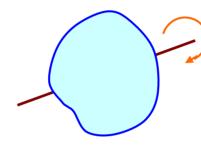
## Flow Structure in a Precessing Sphere

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## Flow in a Rotating Container



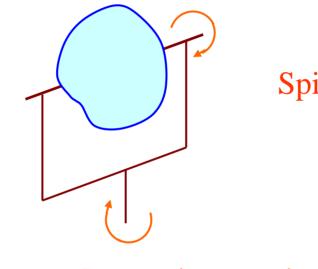
Spin rotation

#### Flow structure is simple.

Solid-body rotation

It can be proved from NS equation.

## Flow in a Precessing Container



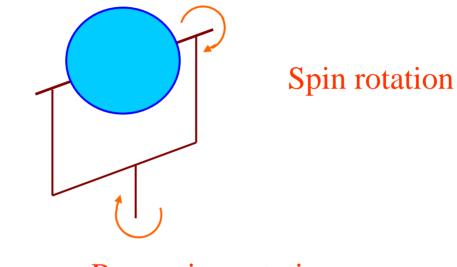
Spin rotation

**Precession rotation** 

Flow structure is non-trivial.

Flow can be turbulent.

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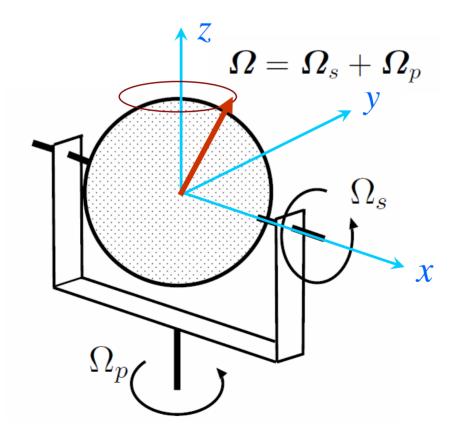
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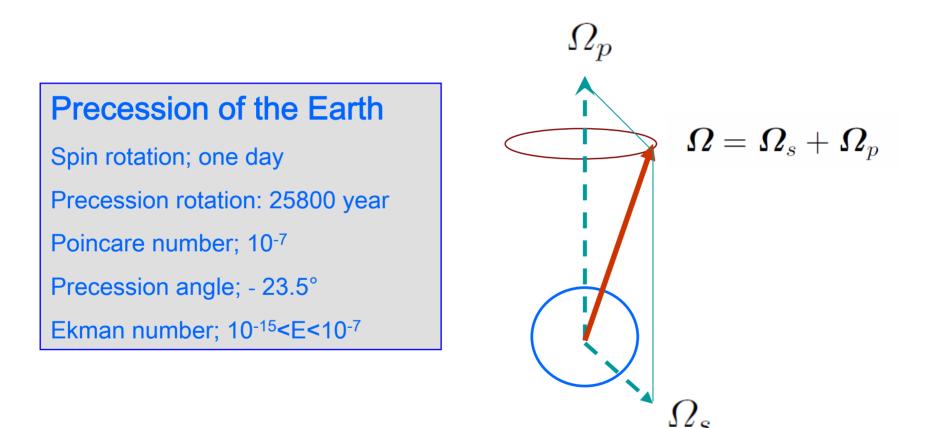
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# **Precessing Sphere**

We consider the motion of an incompressible viscous fluid in a precessing sphere, where the spin angular velocity  $\Omega_s$  and the precession angular velocity  $\Omega_p$  are perpendicular to each other.



