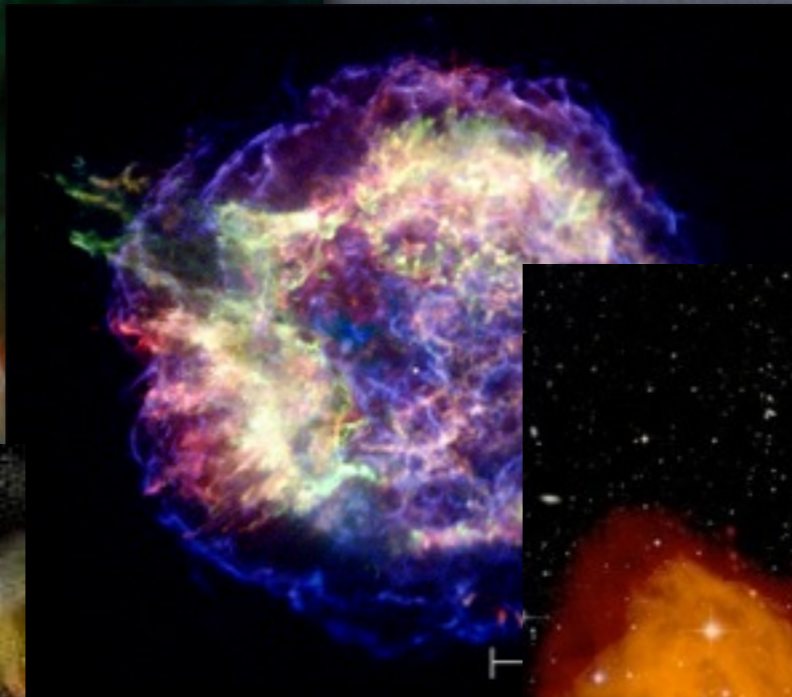
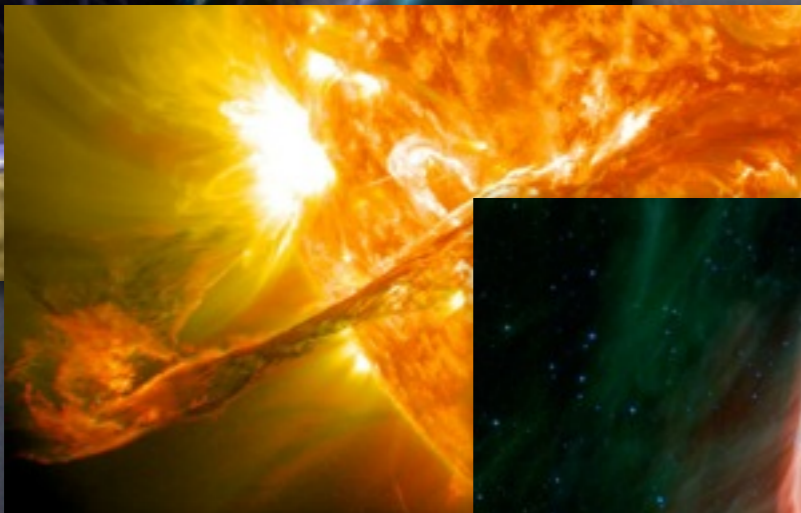
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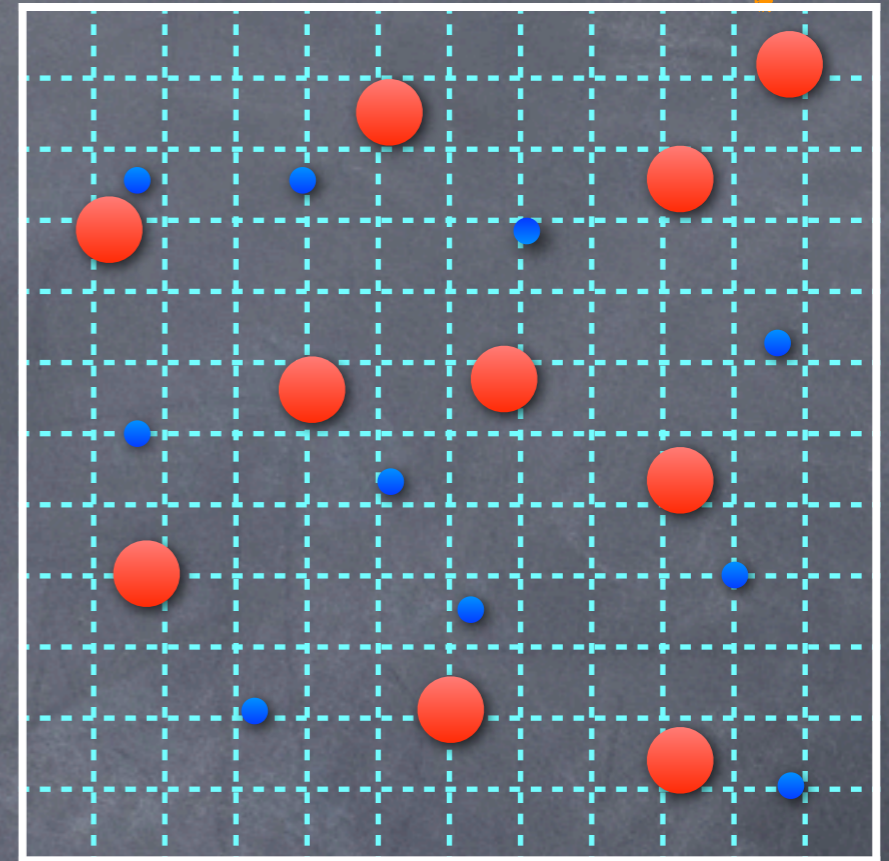
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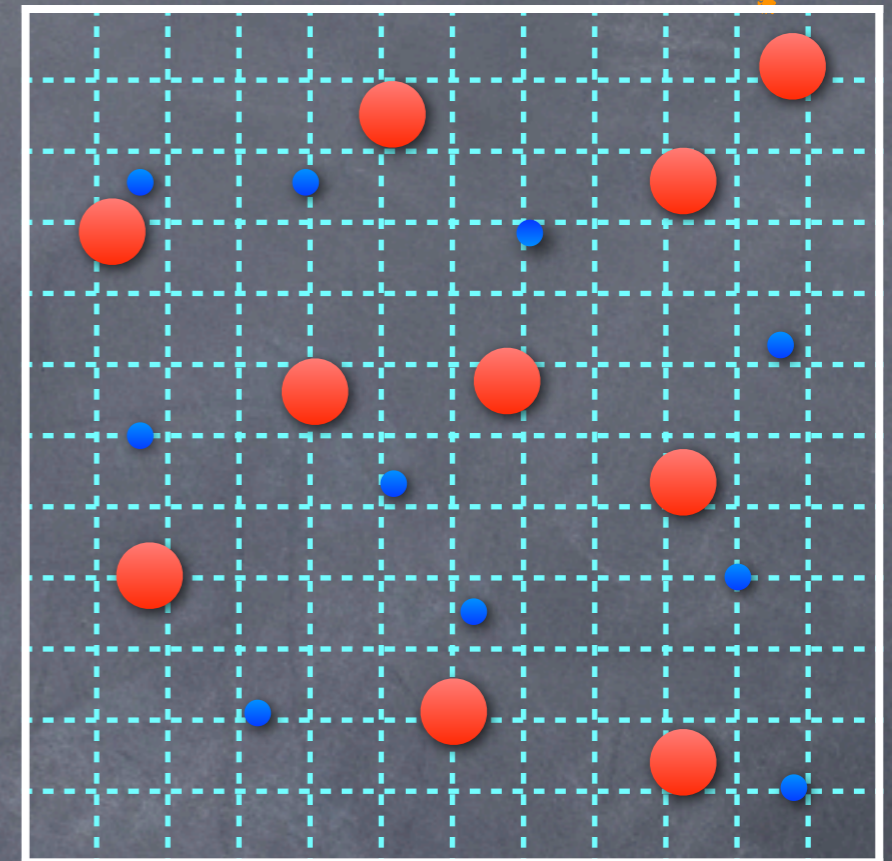
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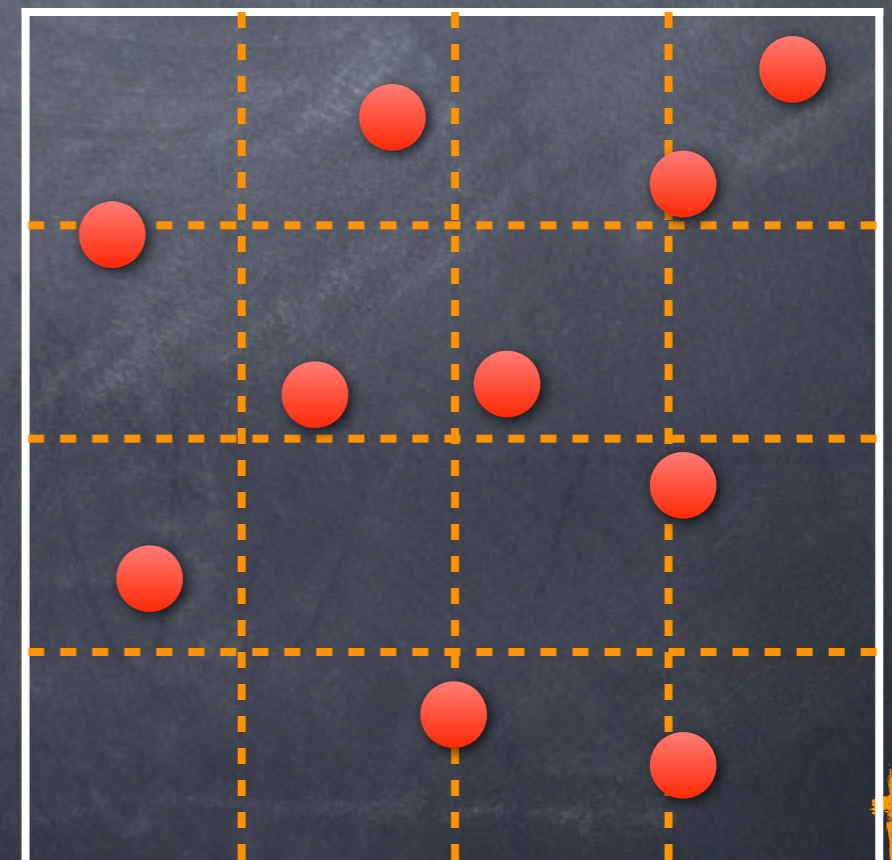


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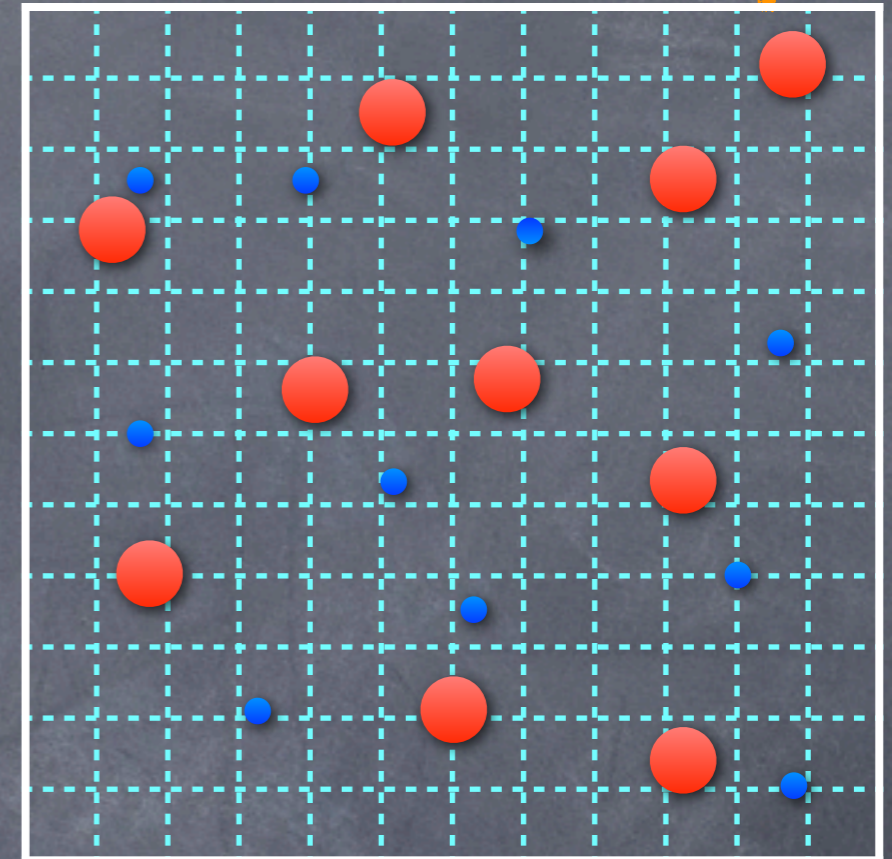
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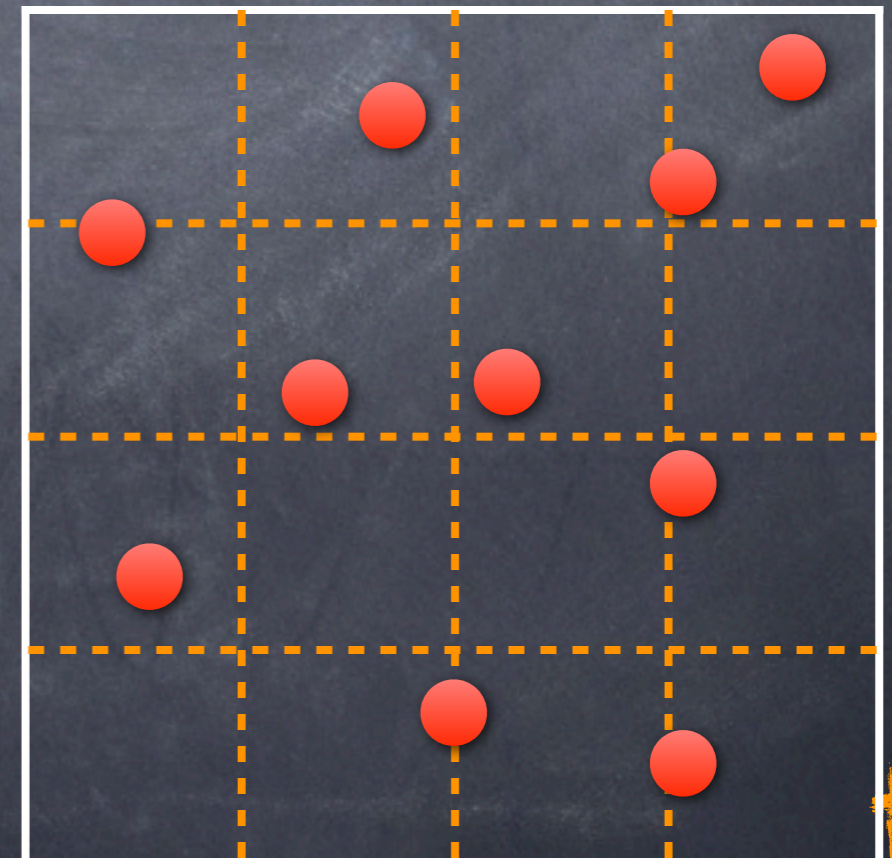


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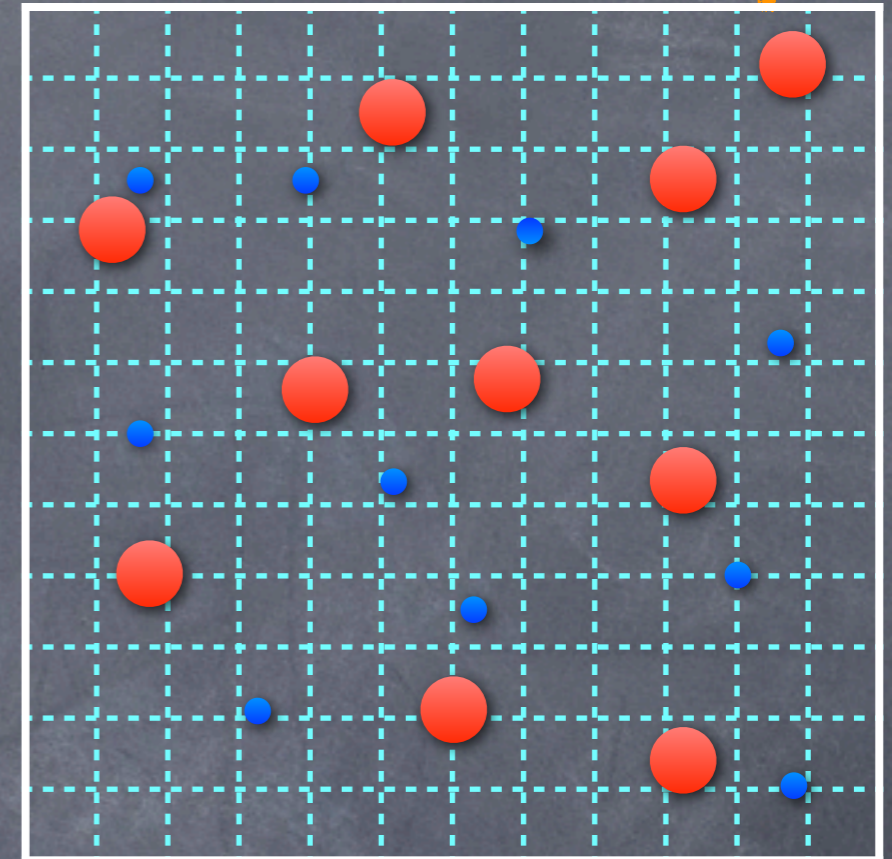
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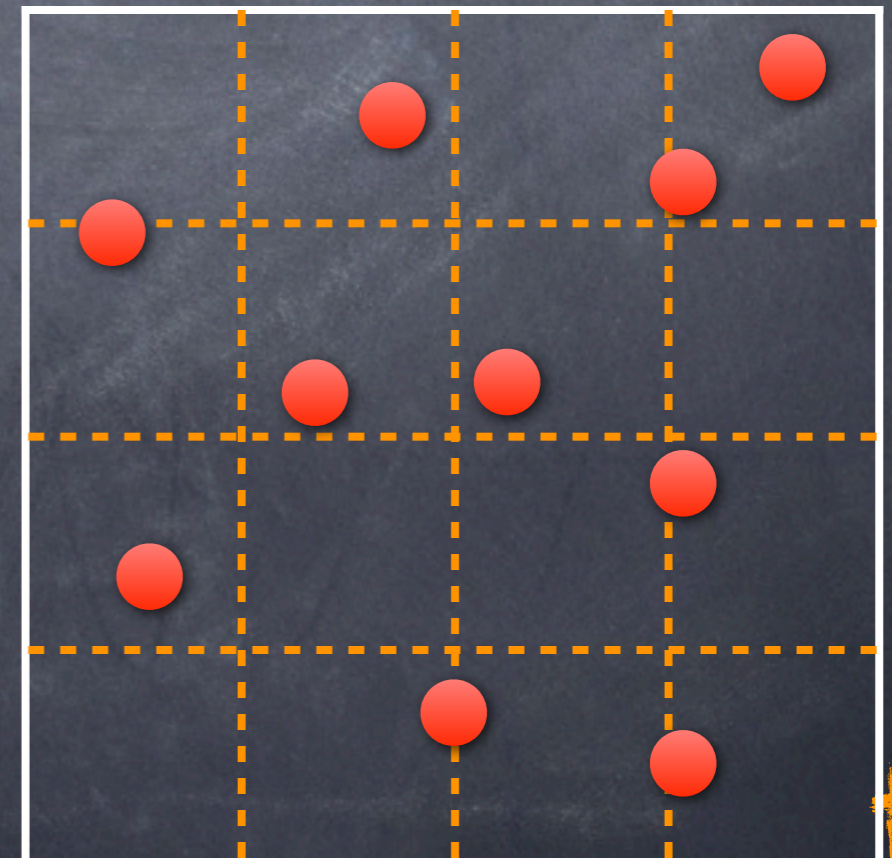


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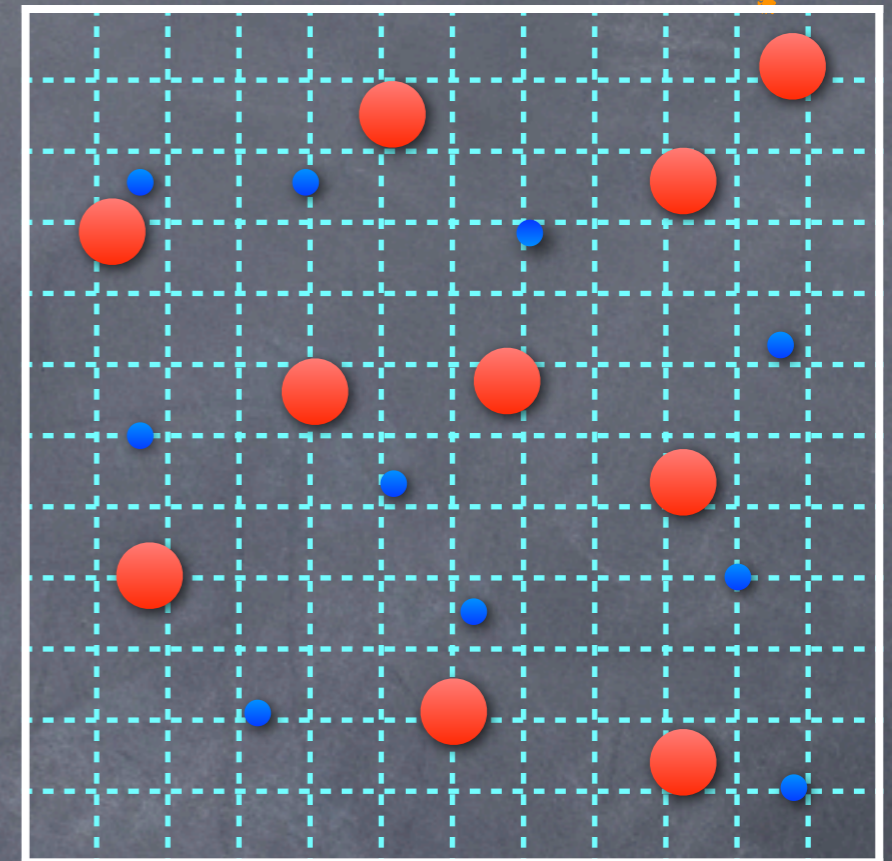
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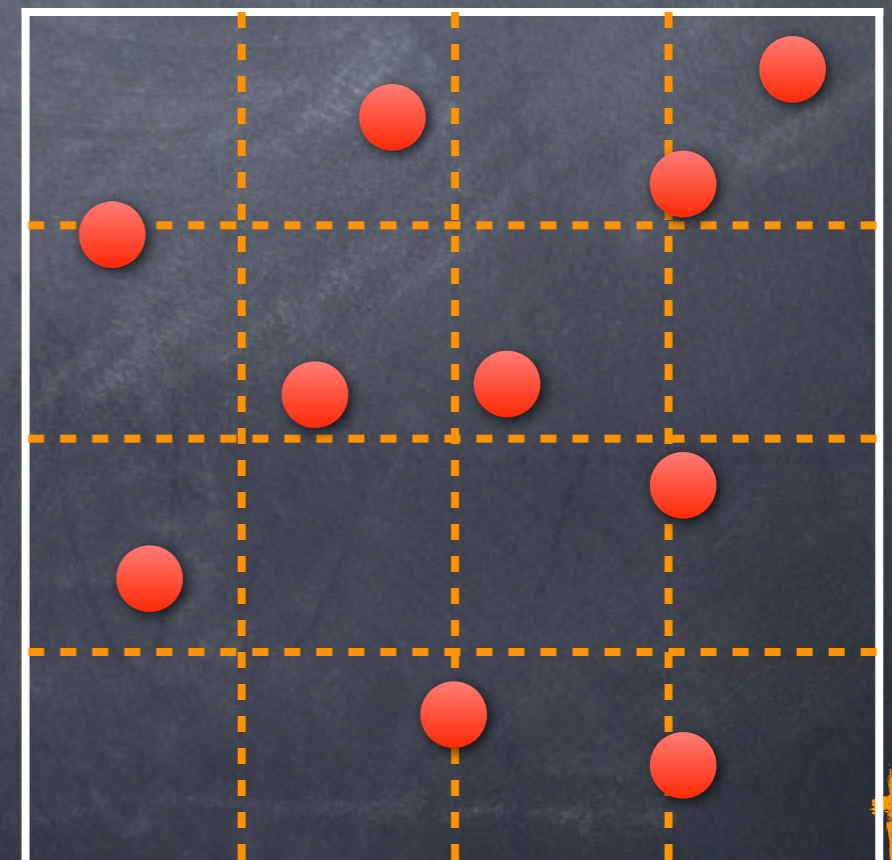


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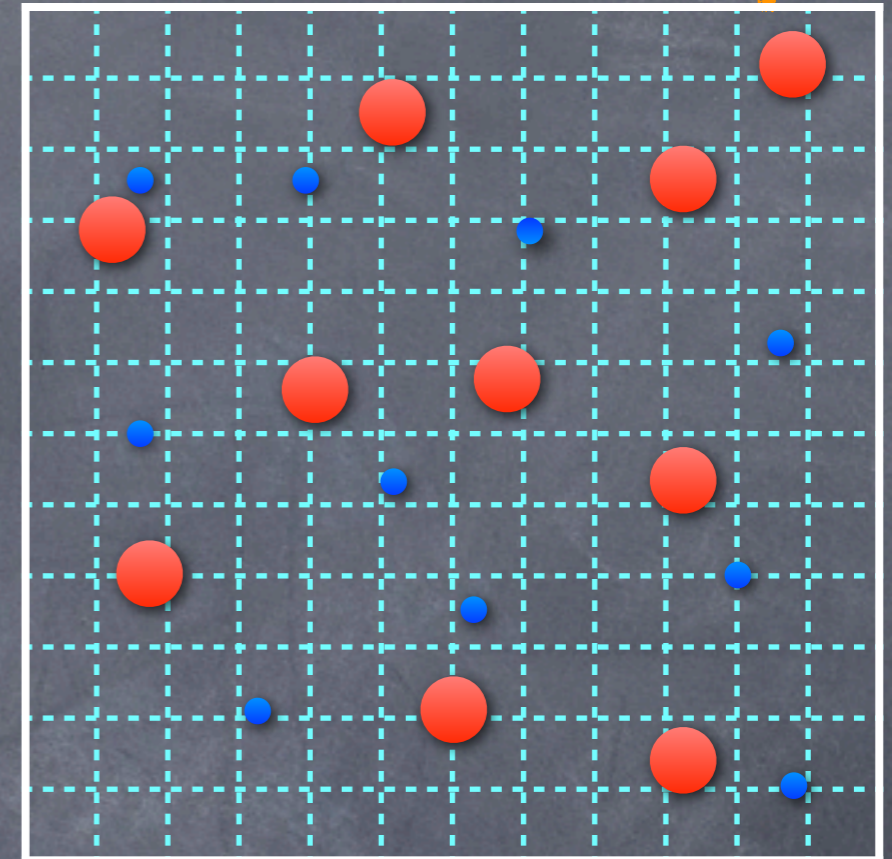
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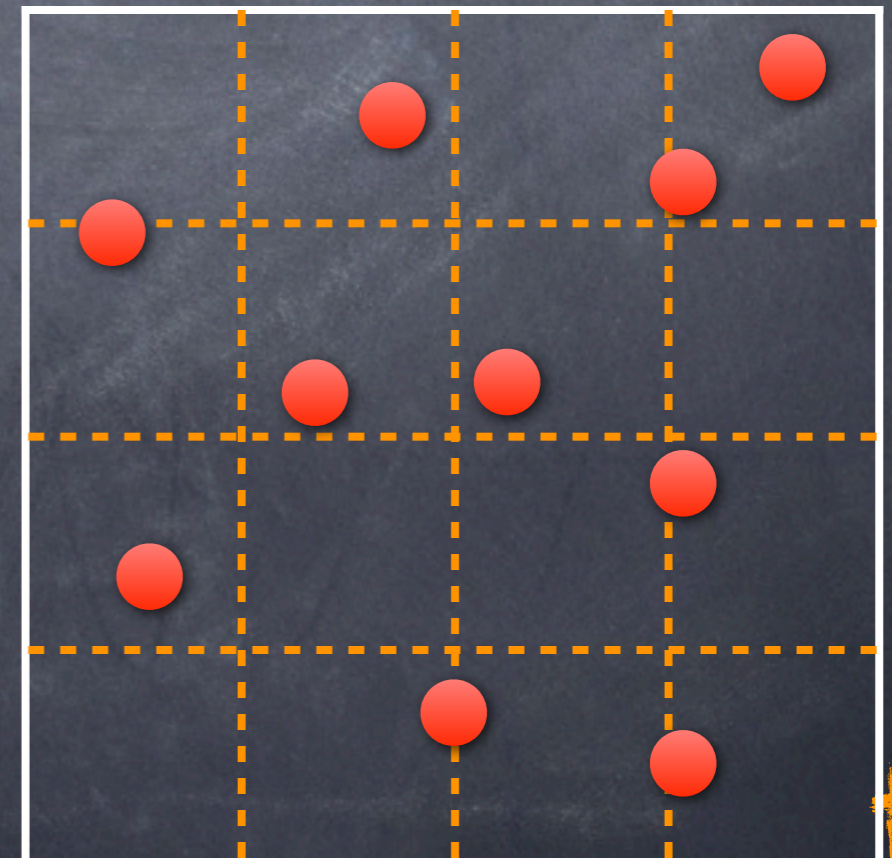


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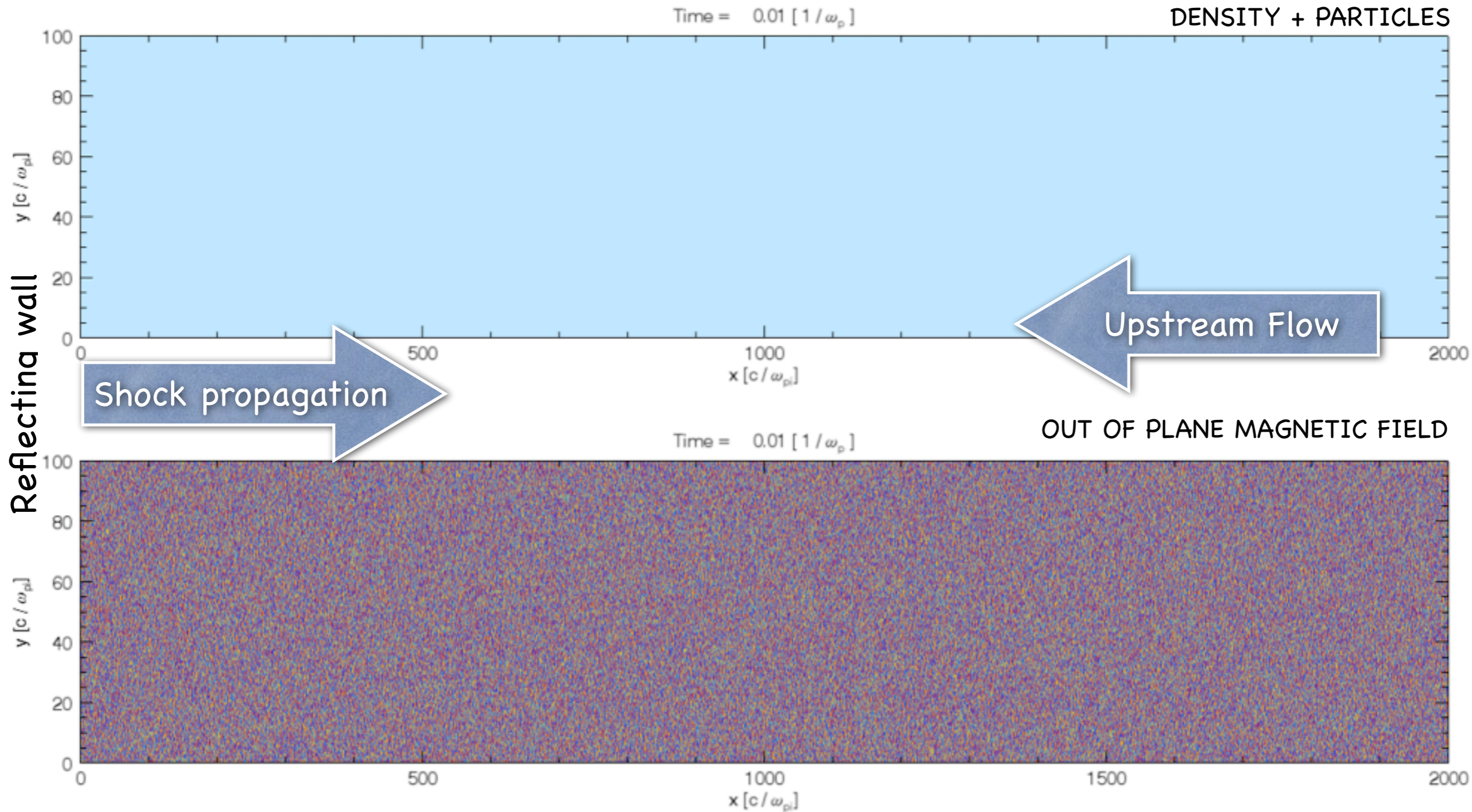
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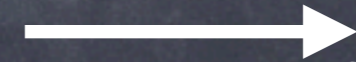
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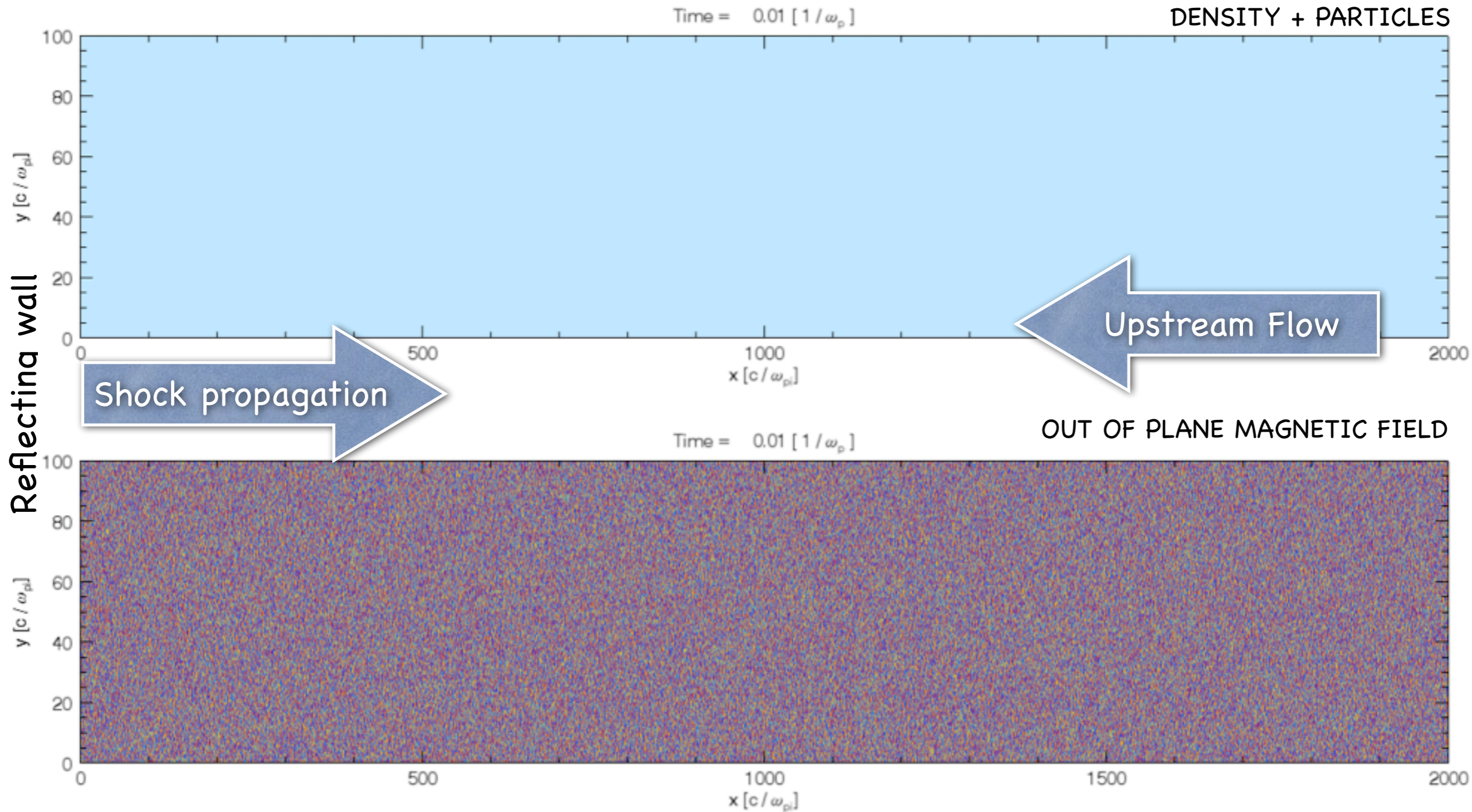
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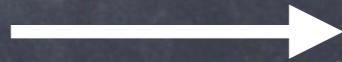
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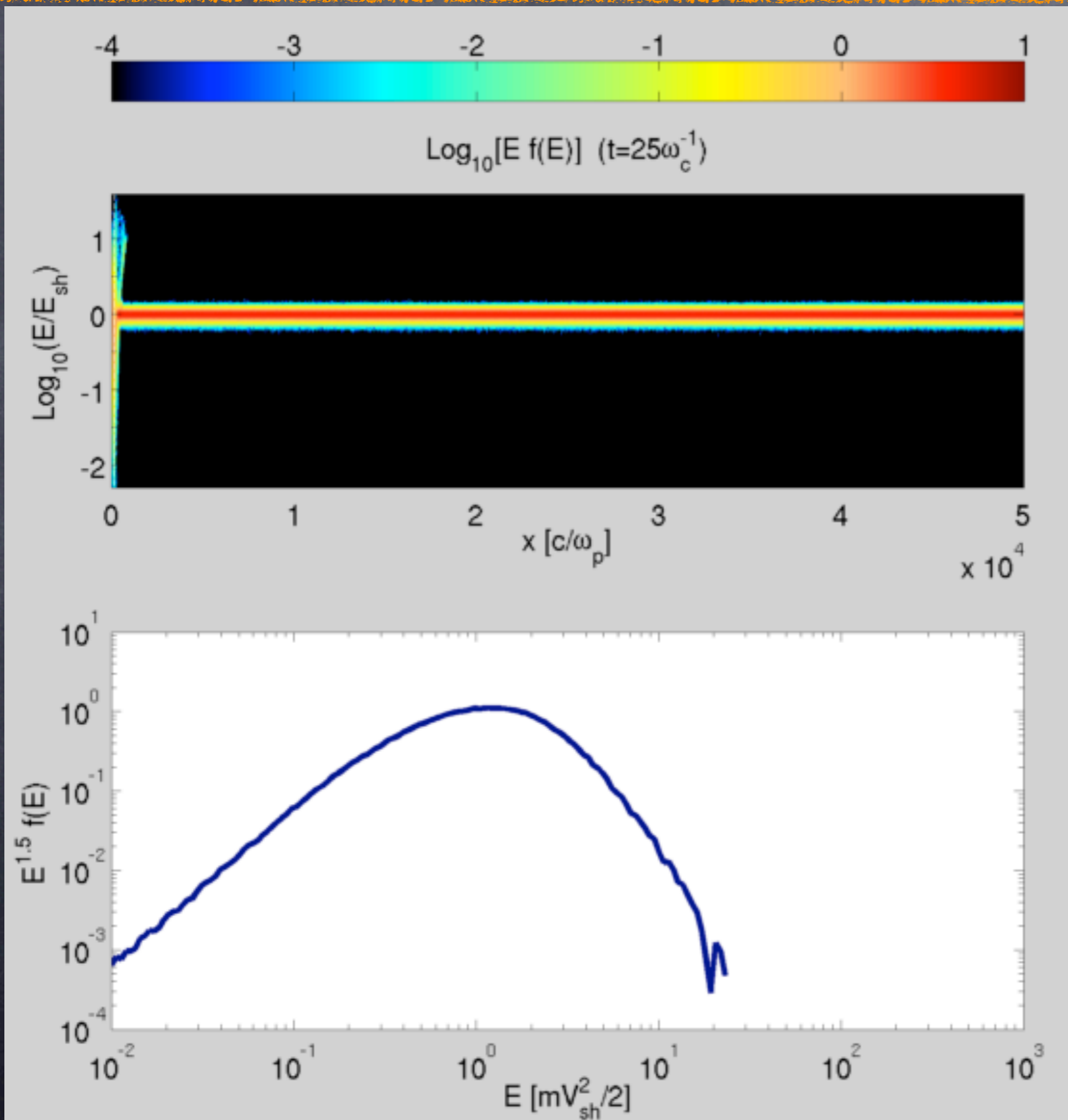
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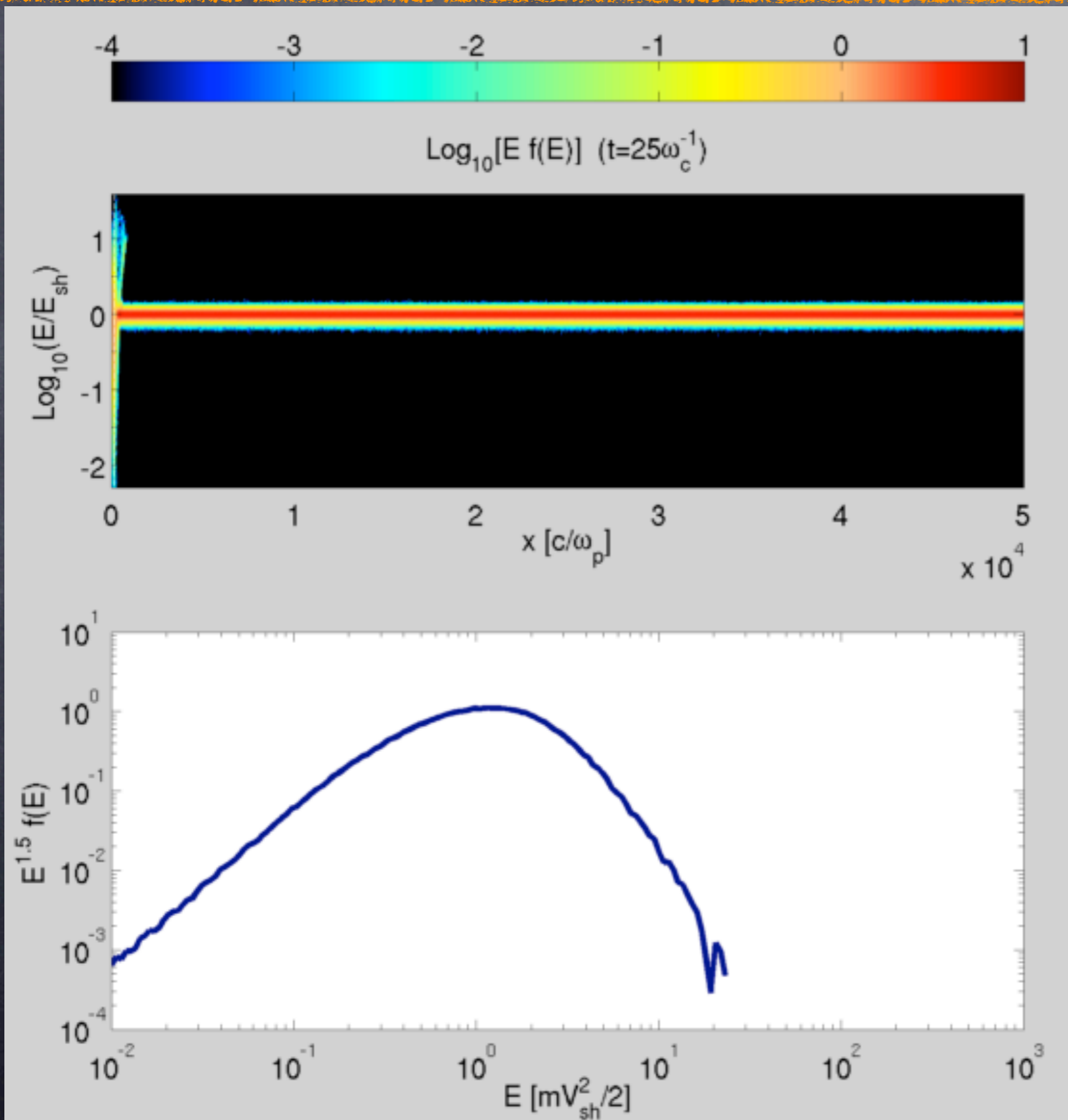
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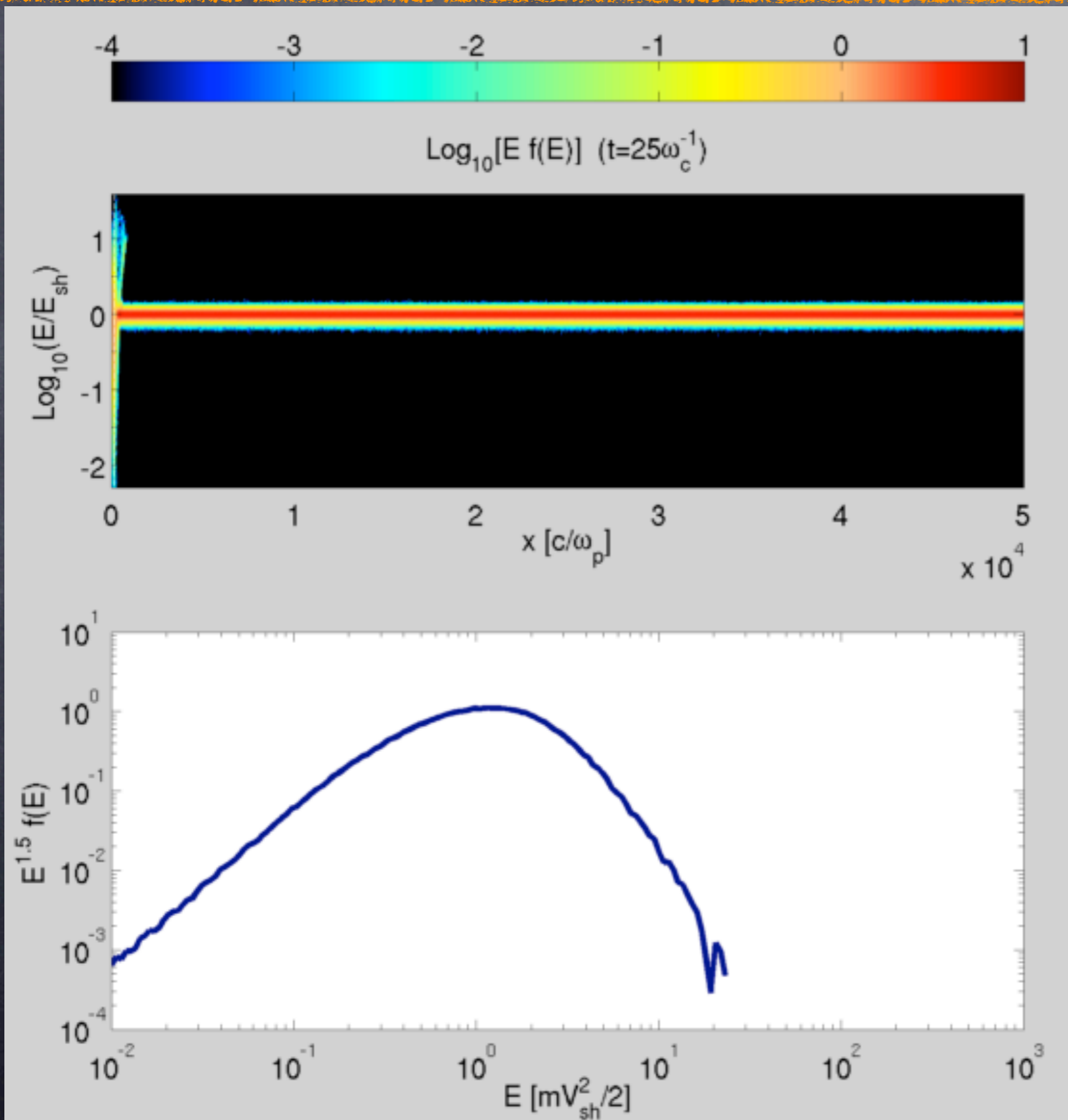