## Research on Precessing Sphere/Spheroid/Spherical Shell



## Research on Precessing Sphere/Spheroid/Spherical Shell

related to Geodynamo

#### Experiment

Vanyo et al. 1995: Experiments on precessing flows in the Earth's liquid core Vanyo & Dunn 2000: Core precession:flow structures and energy

#### **Numerical**

Lorenzani & Tilgner 2001: Fluid instabilities in precessing spheroidal cavities Tilgner & Busse 2001: Fluid flows in precessing spherical shells Tilgner 2005: Precession driven dynamos

## **Our Motivation**

[1] to make a compact turbulence generator

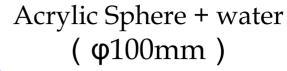
[2] to understand the flow dynamics as one of the standard systems

[3] to contribute to geophysics such as geodynamo

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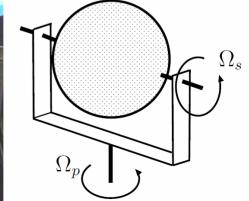
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Spin axis

#### **Precession** axis



# Control of rotation speed

Pulse motors (1 pulse = 0.072°) Rotation speed can be controled with high accuracy

#### Spin axis

2 Pulse motors

#### Precession axis

## Visualization / Measurement

Video camera

Laser light

Laser sheet (perp. Spin axis) and video camera are on precession frame

Velocity field on the sheet is measured by PIV

#### **Governing Equations (in Precession frame)**

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial t} = \boldsymbol{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - 2 \frac{R_p}{R_s} \boldsymbol{z} \times \boldsymbol{u} - \nabla P + \left(\frac{1}{R_s} \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}\right)$$
Non-dimensional

$$P = p + \frac{1}{2} |\boldsymbol{u}|^2 - \left(\frac{R_p}{R_s}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{r} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{z}})^2$$

Modified pressure

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

b. c.

$$u = \hat{x} \times r$$
 on  $|r| = 1$ 

### **Control Parameters**

Spin Reynolds number  $R_s$  (Reciprocal of Ekman number)

$$R_s = \frac{a^2 \Omega_s}{\nu}$$

Precession Reynolds number  $R_p = \frac{a^2 \Omega_p}{\nu}$ 

When  $a=5 \,\mathrm{cm}$ ,  $v=0.01 \,\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{s}$ ,  $\Omega_s=2\pi n$ ,  $R_s=1.6 imes10^4 \,n$ 