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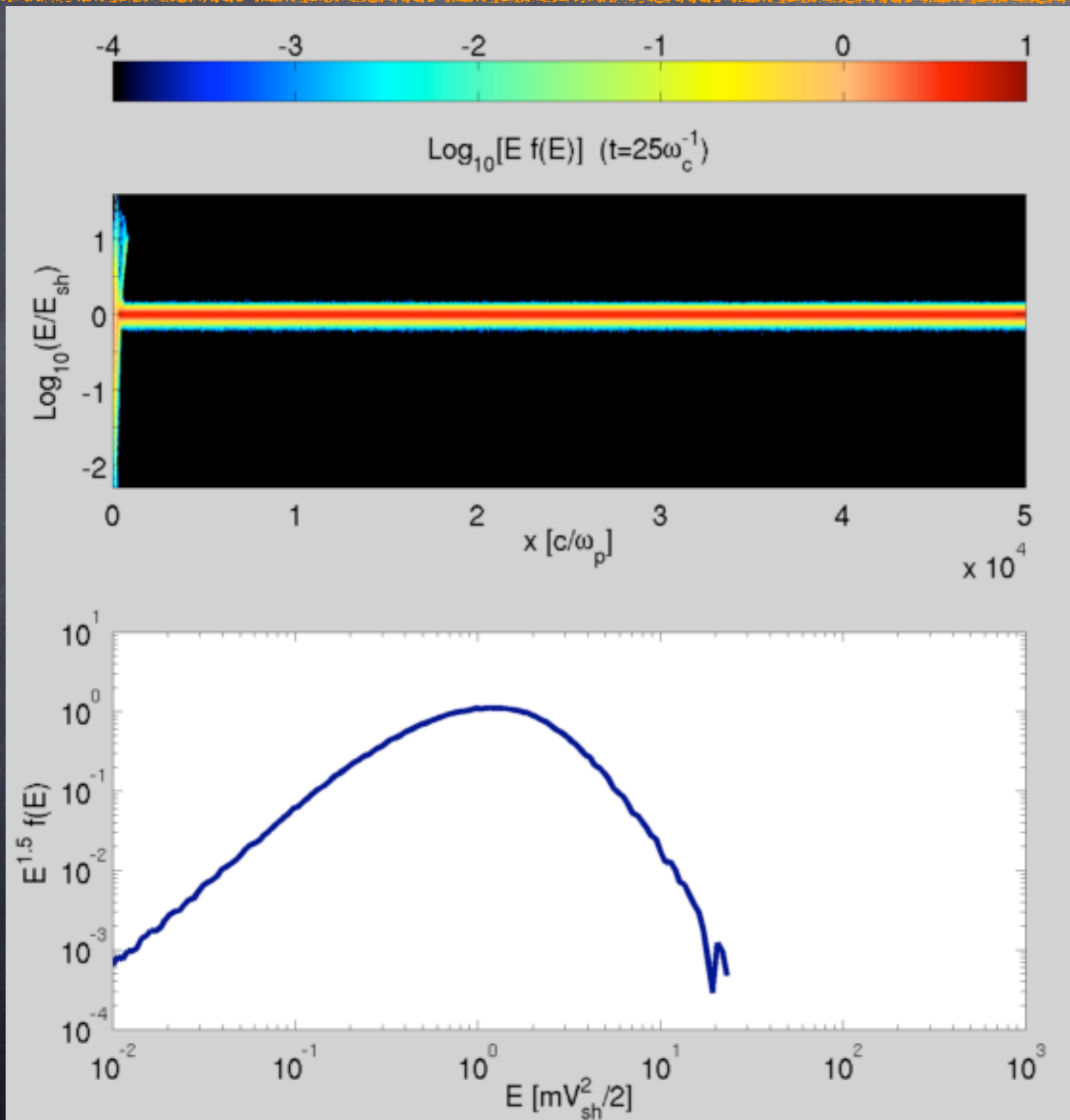
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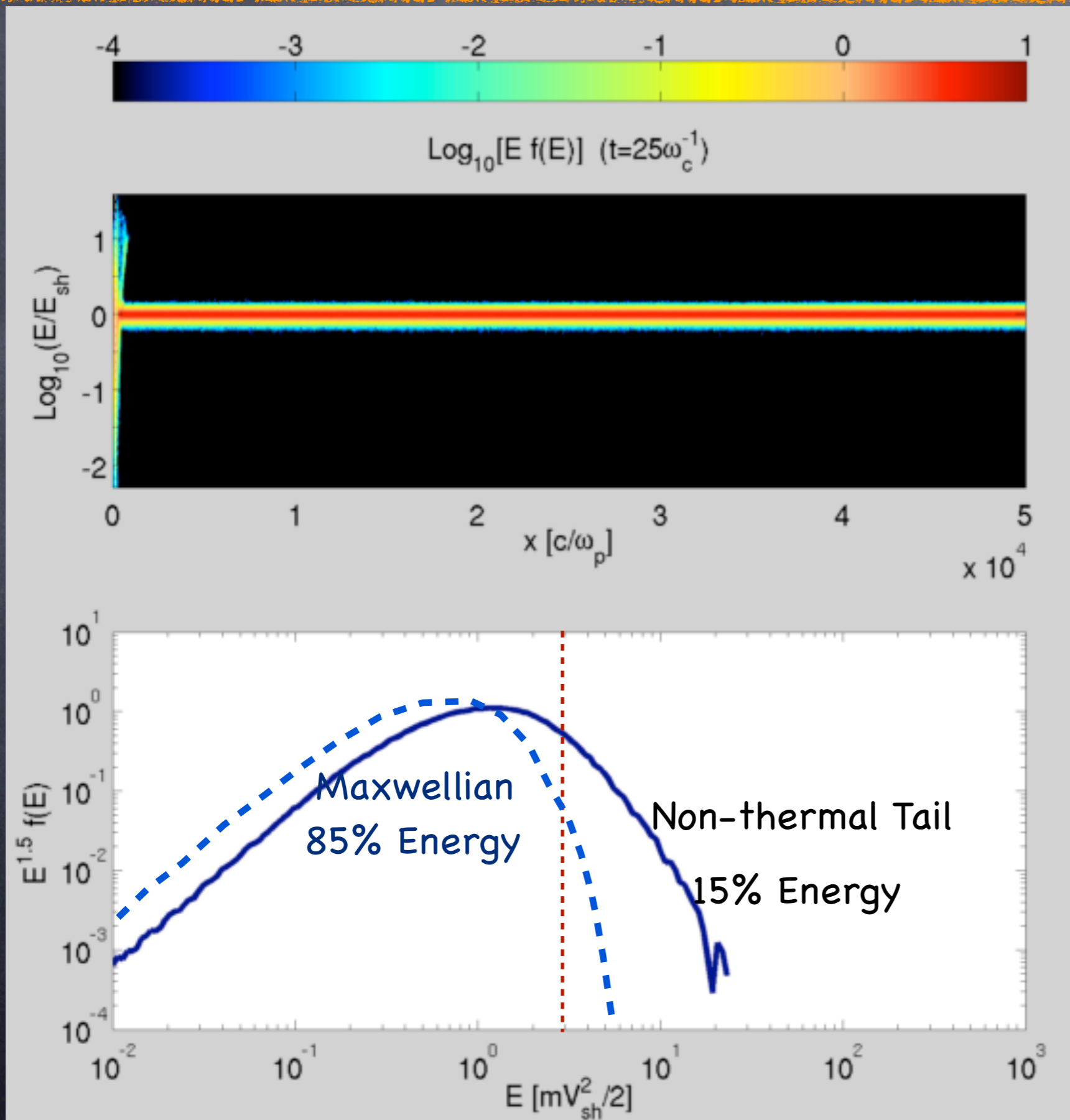
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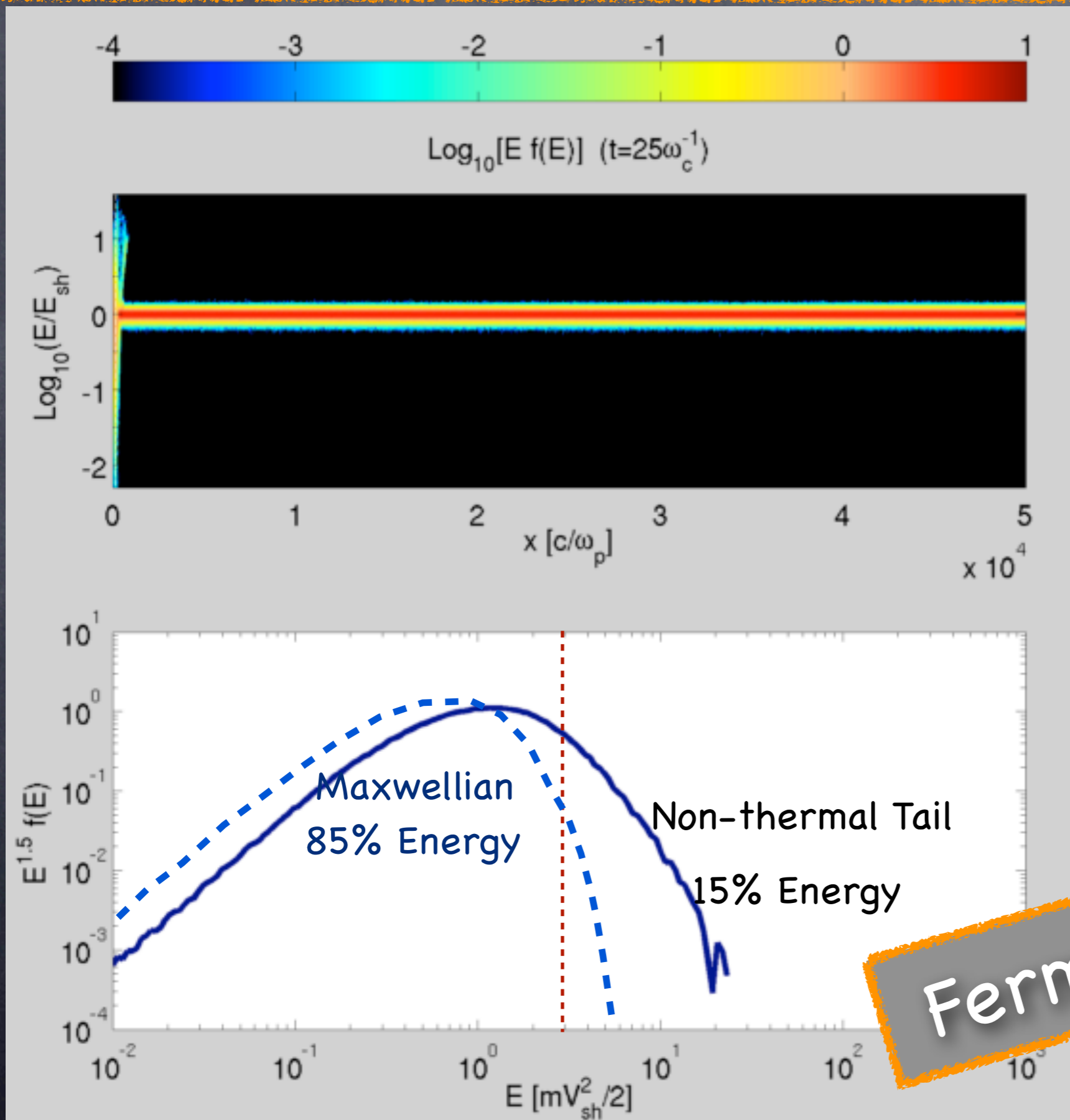
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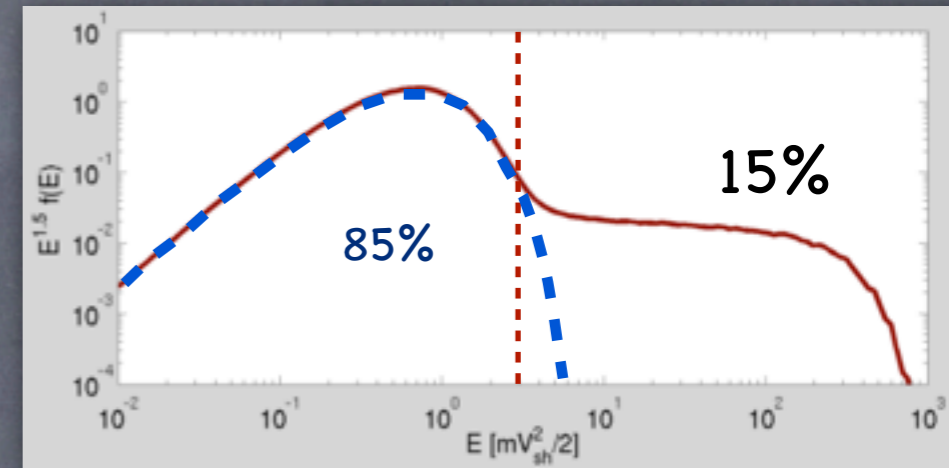


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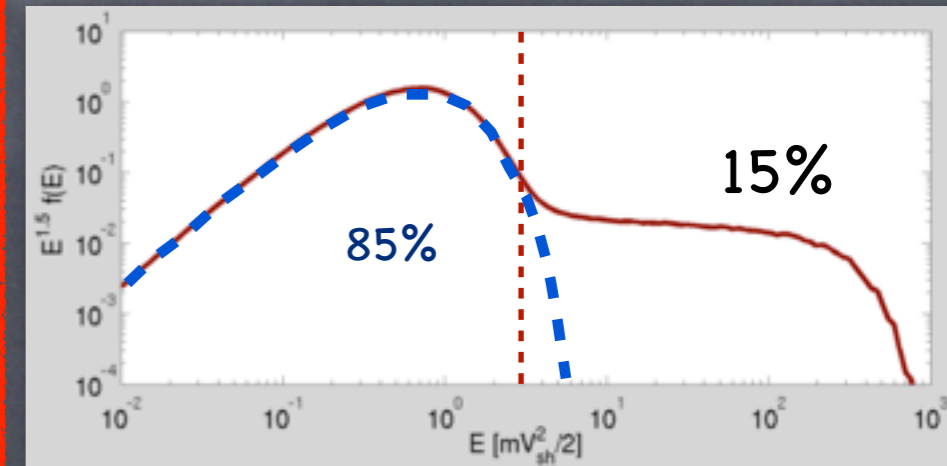
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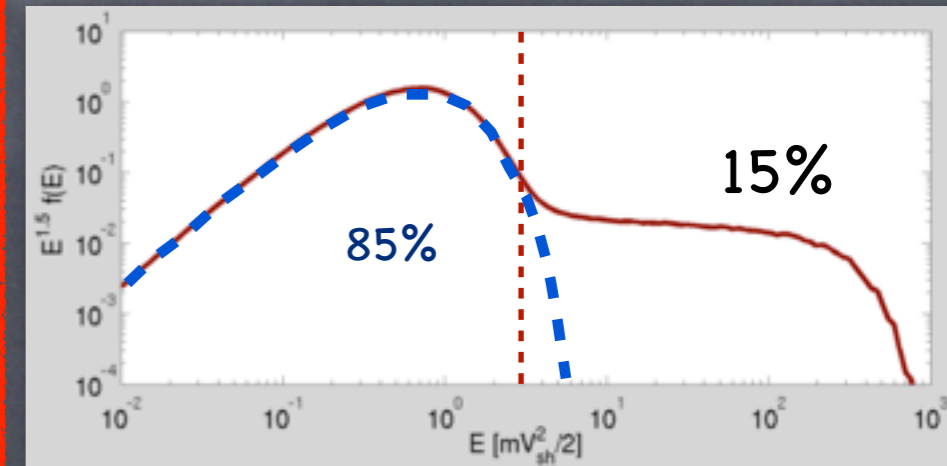
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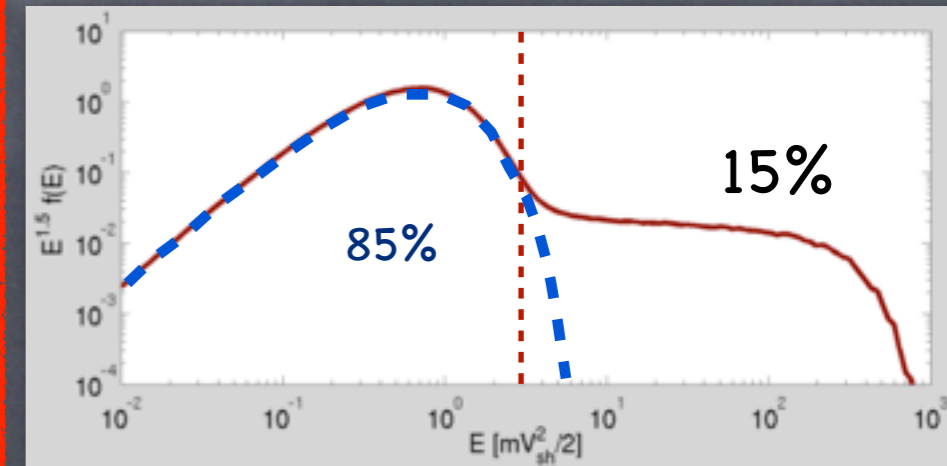
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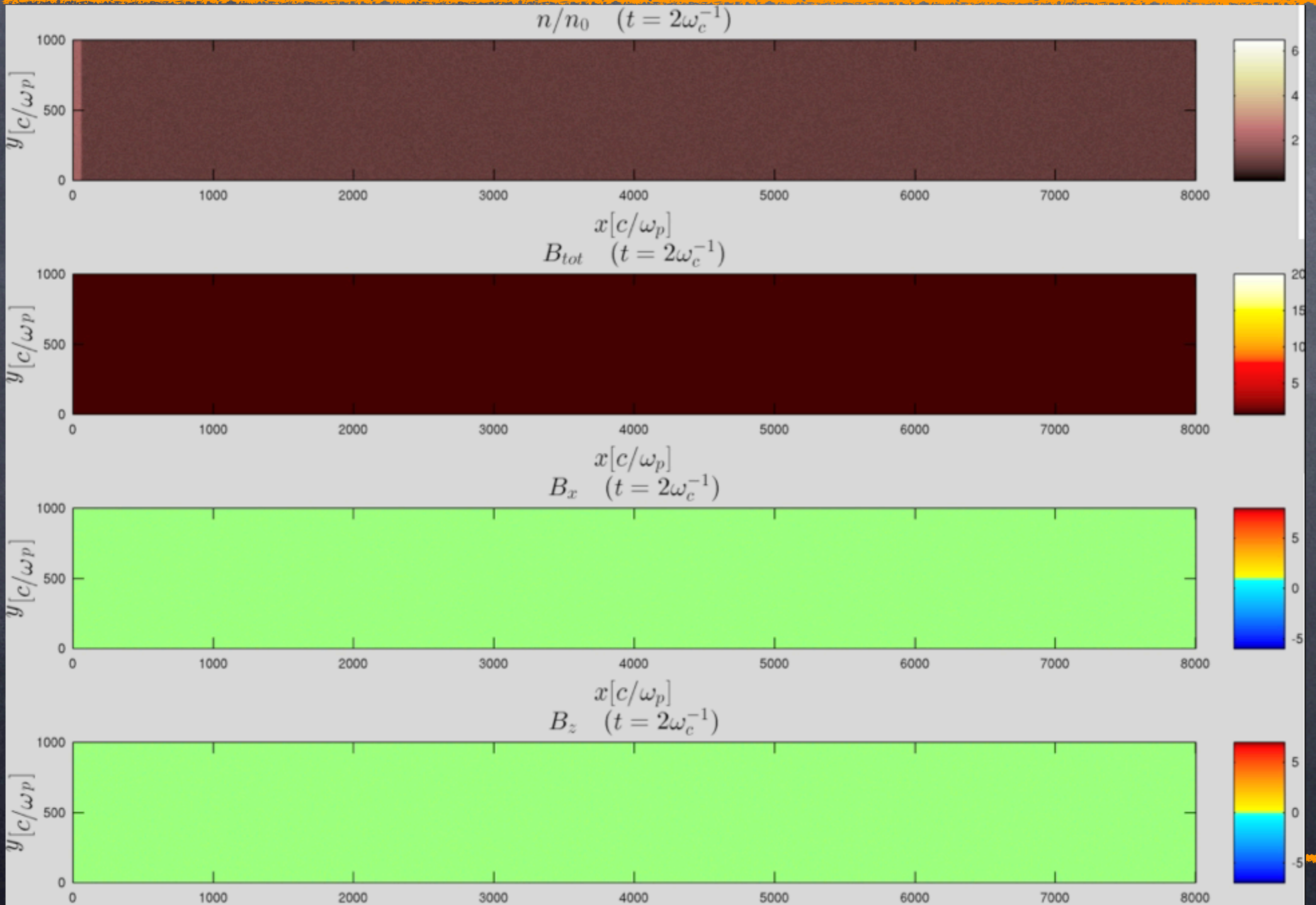
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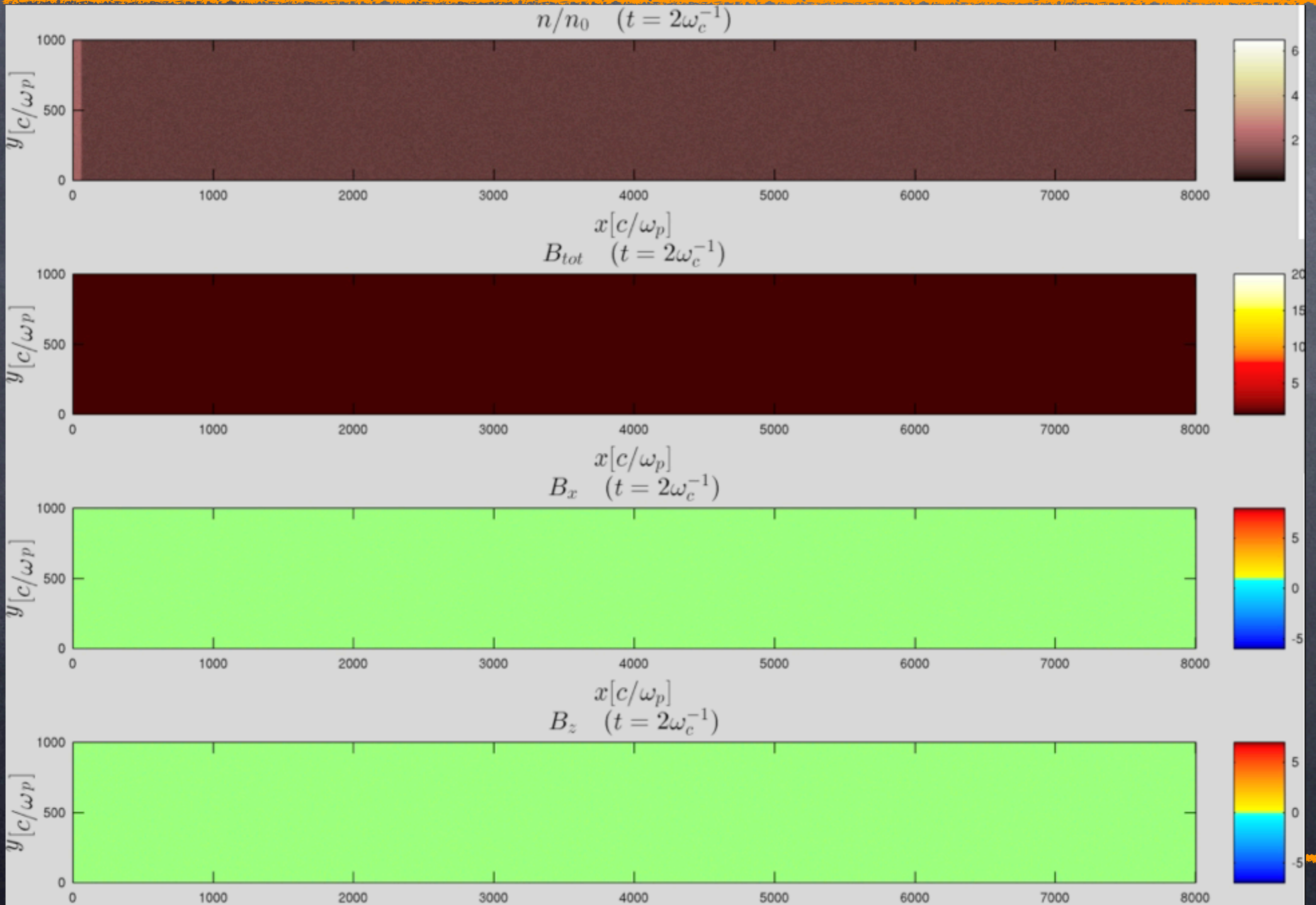
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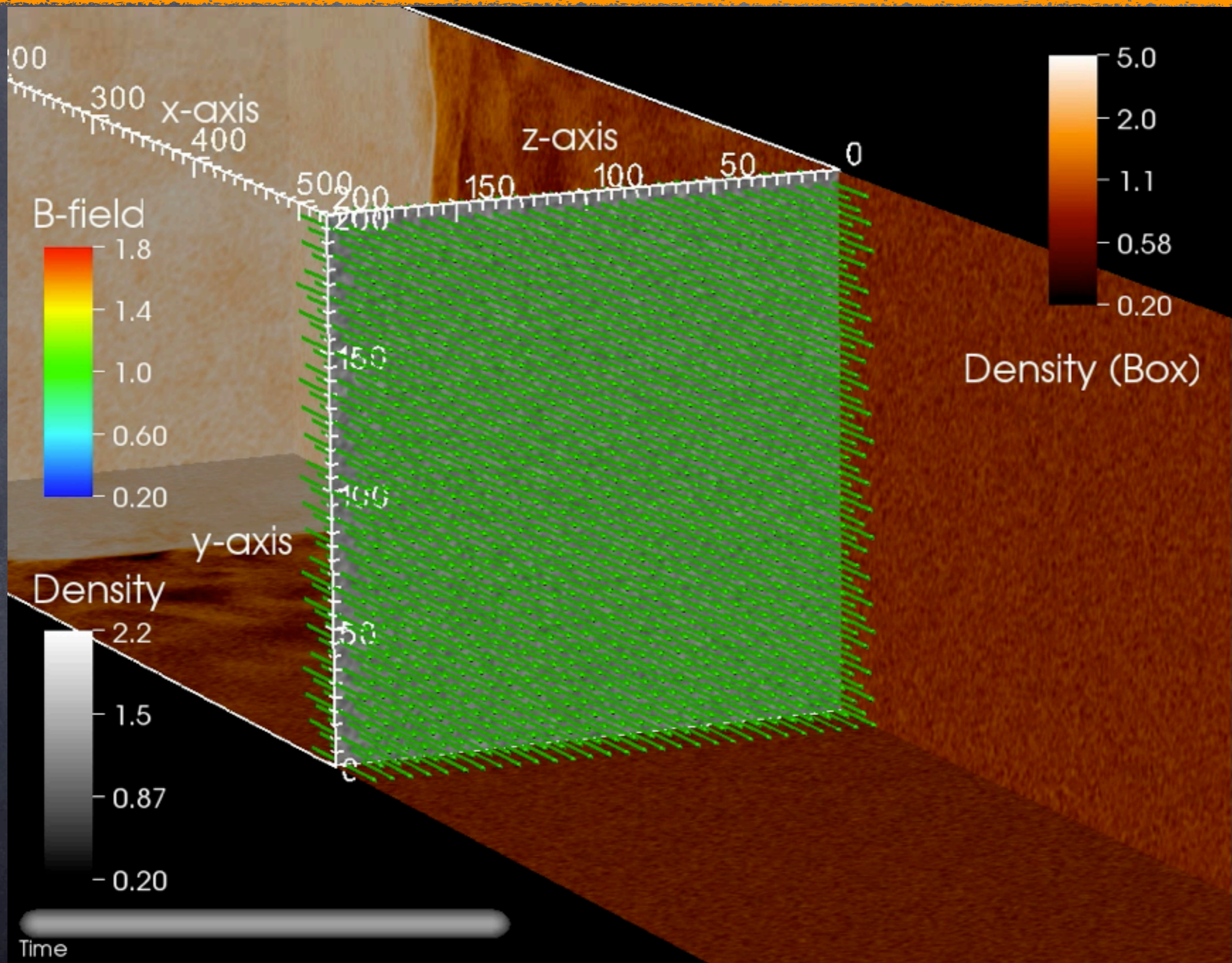
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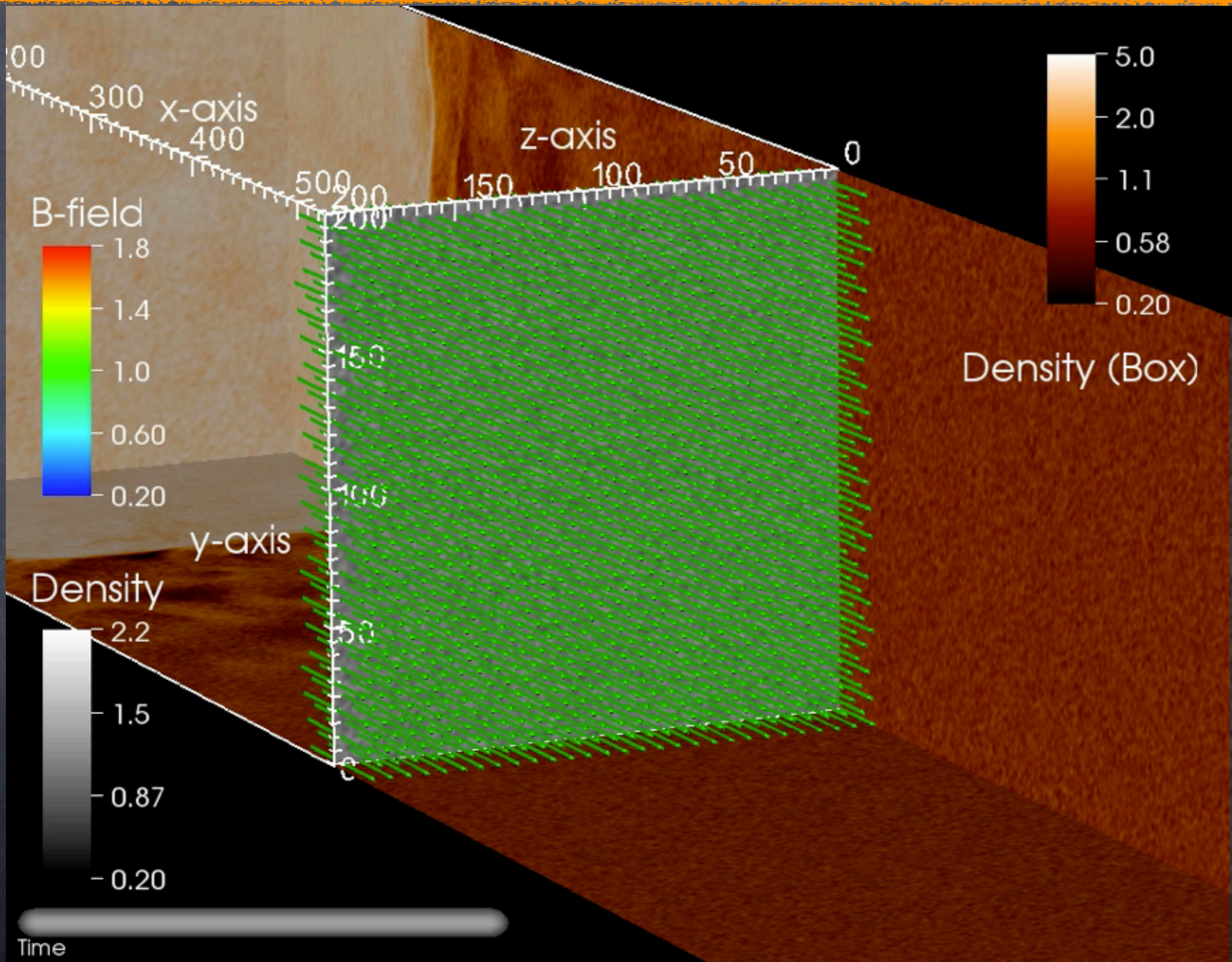


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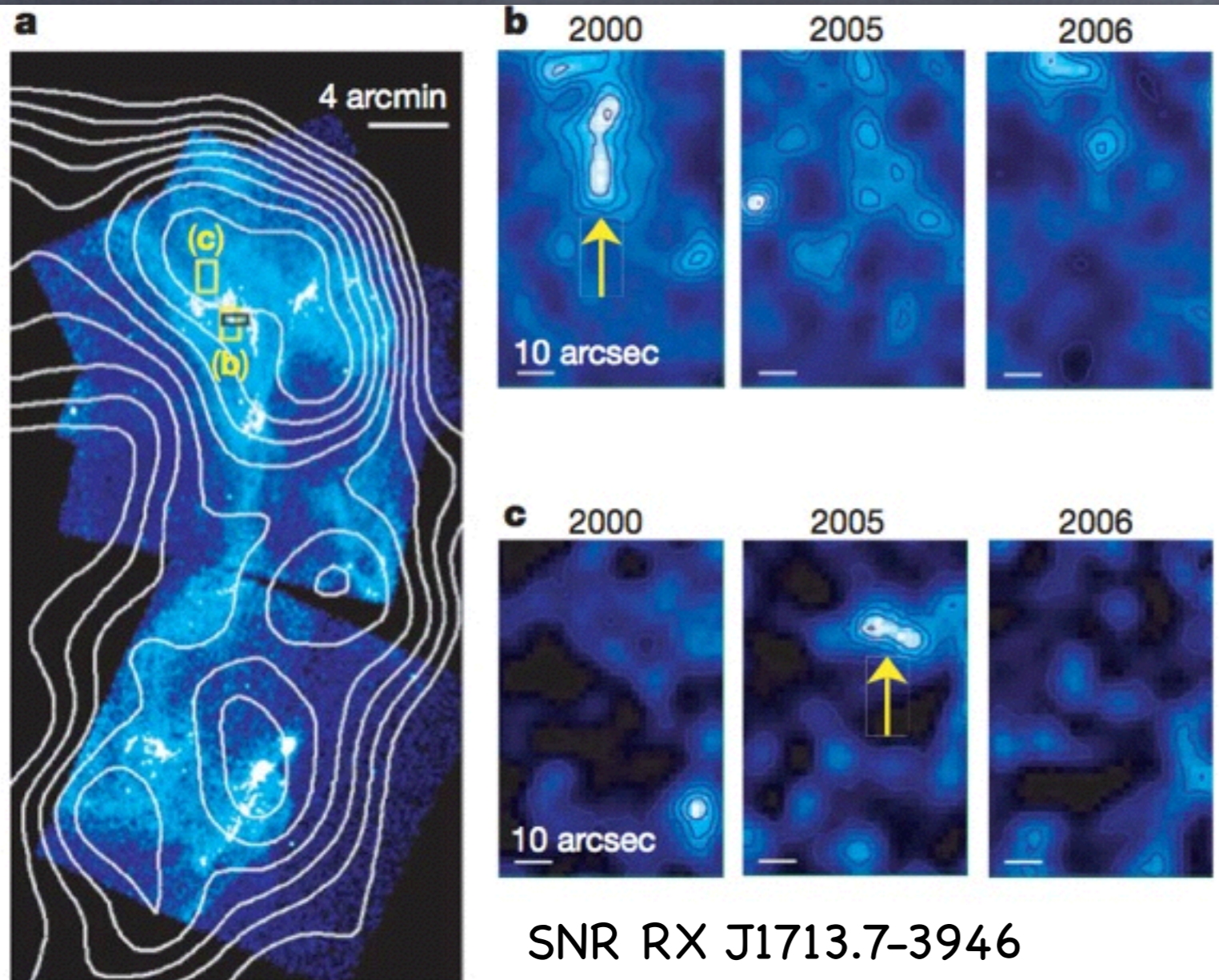
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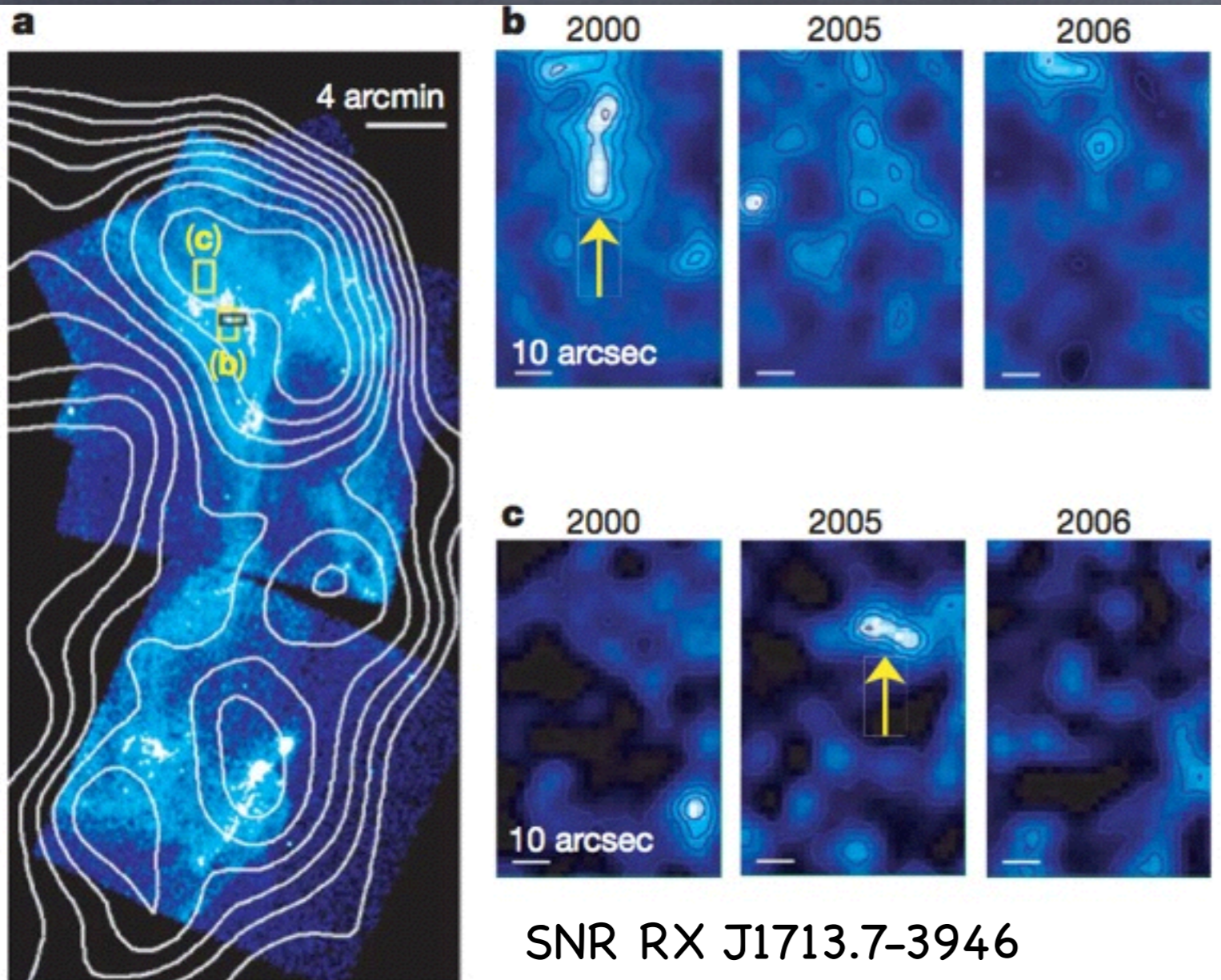
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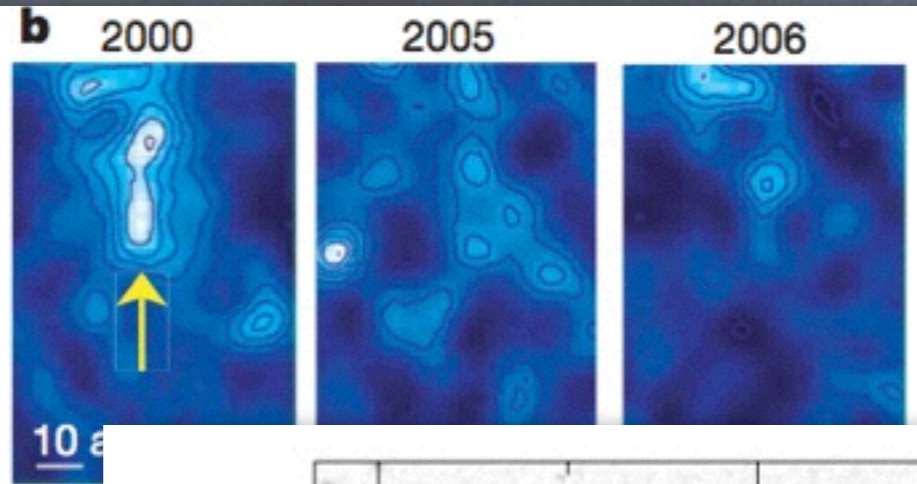
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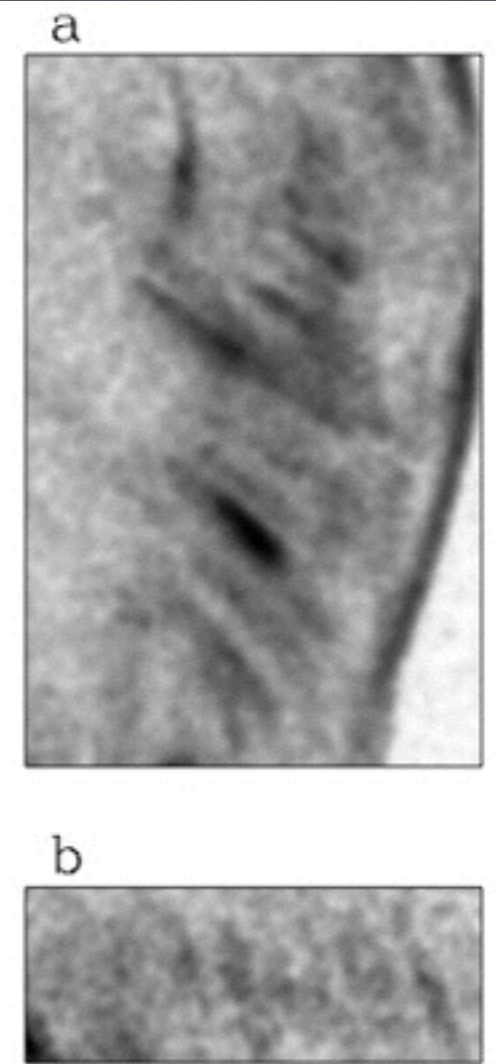
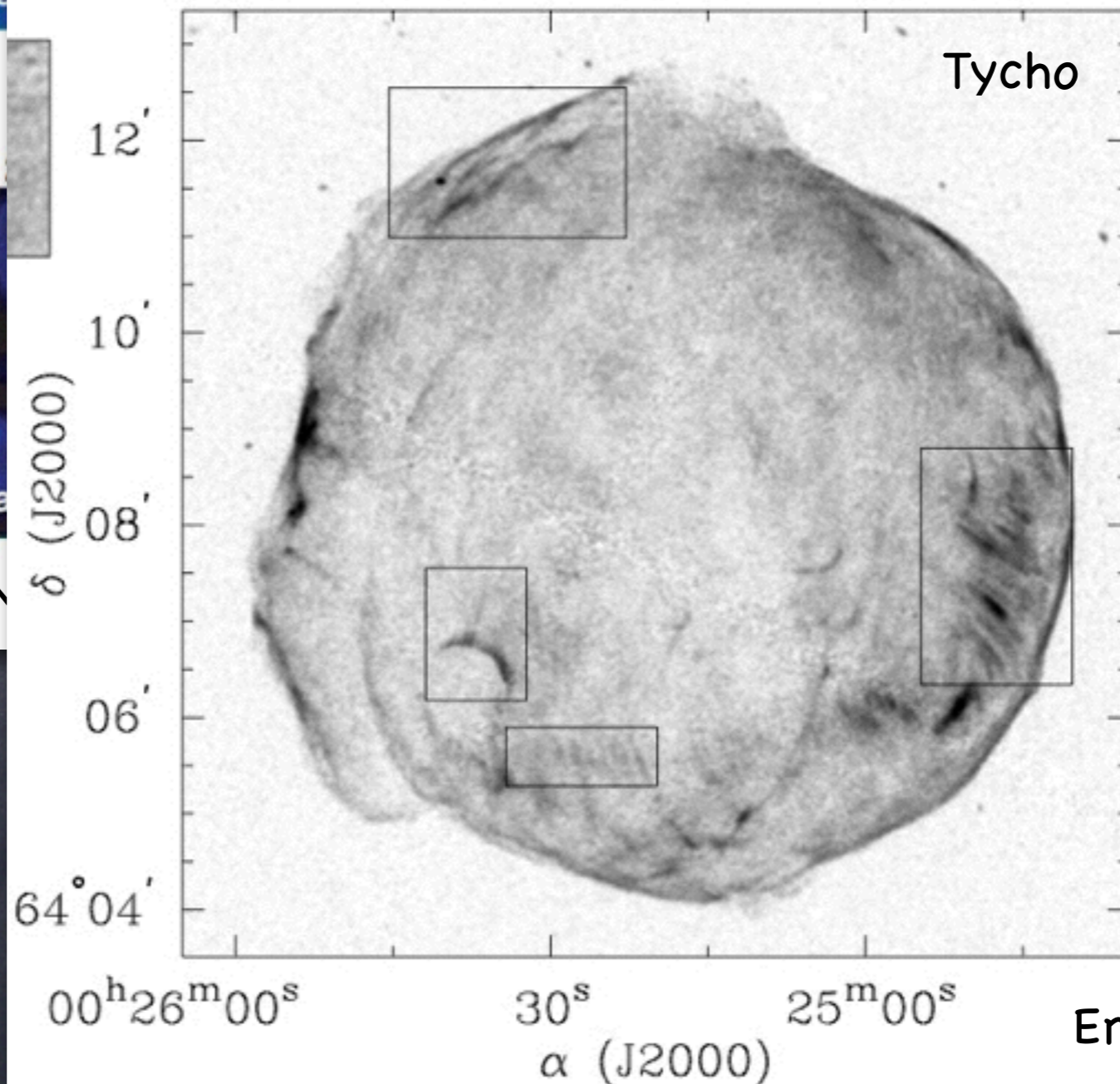
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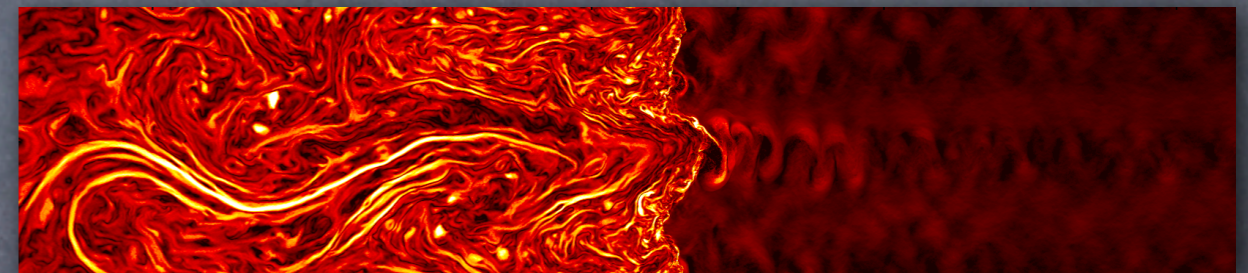
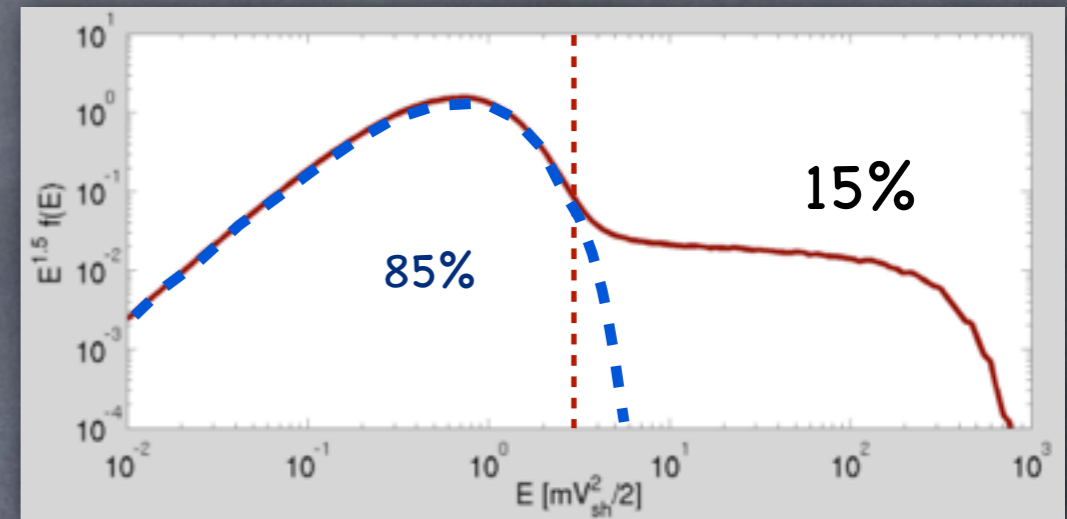
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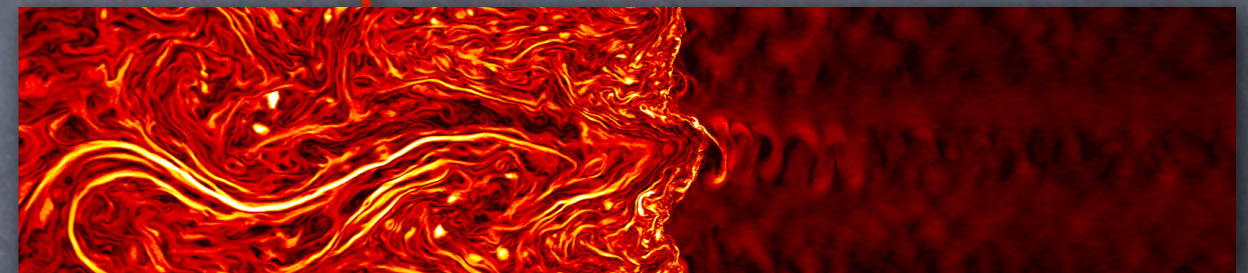
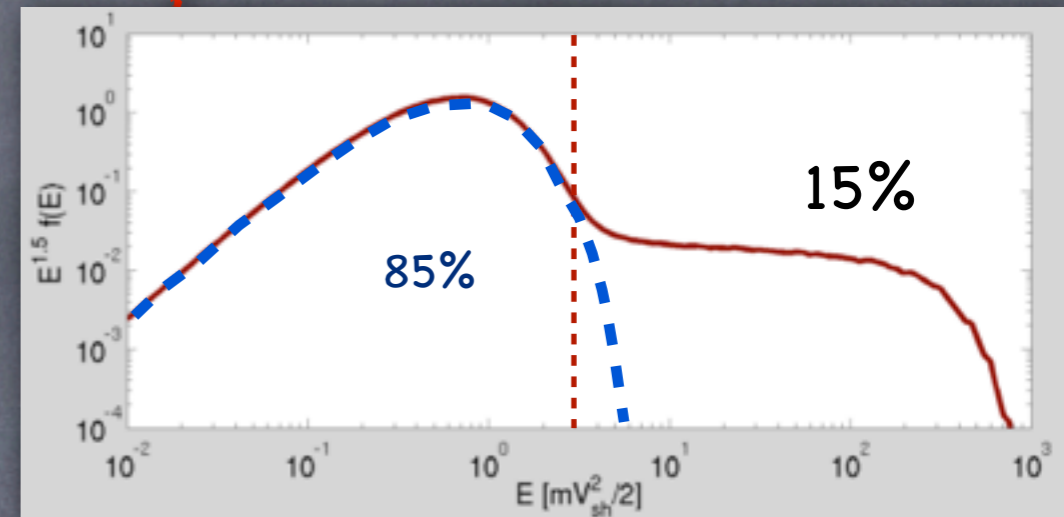
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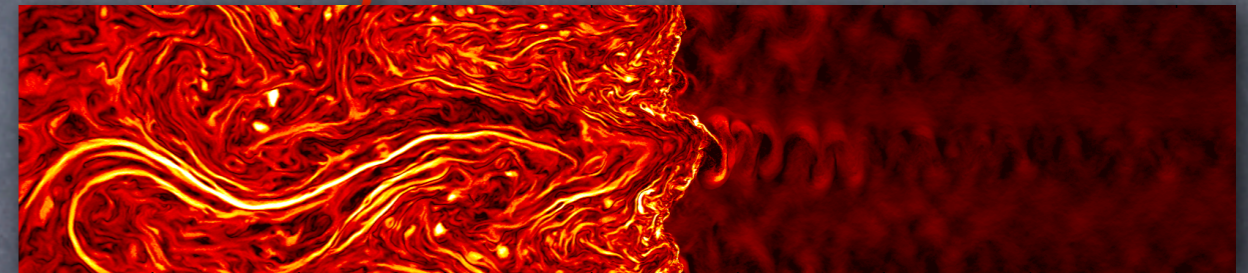
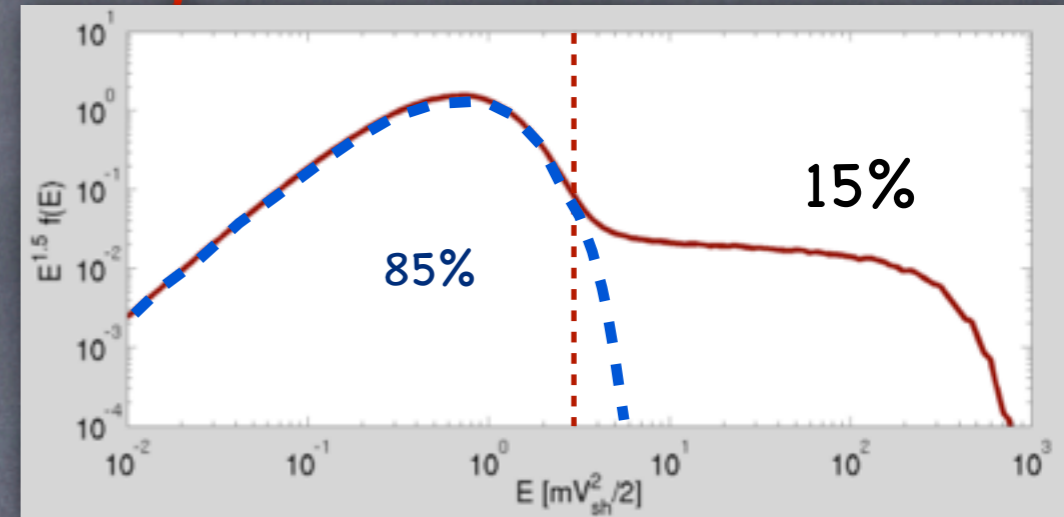
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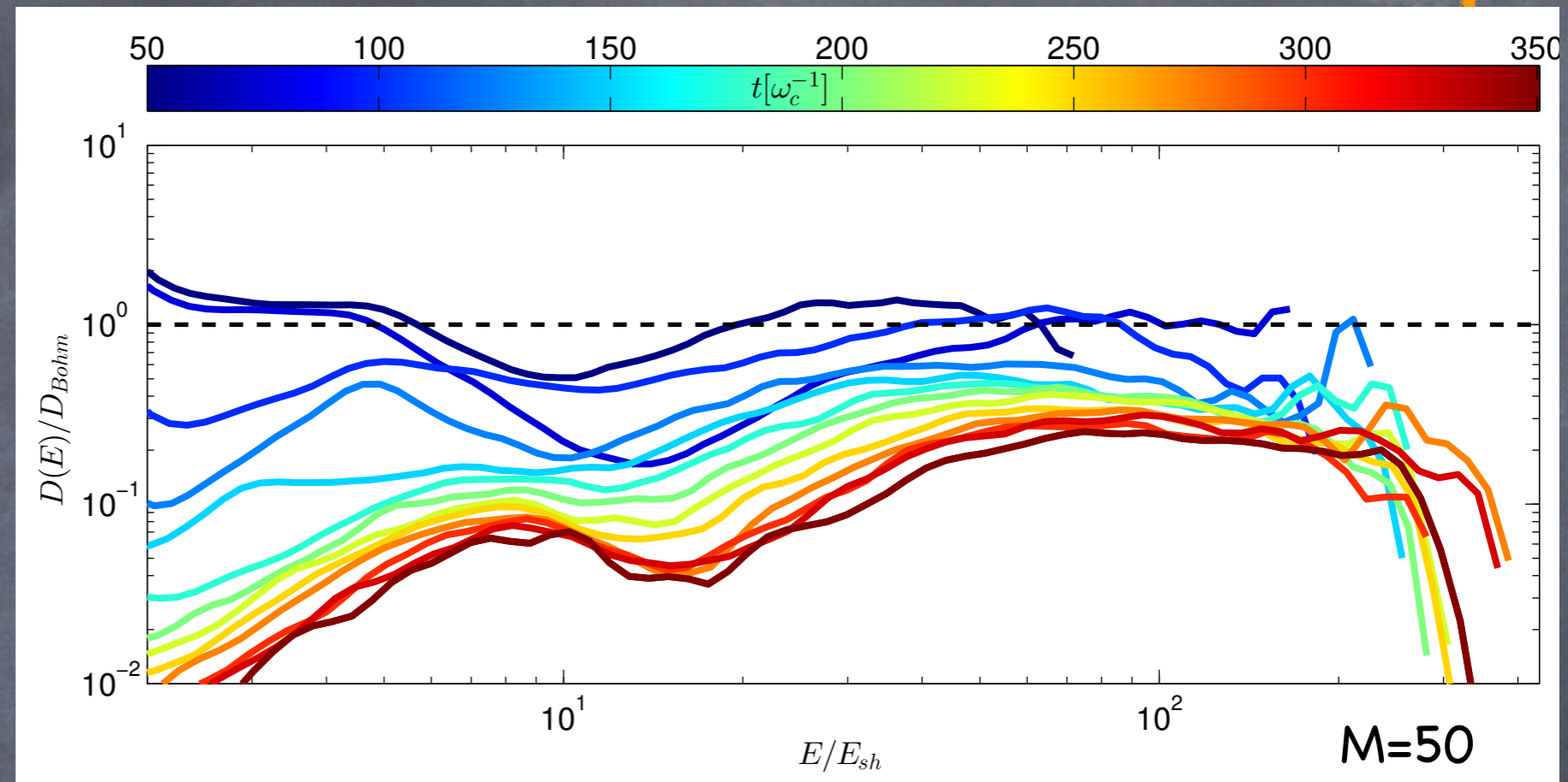
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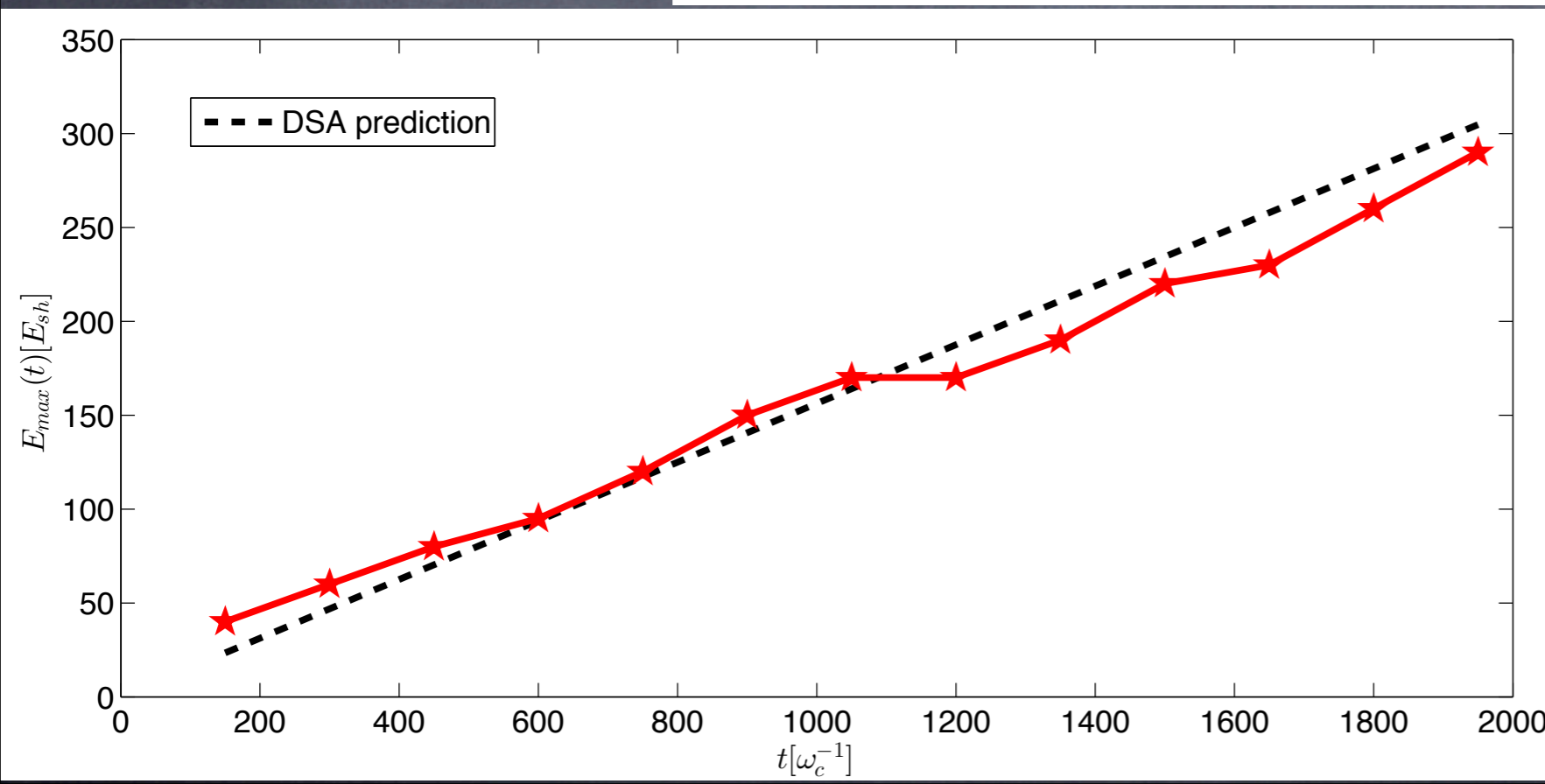
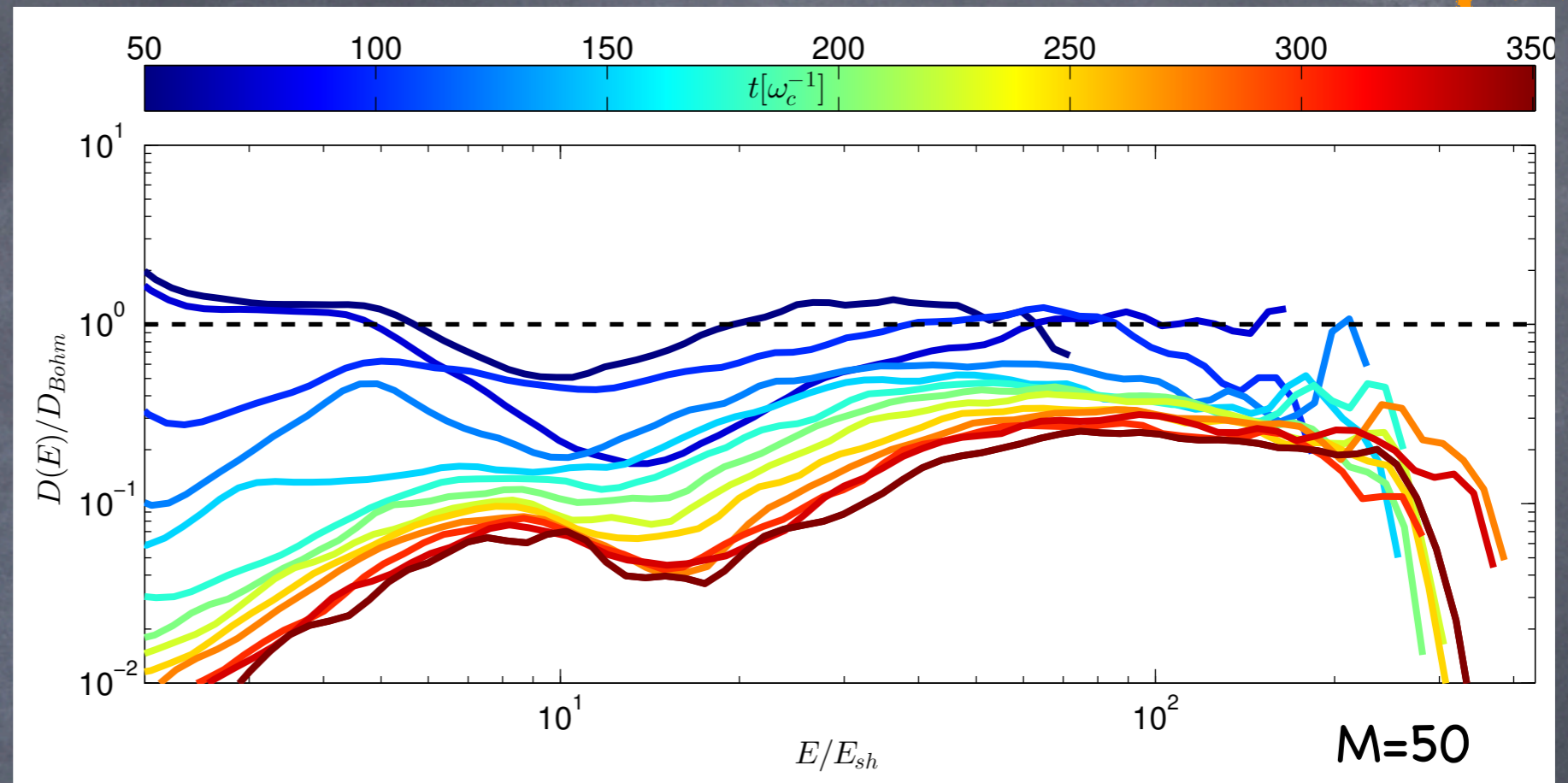
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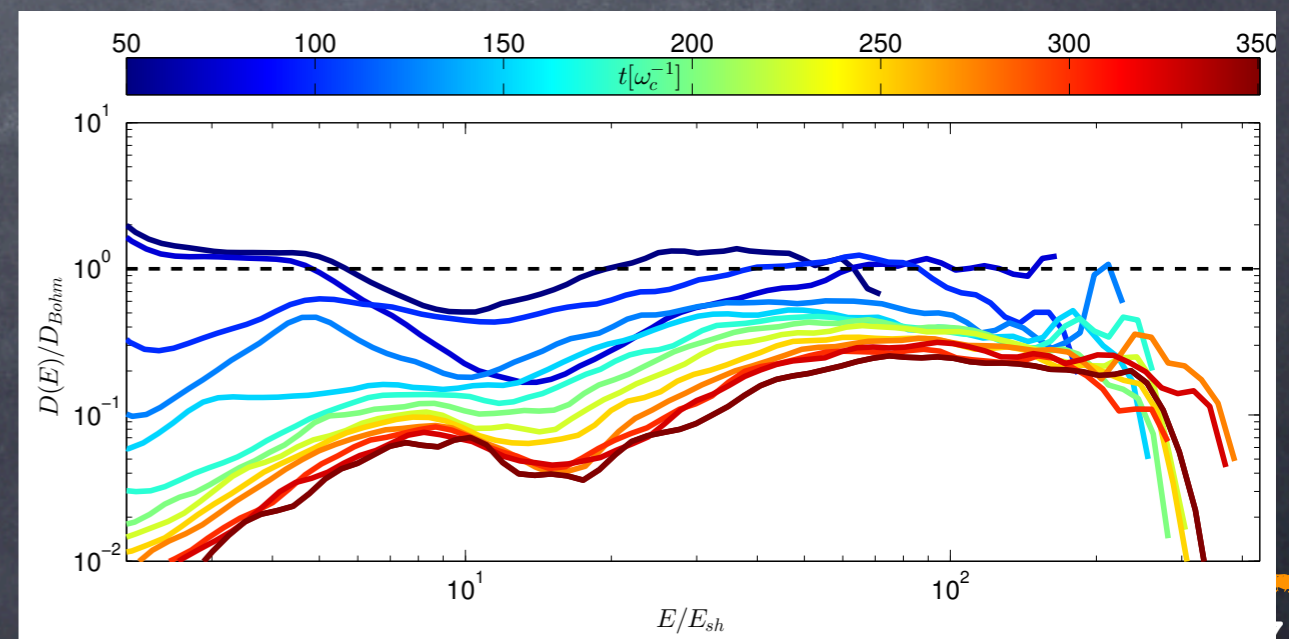
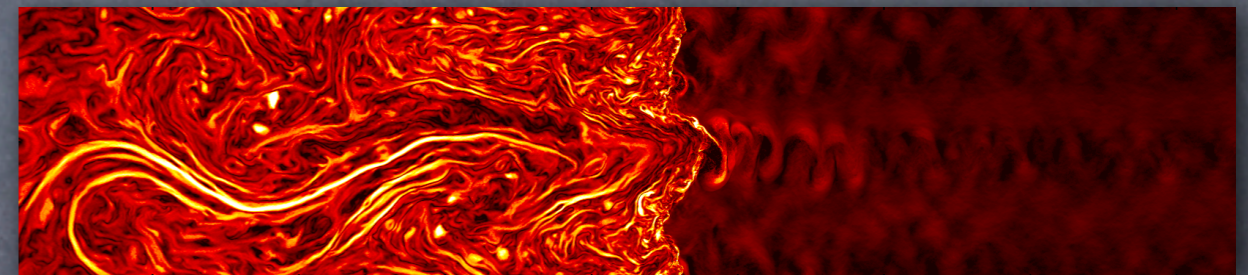
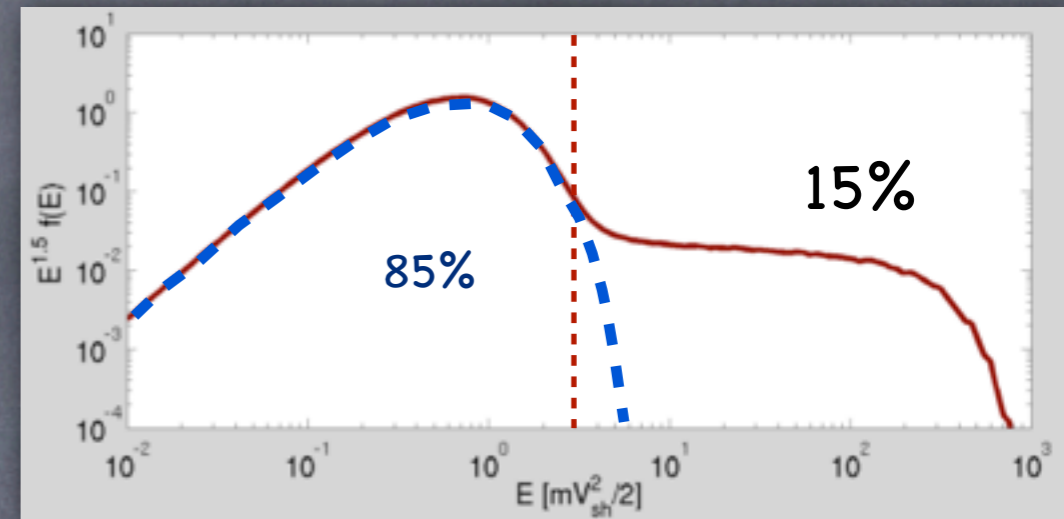