#### **Control Parameters**

Reynolds number

$$Re = \frac{a^2 \Omega_s}{\nu} \quad (\equiv R_s)$$

 $\Gamma = \frac{M_p}{\Omega_s} \quad \left(\equiv \frac{R_p}{R_s}\right)$ 

Poincare number

### Visualized Flow

*Re*=15,000

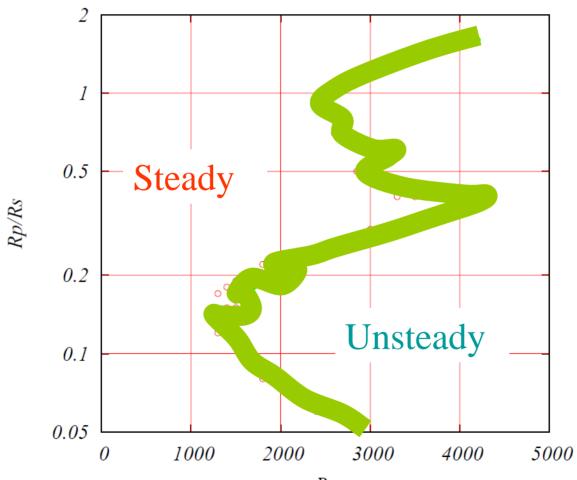
Solid –body rotation

## Flow in a Rotating Container

*Re*=15,000 √=0.1

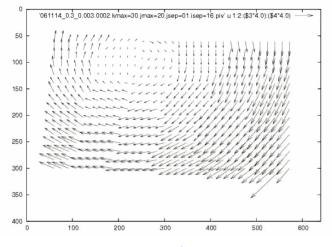
Turbulent state

## **Stability Boundary**

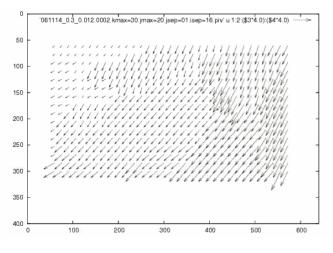


Rs

## Velocity Field (animation)

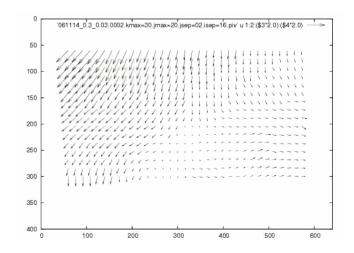


#### Steady: $R_p/R_s = 0.01$



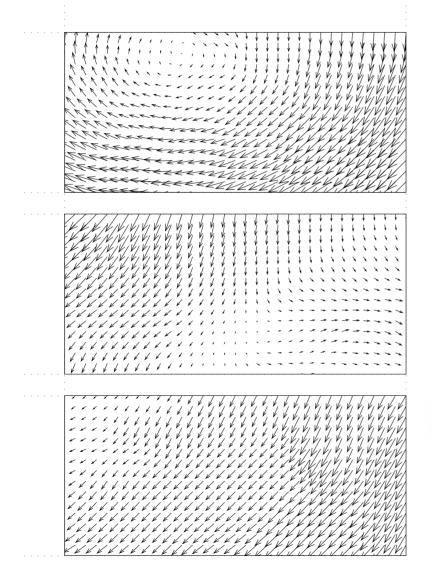
Periodic:  $R_p/R_s = 0.04$ 

 $R_s \approx 4,500$ 



Aperiodic:  $R_p/R_s = 0.1$ 

# Velocity Field (snap) $R_s \approx 4,500$



Steady:  $R_p/R_s = 0.01$ 

Periodic:  $R_p/R_s = 0.04$ 

Aperiodic:  $R_p/R_s = 0.1$ 

Judged from two-time correlation function

#### **Two-Time Correlation of Velocity**

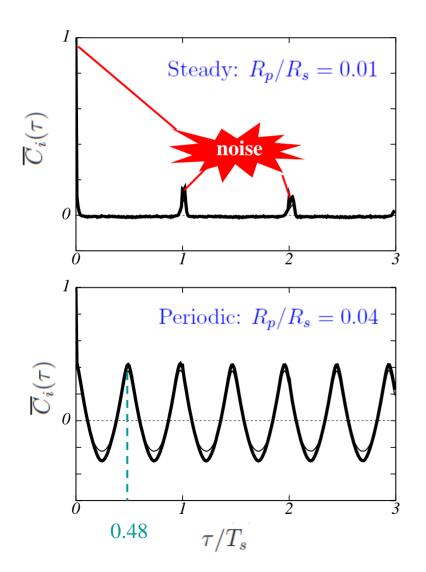
$$C_i(\boldsymbol{x},\tau) = \frac{\langle [u_i(\boldsymbol{x},t) - m_i(\boldsymbol{x})][u_i(\boldsymbol{x},t+\tau) - m_i(\boldsymbol{x})] \rangle}{\sigma_i(\boldsymbol{x})^{-2}}$$

(i = 1, 2)

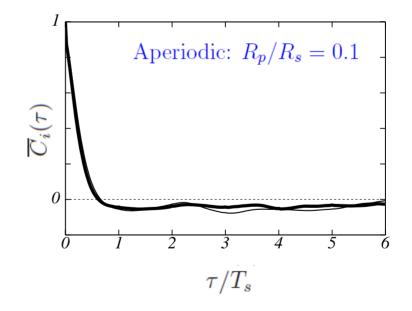
 $m_i(\boldsymbol{x}) = \langle u_i(\boldsymbol{x},t) \rangle$ 