Evolution of $E_{max}(t)$ for $M=20$ parallel shock

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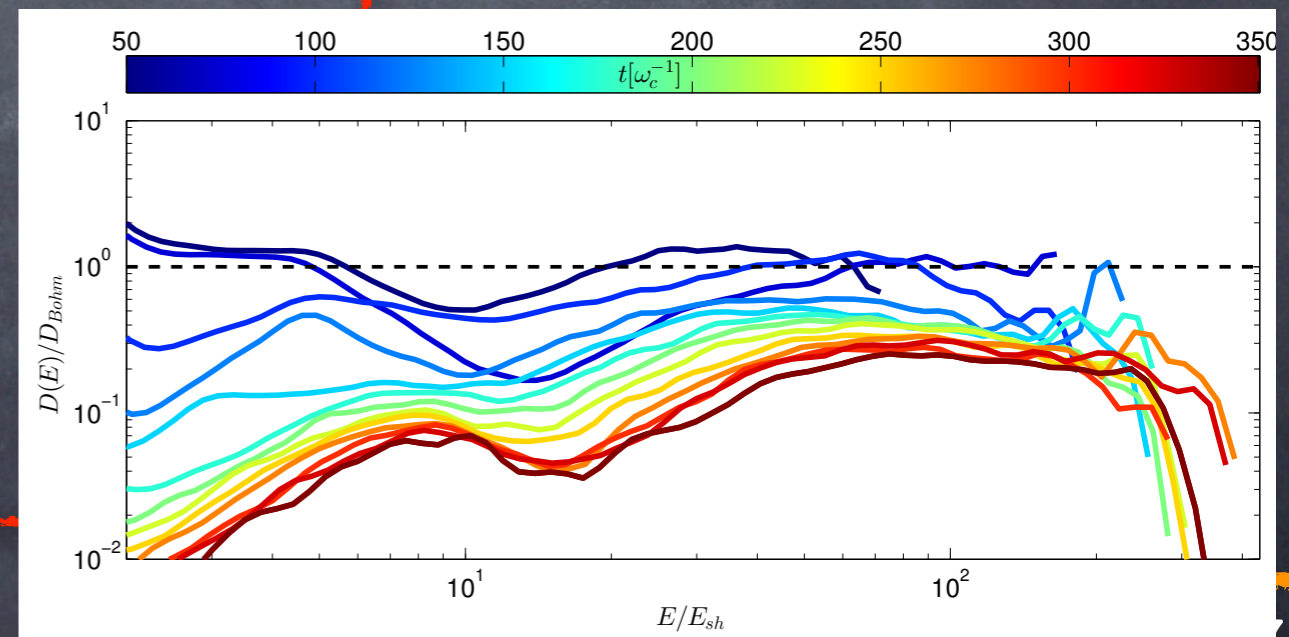
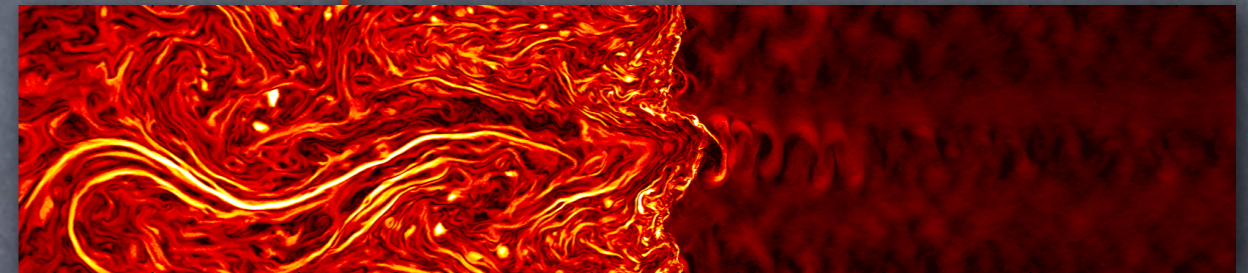
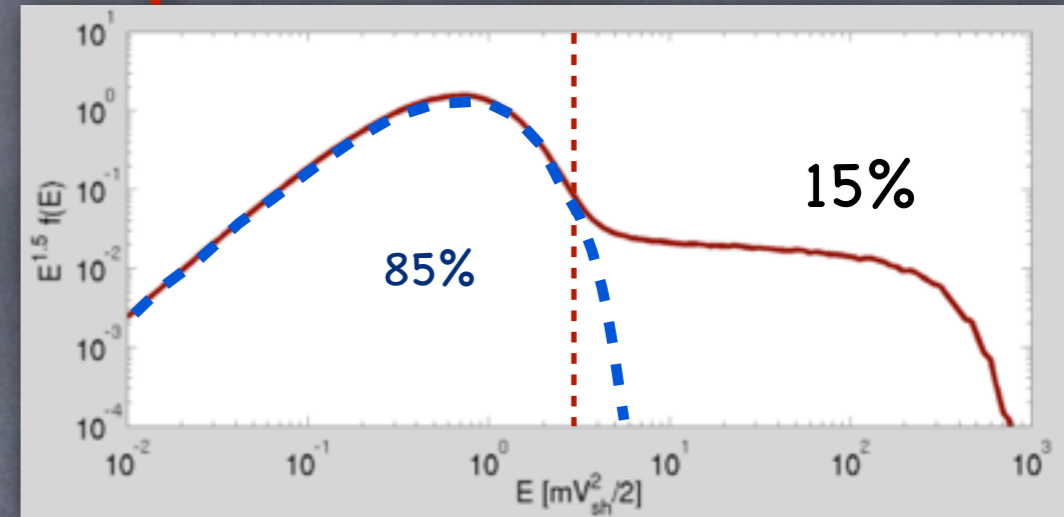
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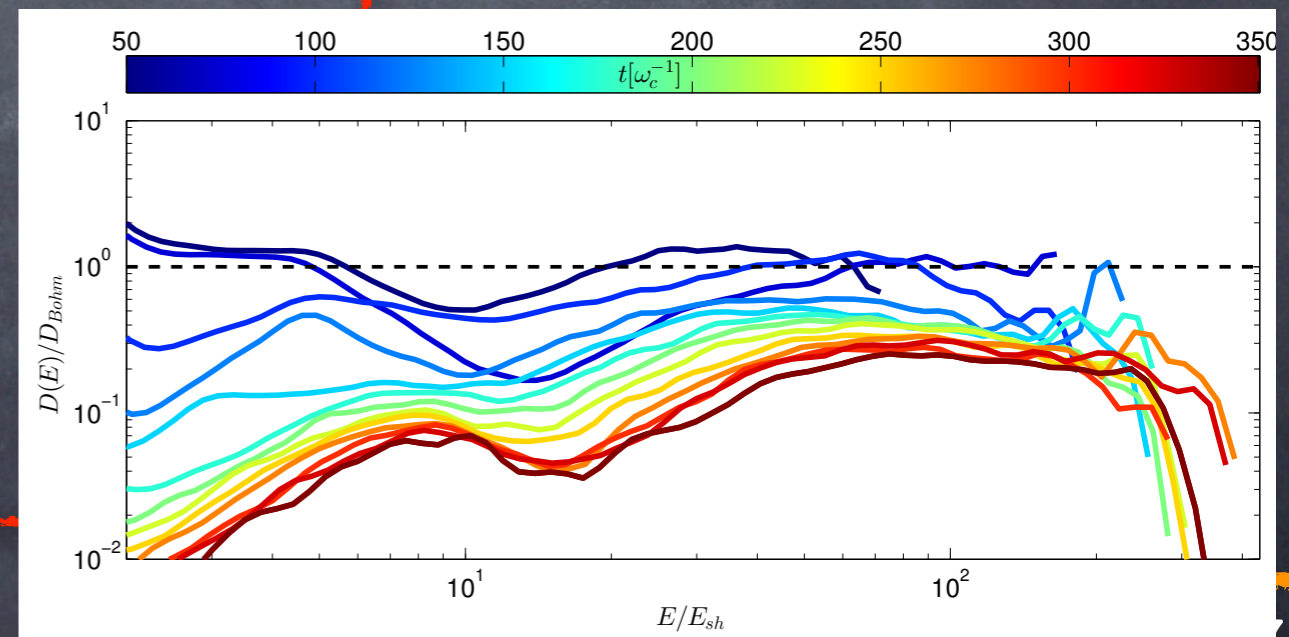
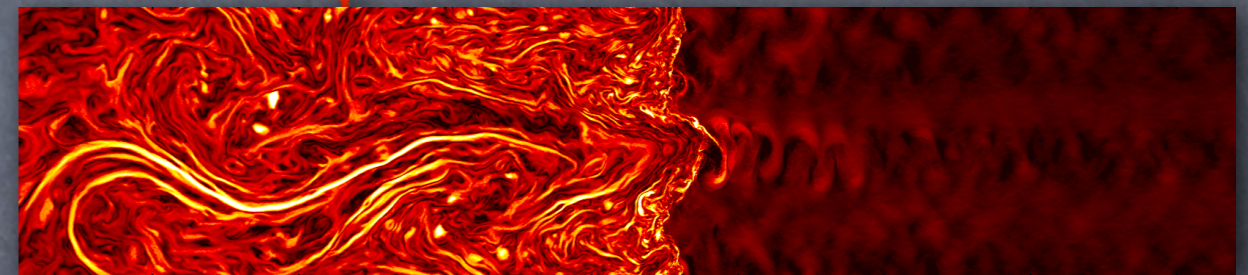
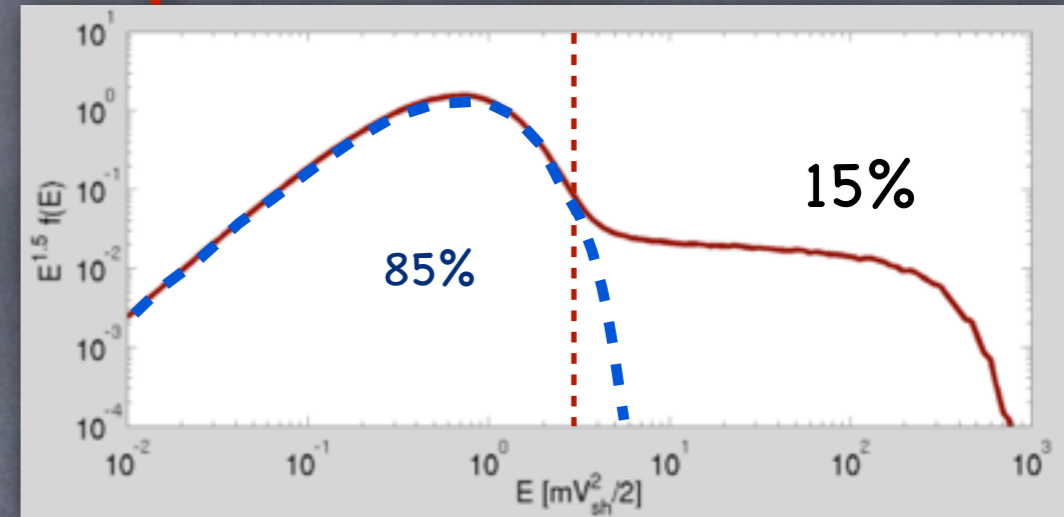
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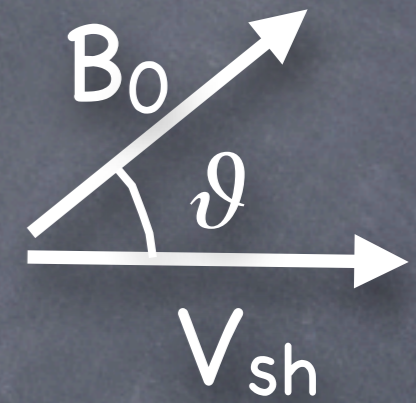
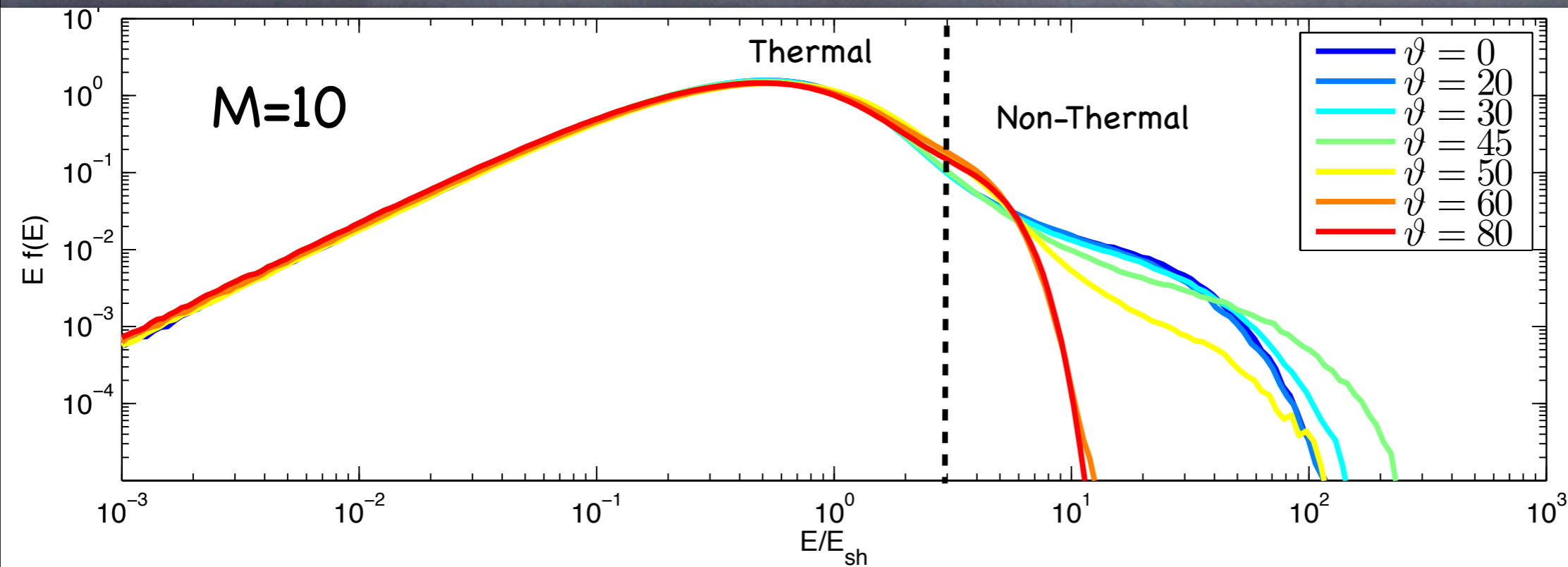
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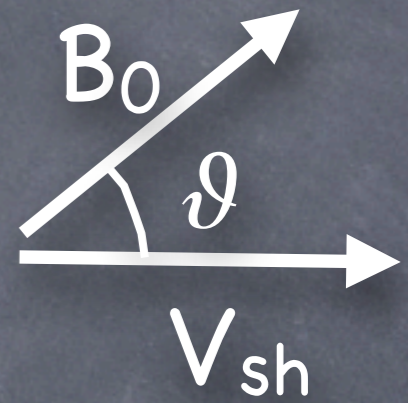
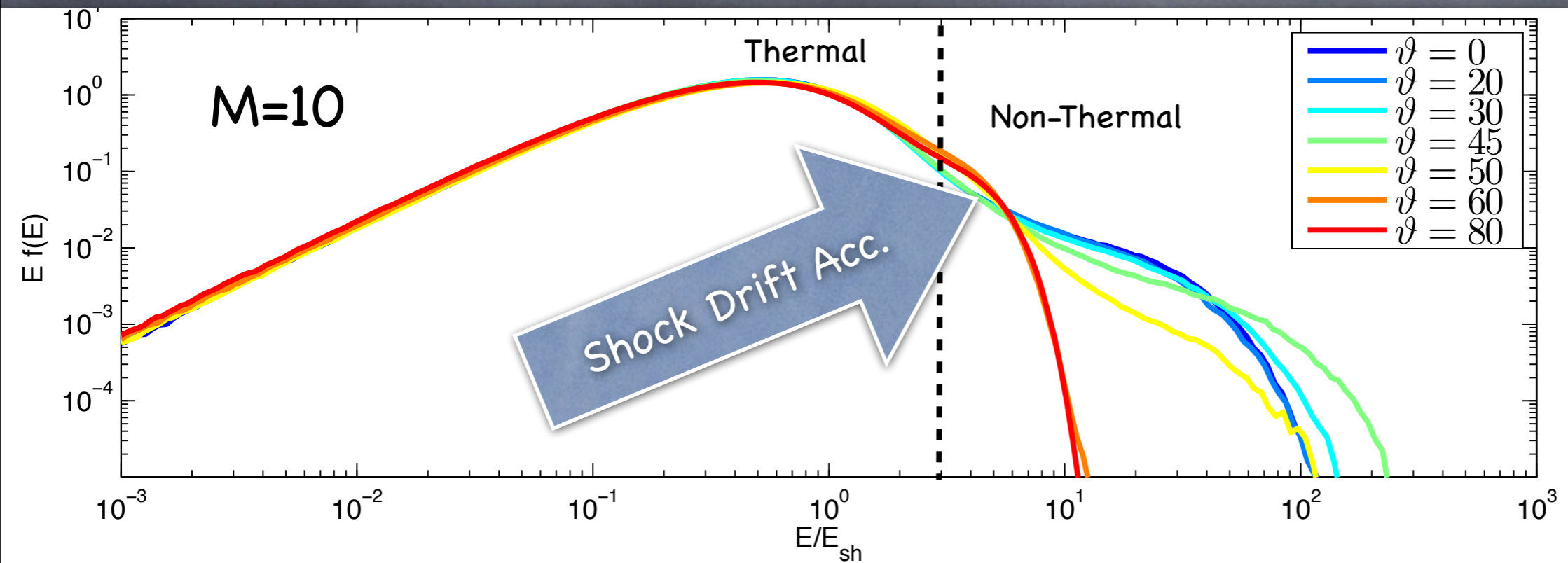


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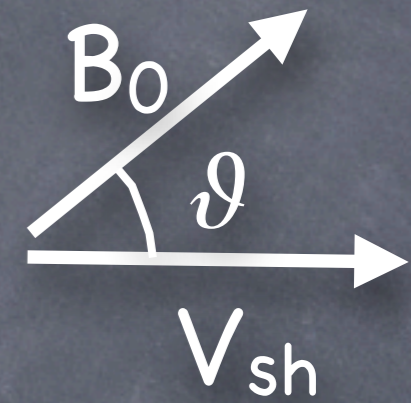
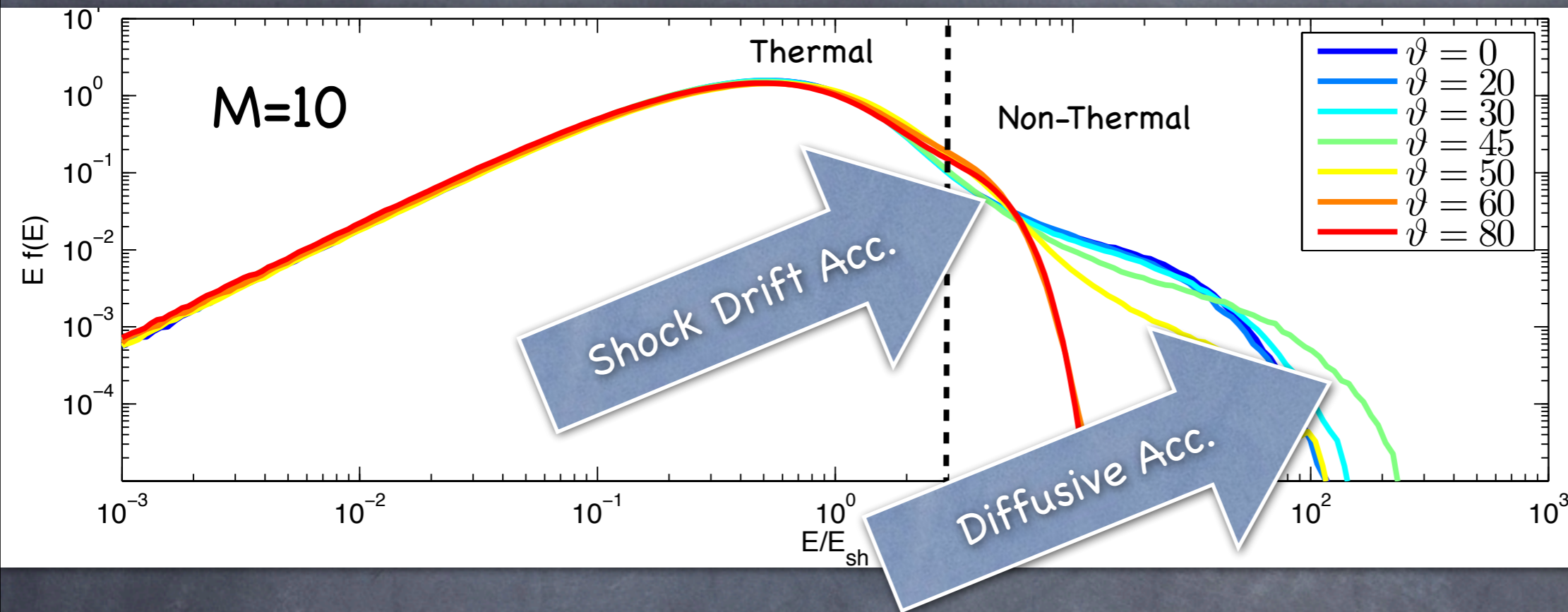
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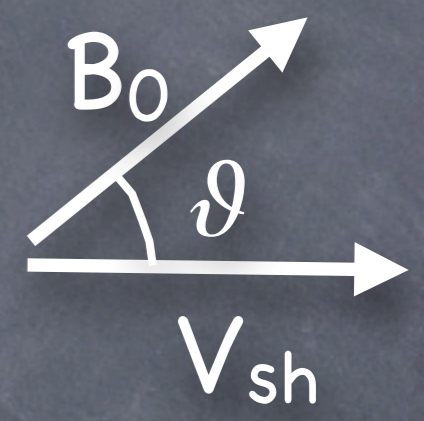
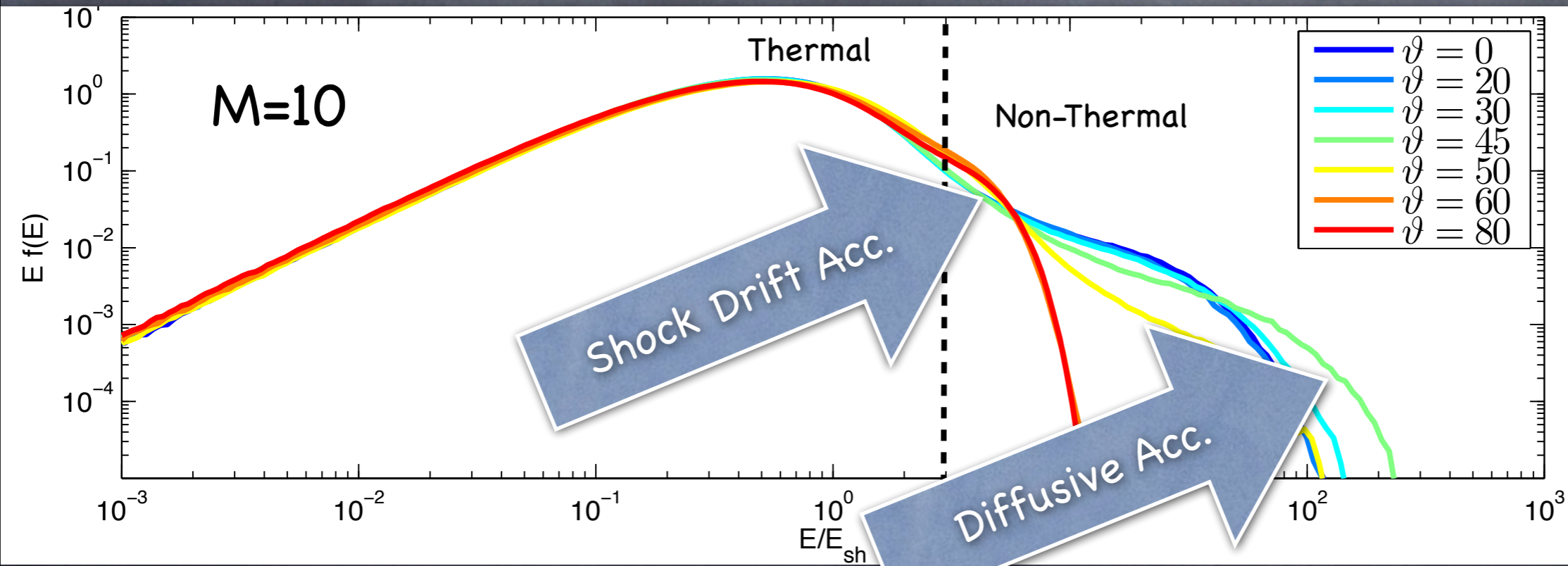
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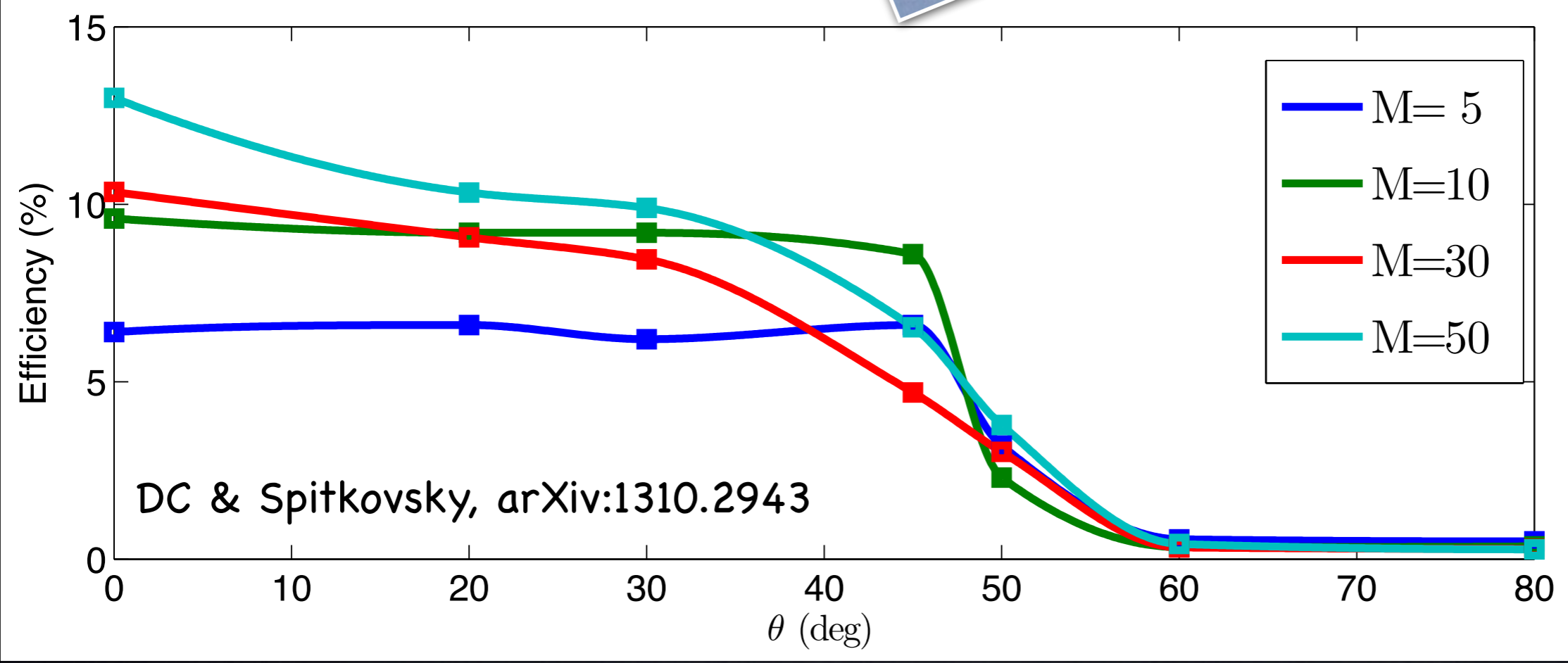
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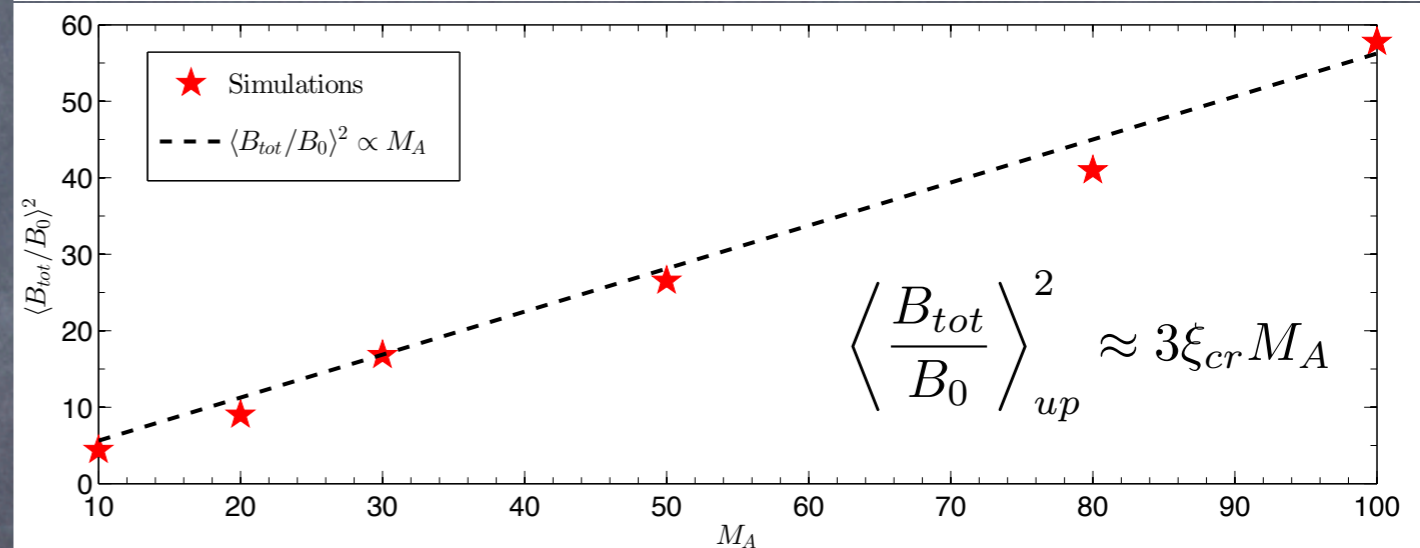
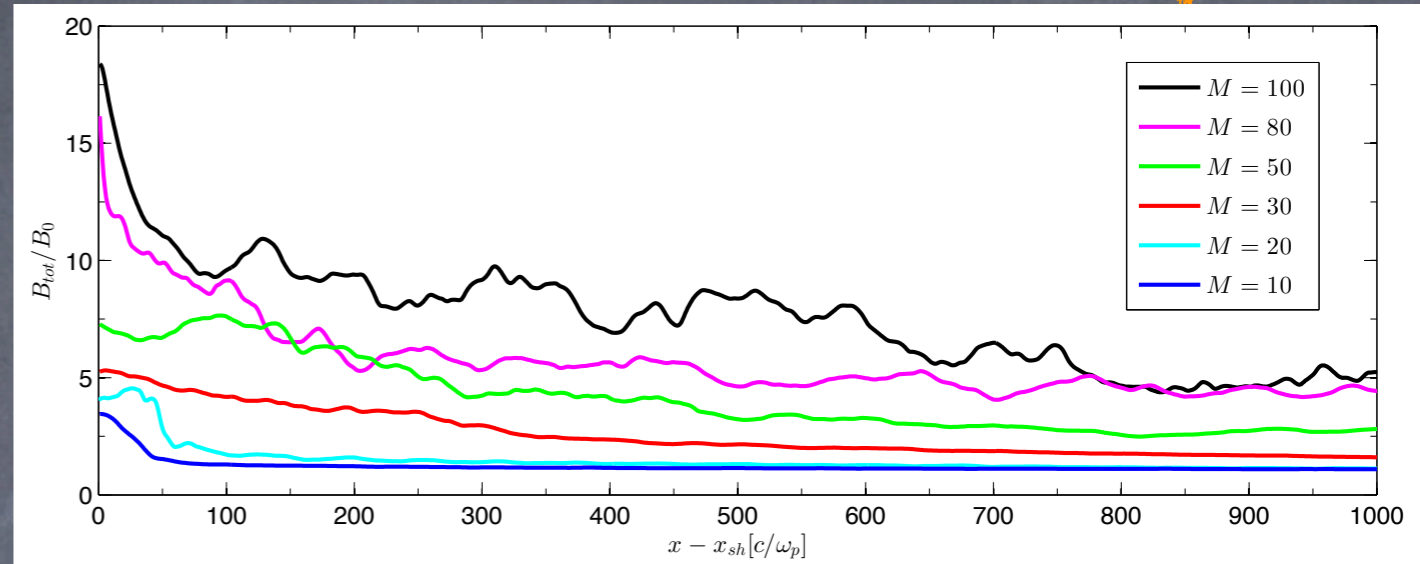
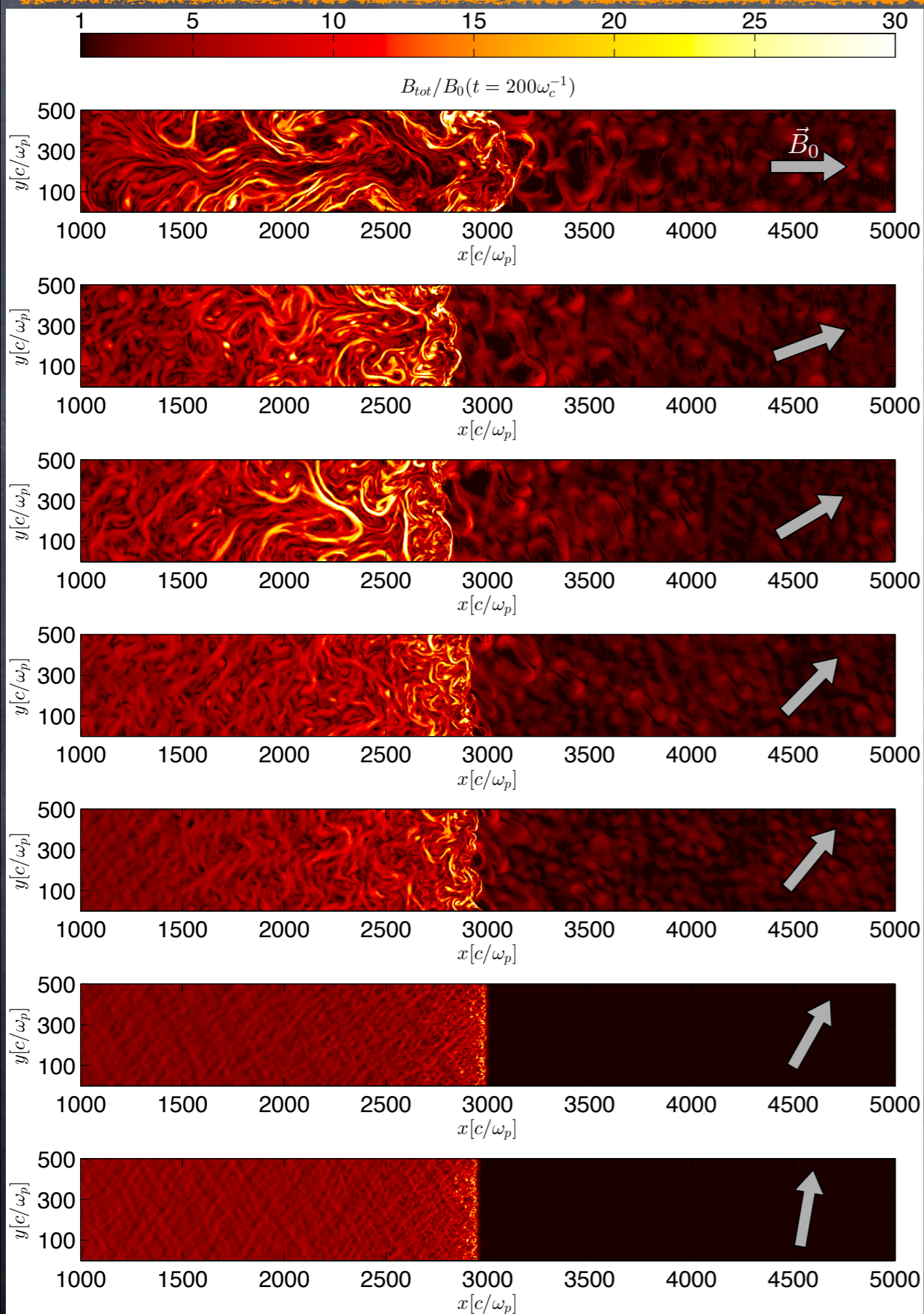


Each point is a state of the art simulation (10^9 particles)

Computation time: almost 2×10^6 cpu h!

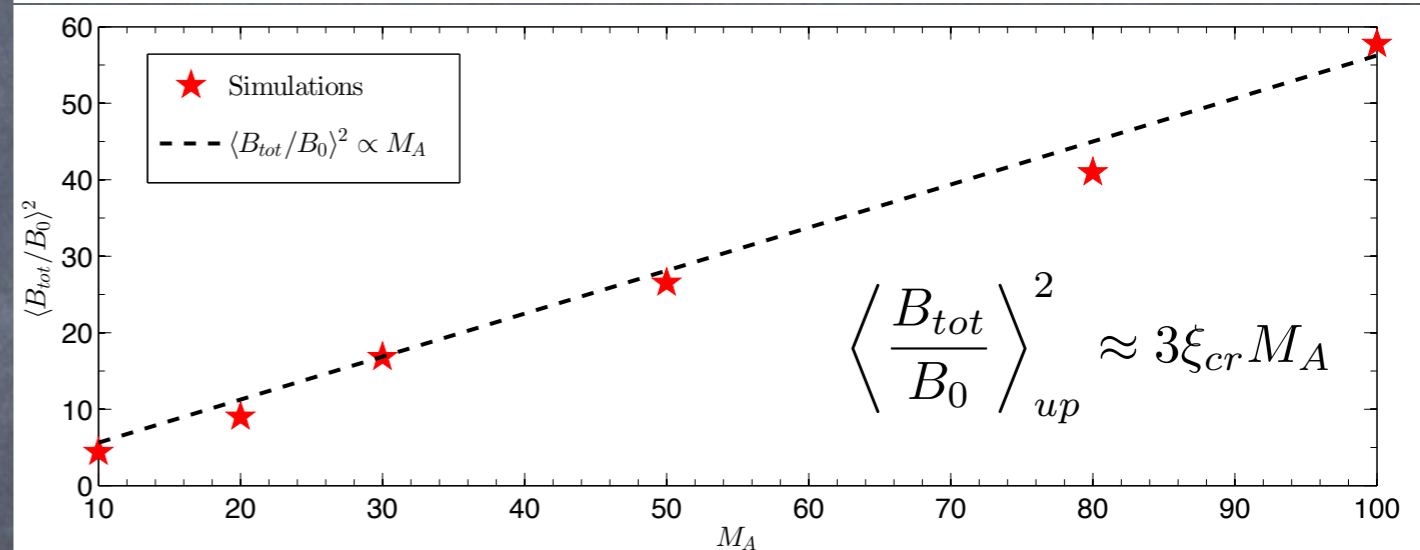
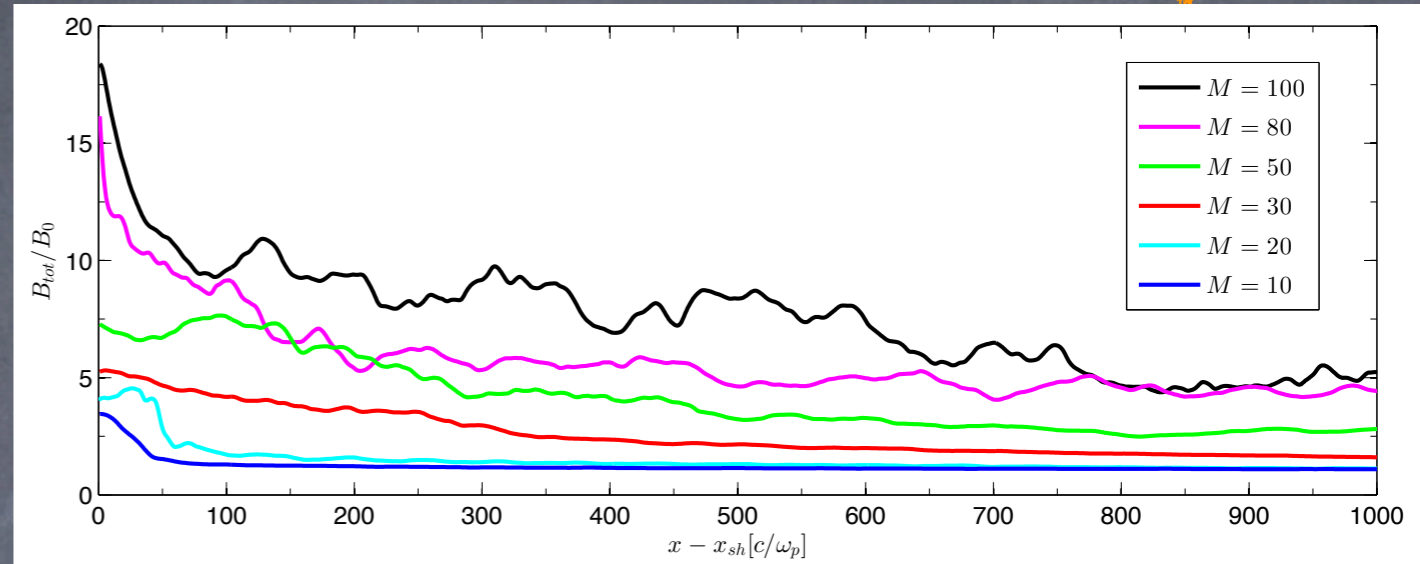
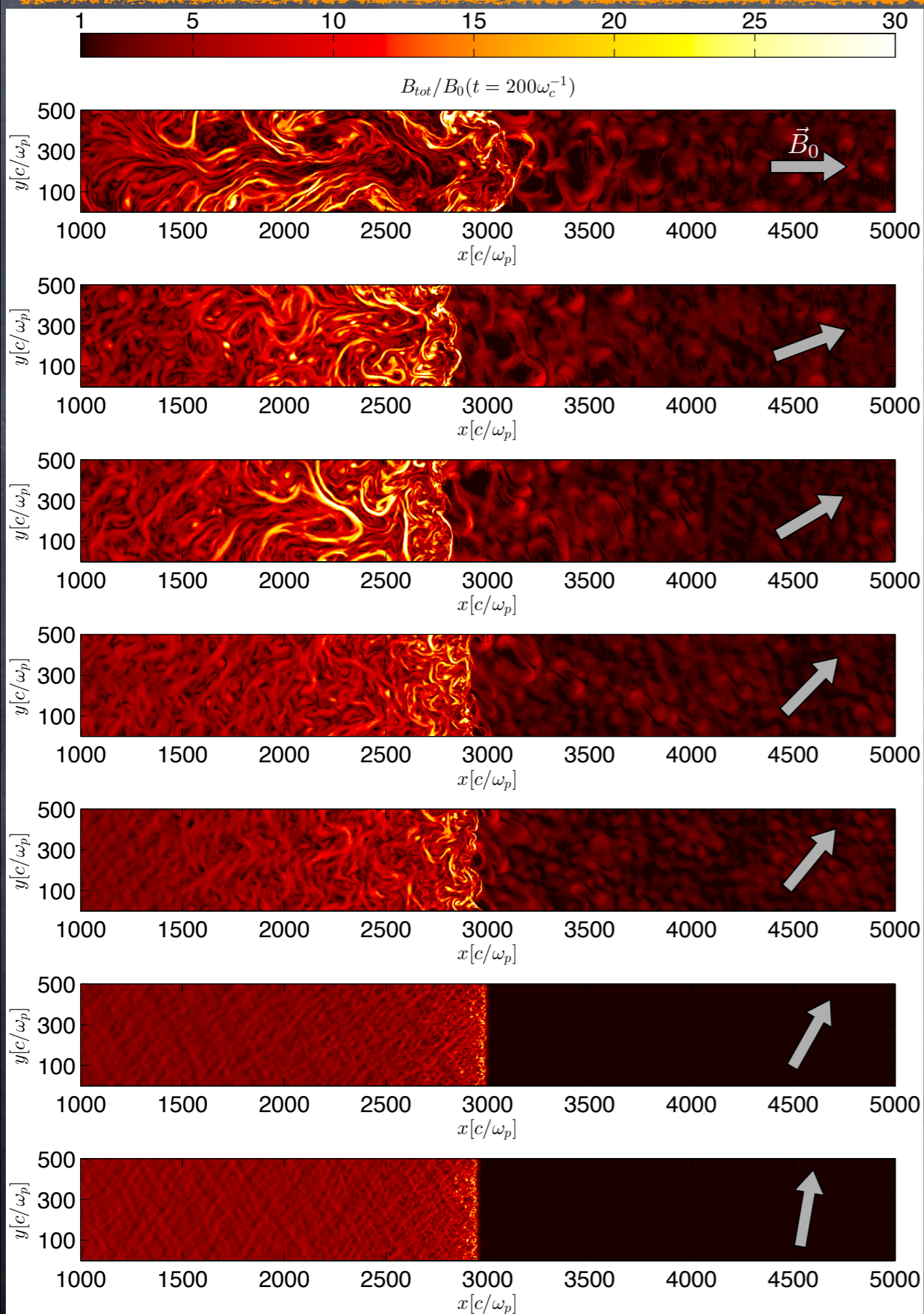


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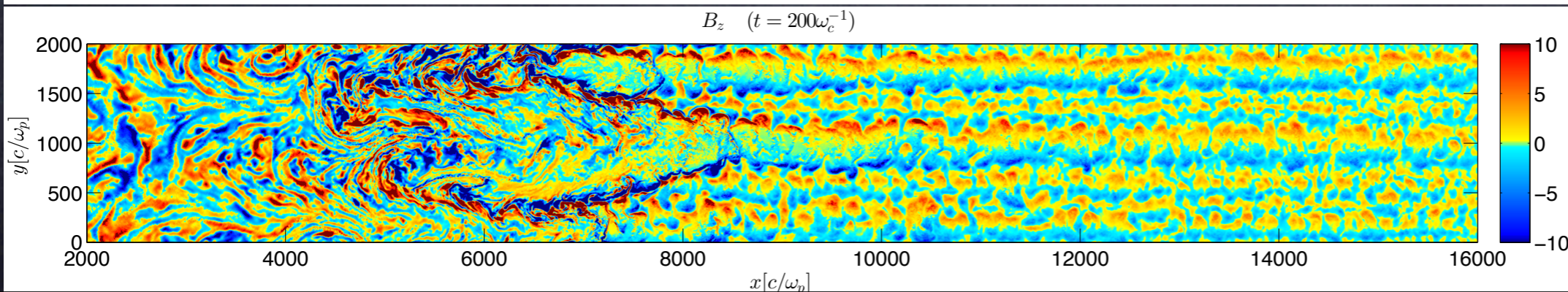
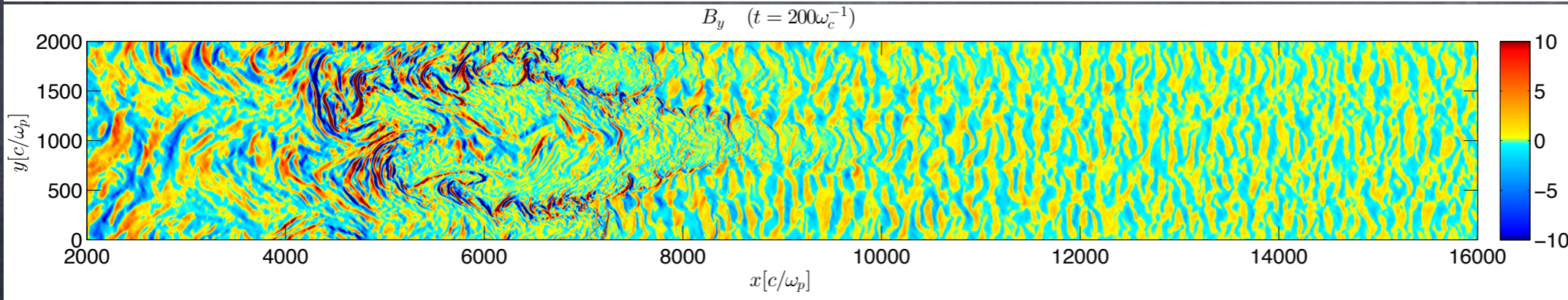
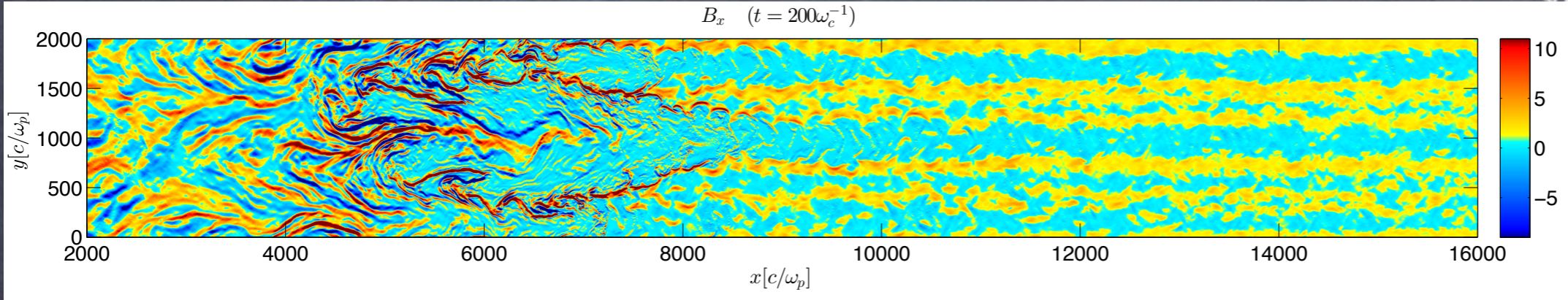
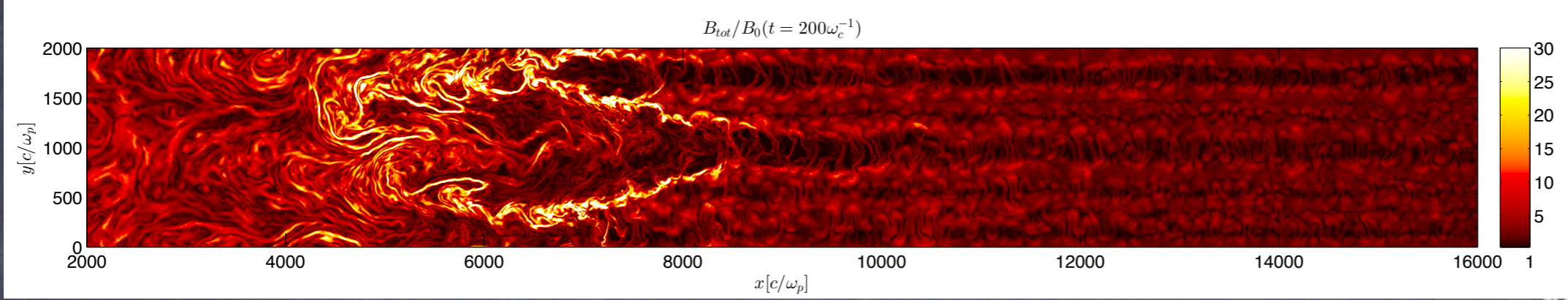
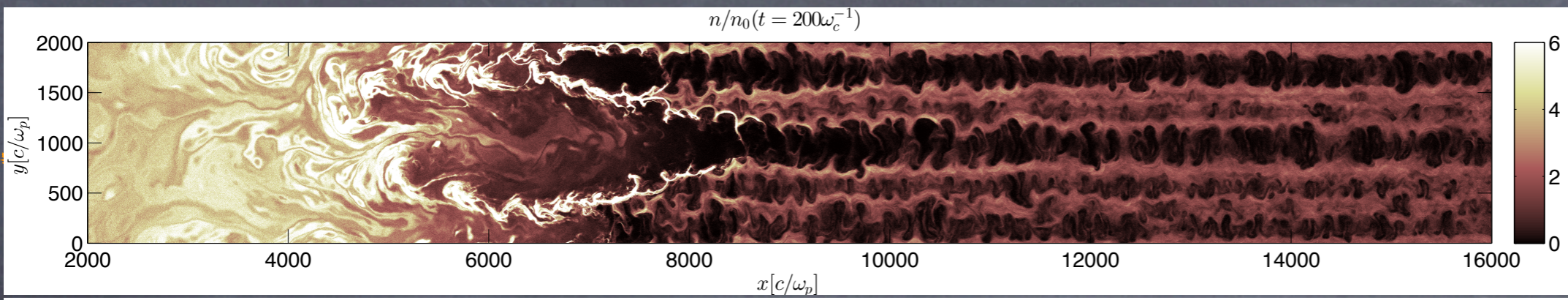
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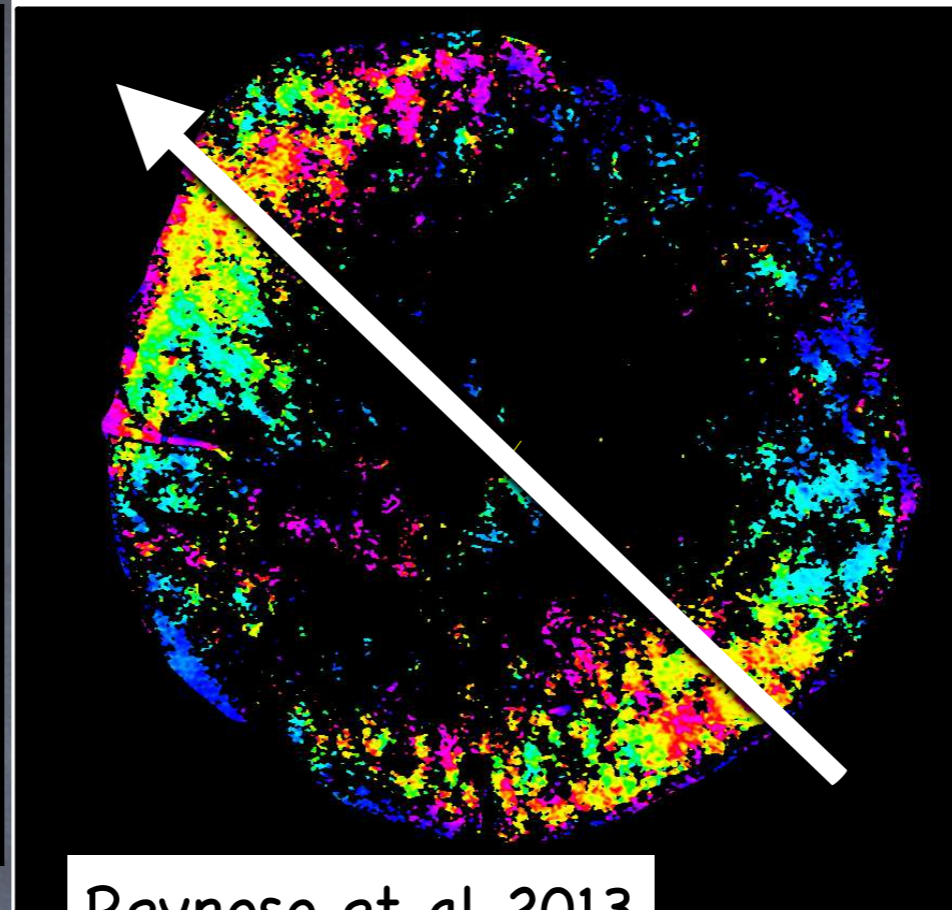


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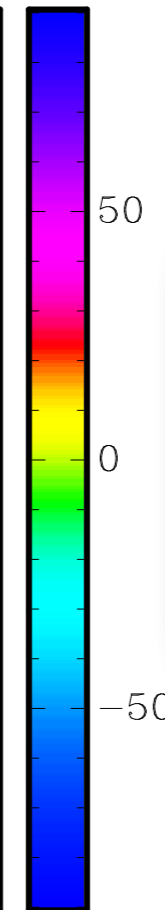
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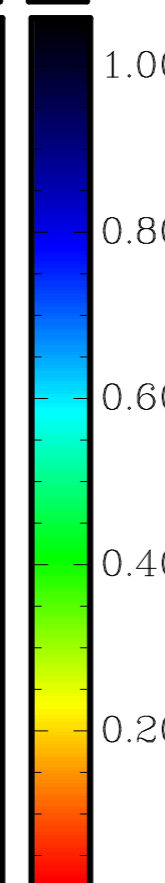
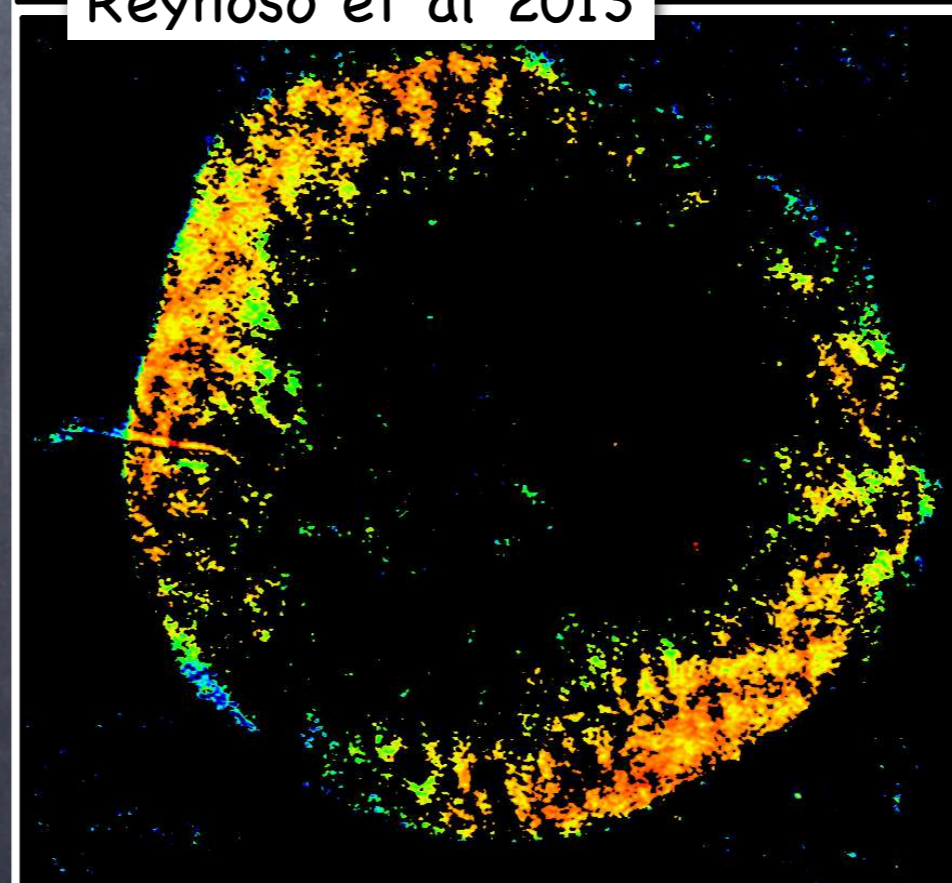
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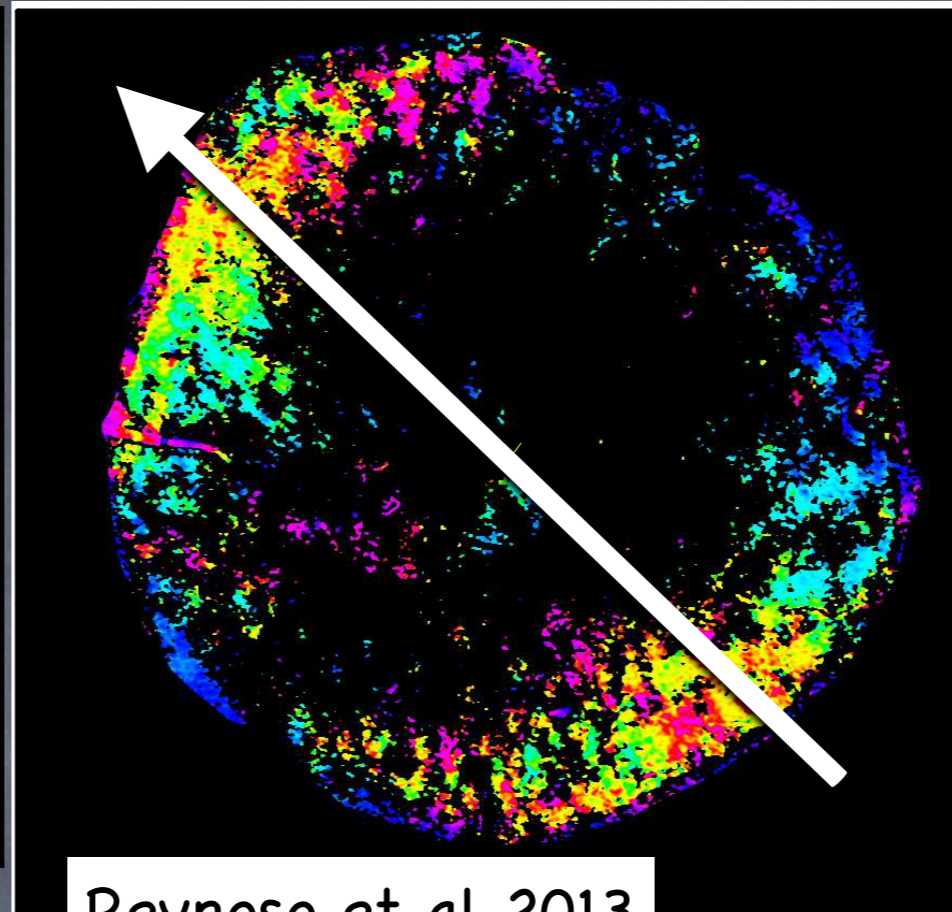


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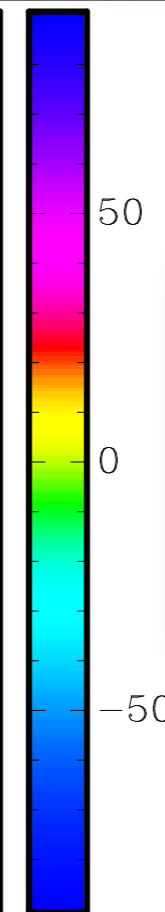
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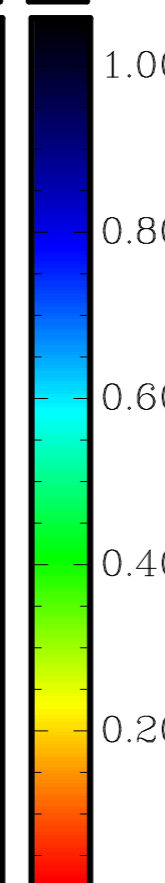
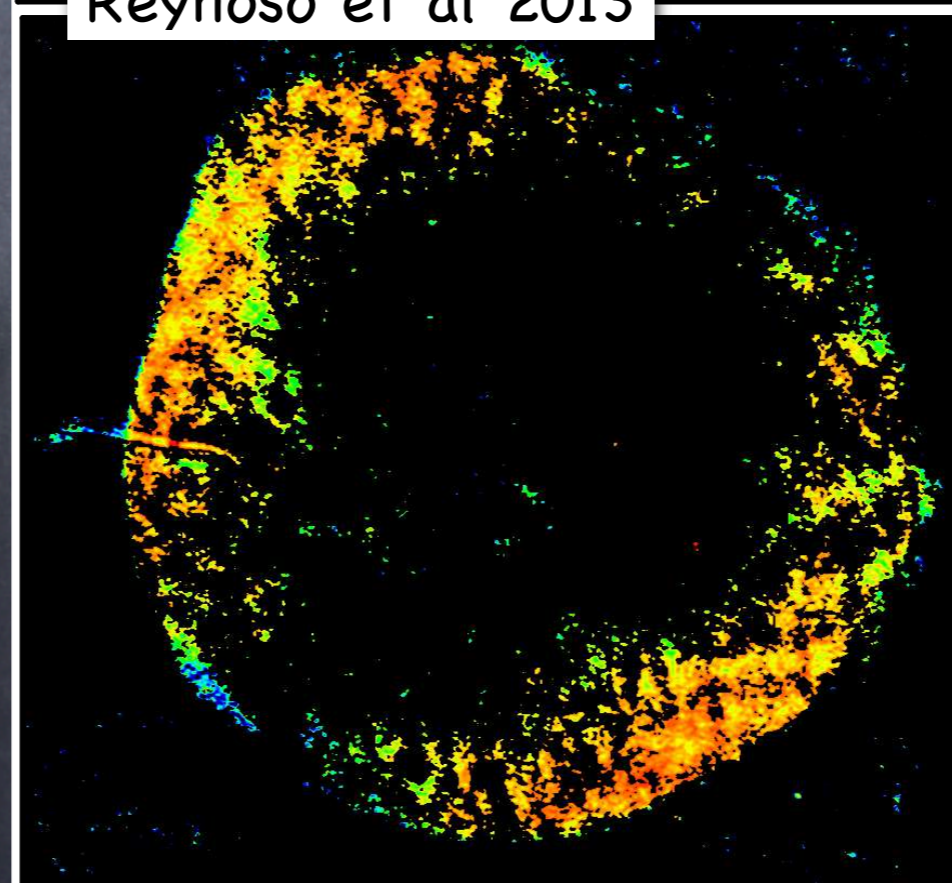
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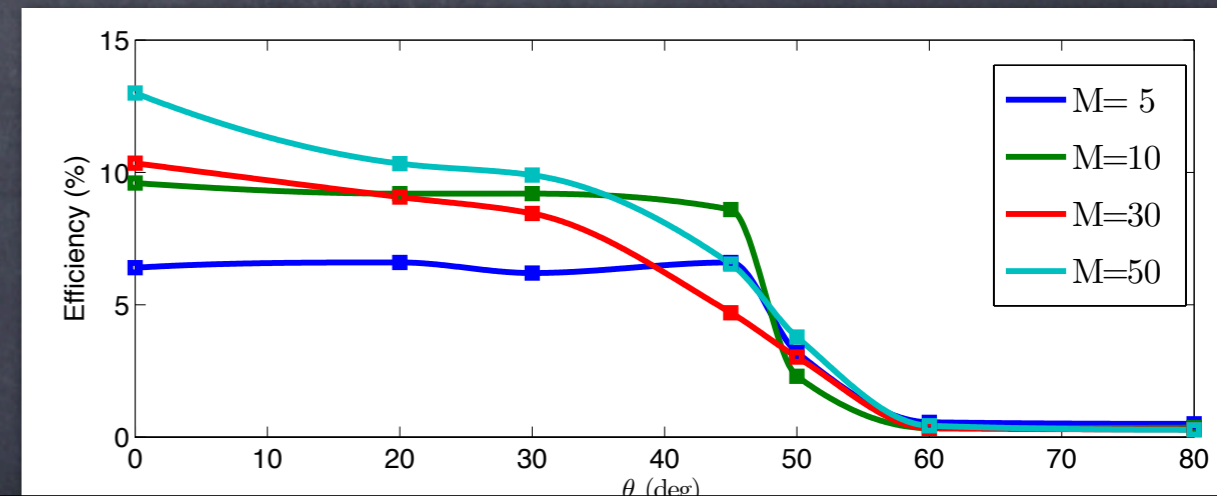
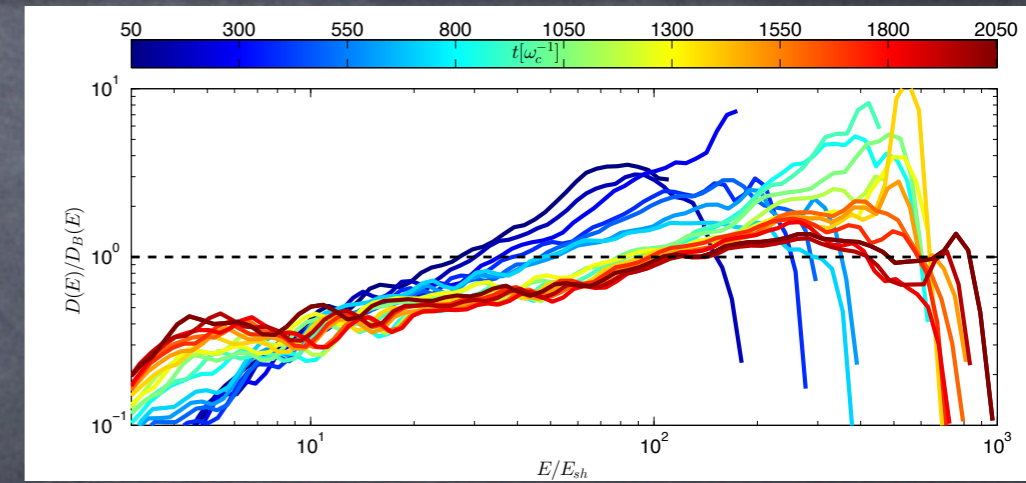
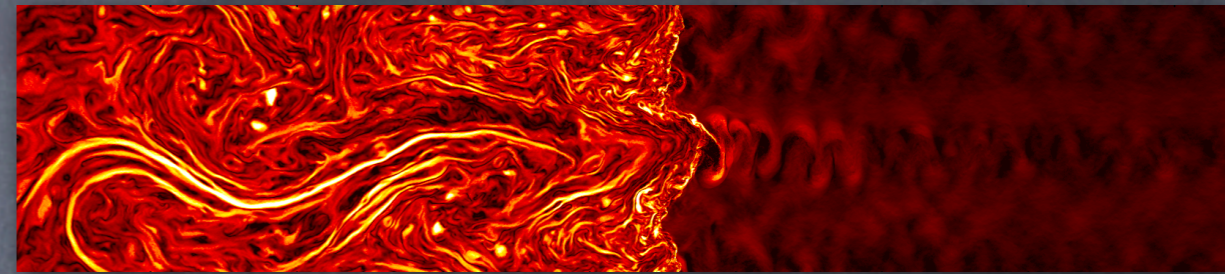
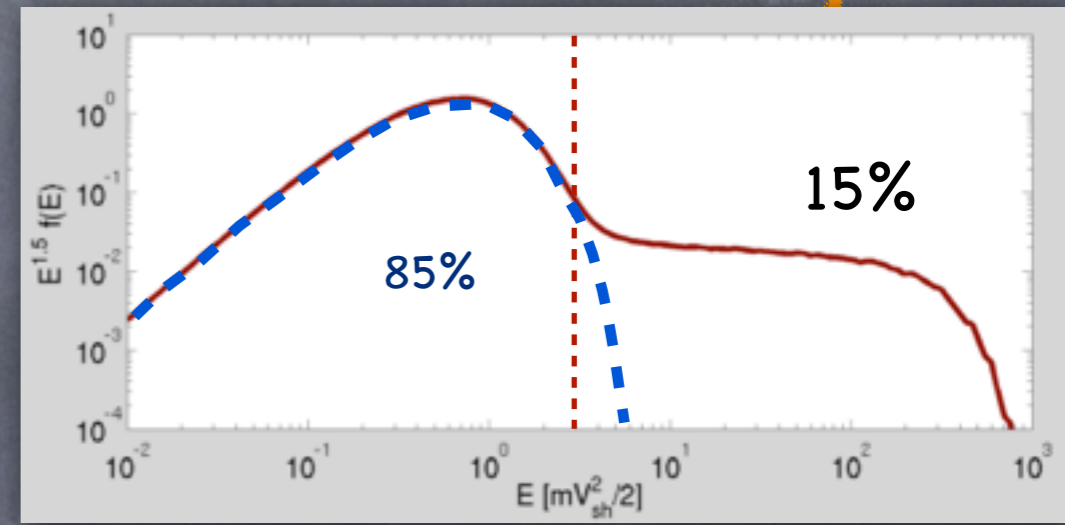
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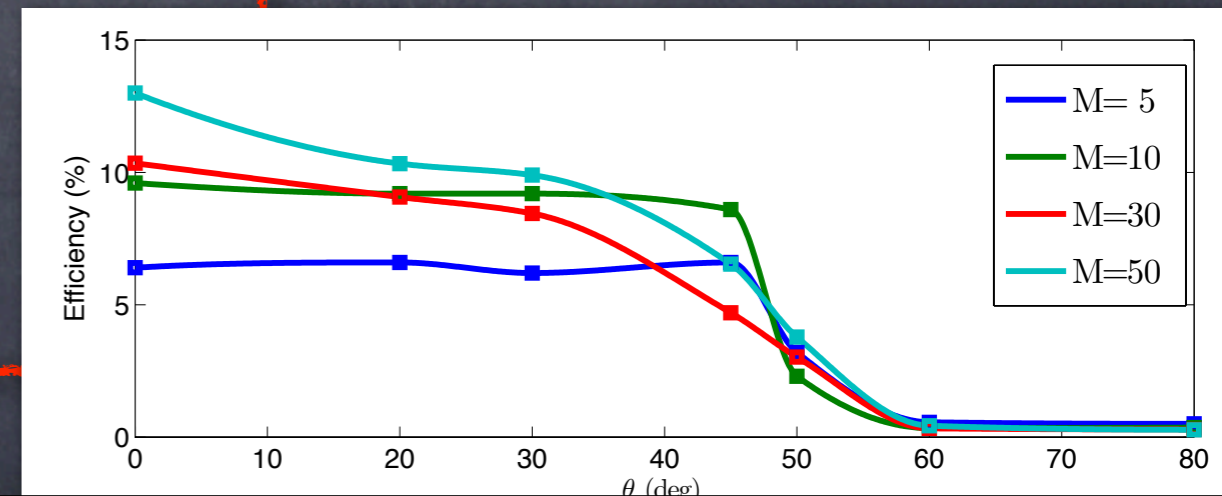
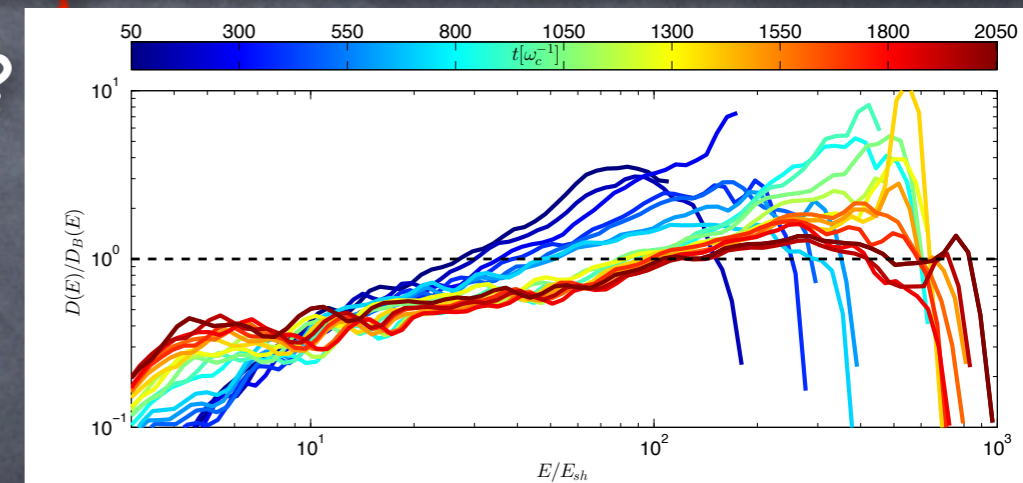
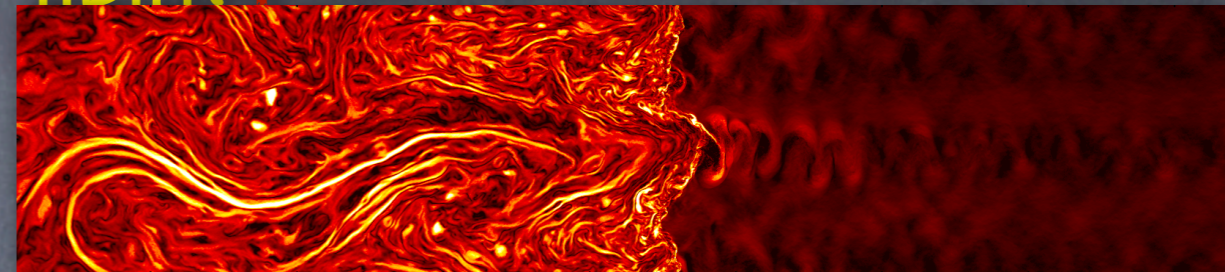
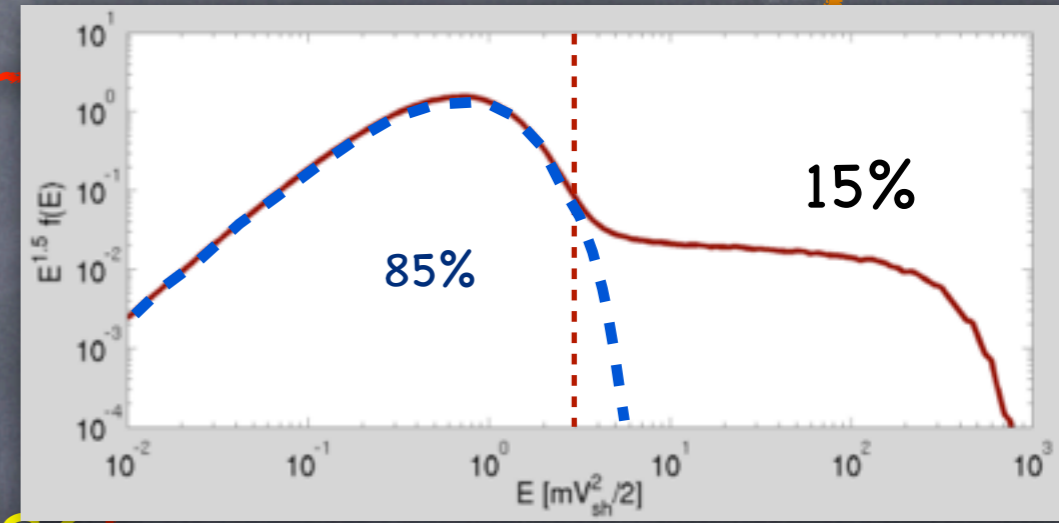
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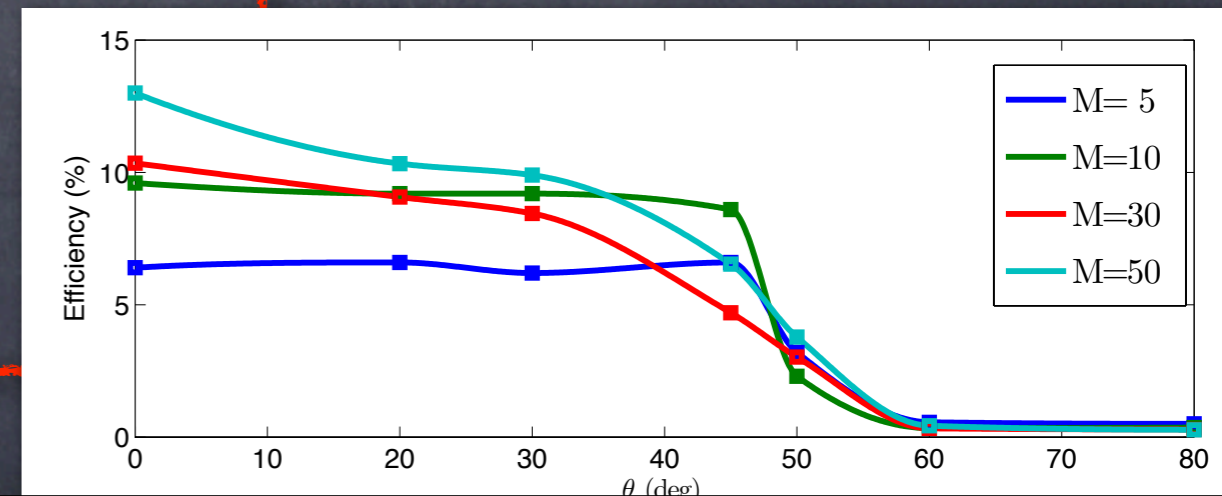
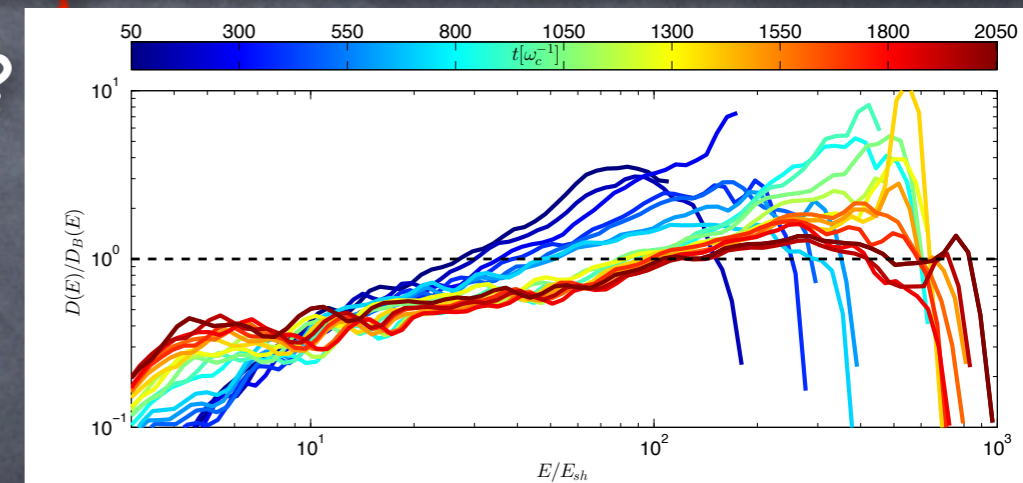
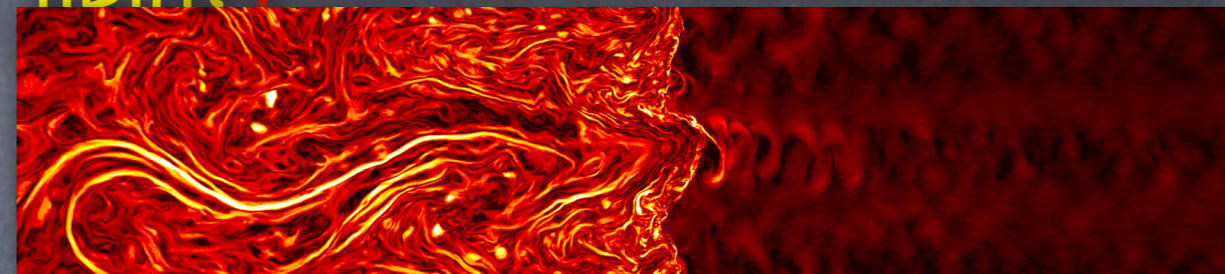
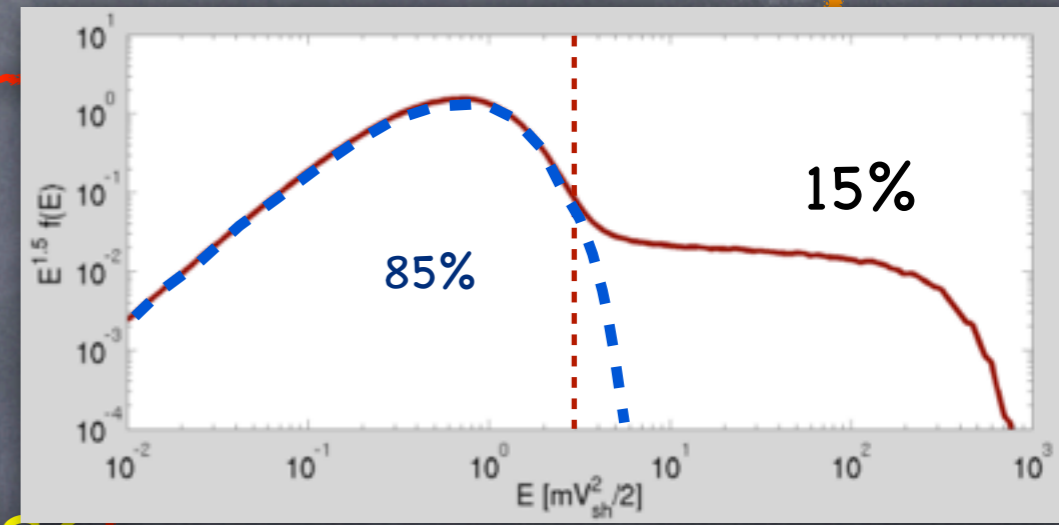
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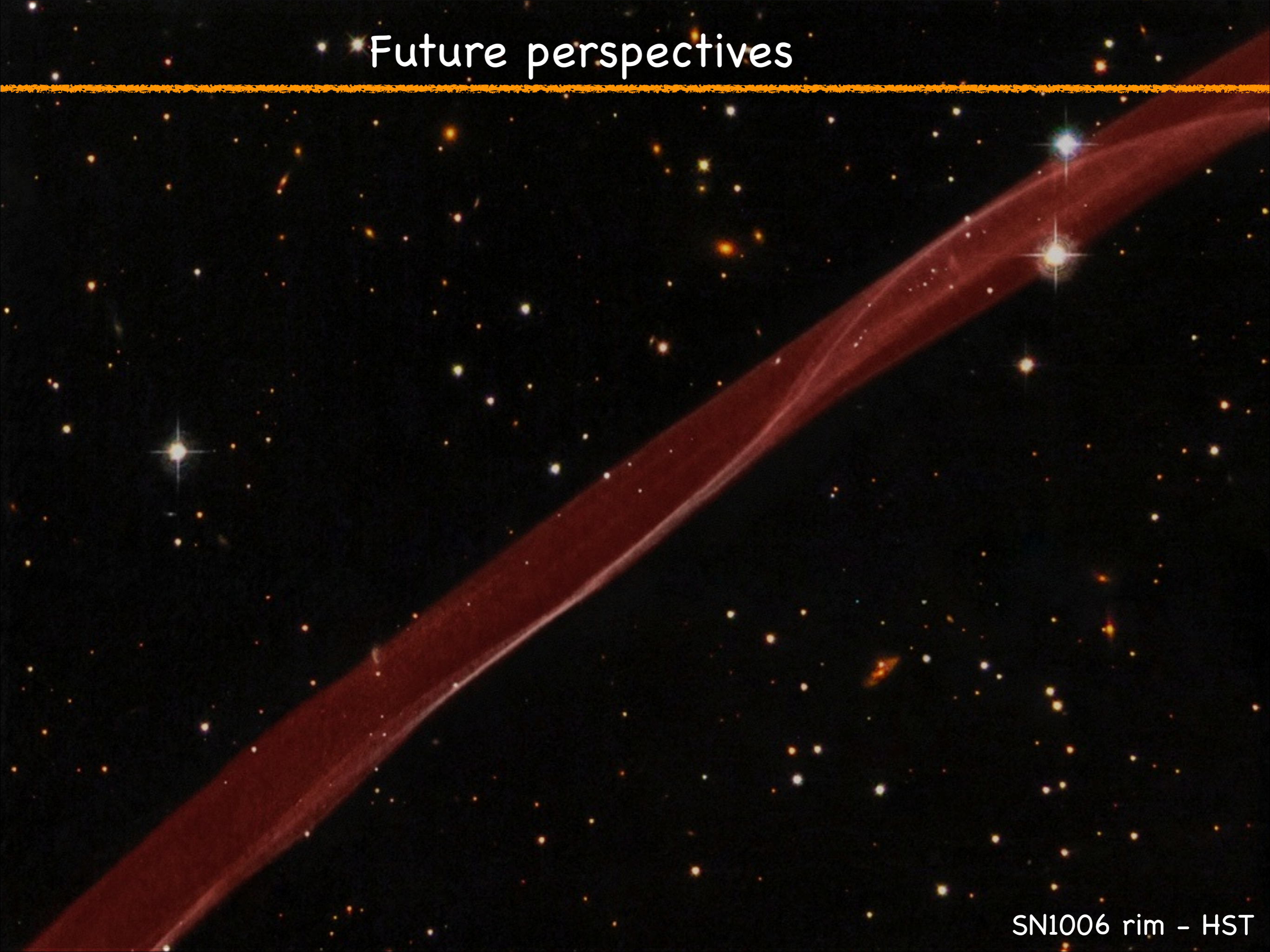
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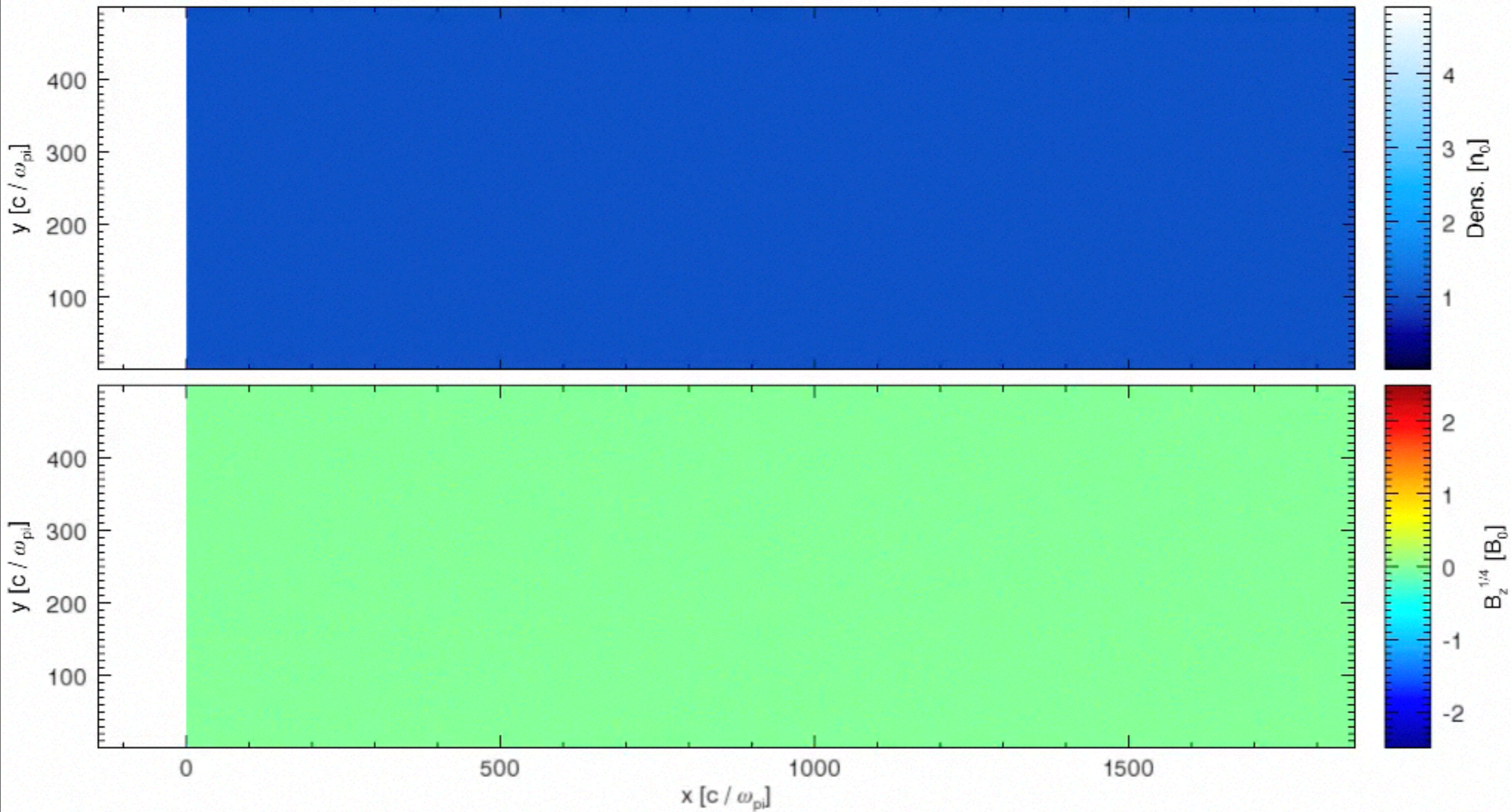
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