 $\sigma_i({m x})|^2 = \langle (u_i({m x},t)^2) - m_i({m x})^2$ 

#### **Two-Time Correlation of Velocity**



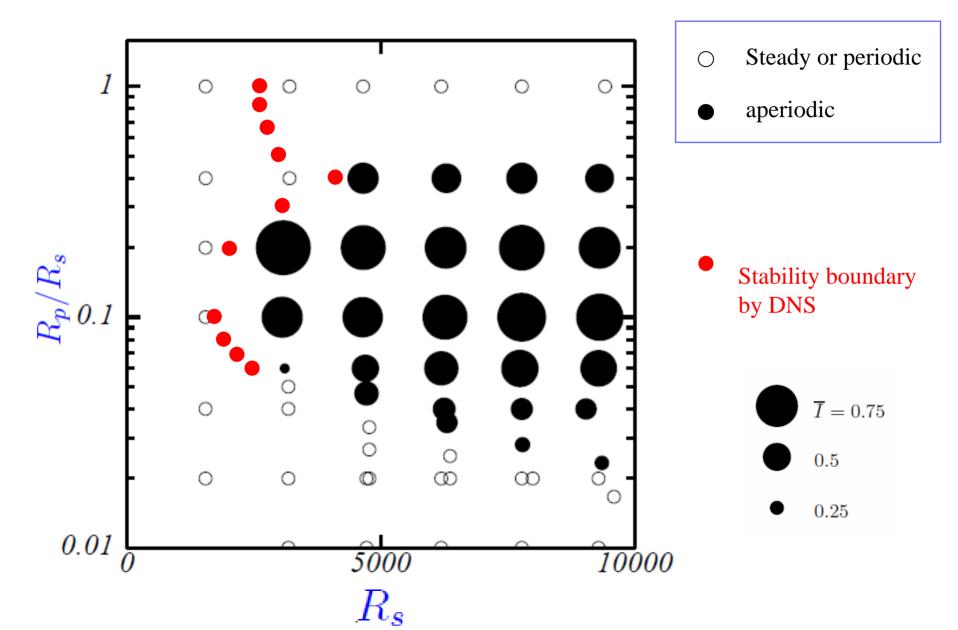
 $R_s \approx 4,500$ 



## Fluctuation Magnitude

$$I(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sqrt{\frac{\langle |\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x},t) - \langle \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x},t) \rangle |^2 \rangle}{\langle |\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x},t)|^2 \rangle}}$$

## Fluctuation Magnitude



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# Stability of Steady Flows

By DNS

#### **Governing Equations (in Precession frame)**

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial t} = \boldsymbol{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - 2\frac{R_p}{R_s}\hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \times \boldsymbol{u} - \nabla P + \frac{1}{R_s}\nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}$$

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

#### b. c.

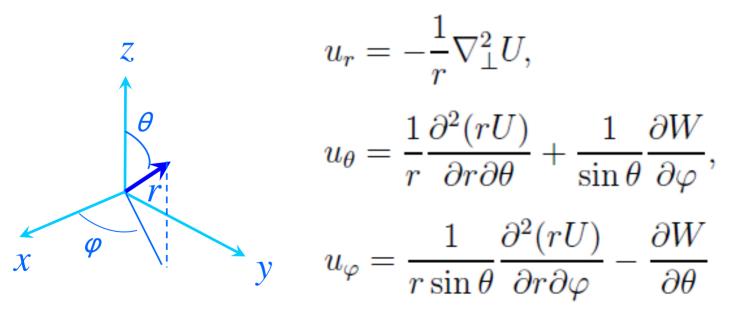
$$u = \hat{x} \times r$$
 on  $|r| = 1$ 

## Poloidal / Toroidal Representation

① Incompressible (solenoidal)

**②** Spherical geometry

$$\boldsymbol{u} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times (\boldsymbol{v})) + \nabla \times (\boldsymbol{v})$$



# Vorticity

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \nabla \times \nabla \times (\boldsymbol{r}W) + \nabla \times (\boldsymbol{r}(-\nabla^2 U))$$

$$\omega_r = -\frac{1}{r} \nabla_{\perp}^2 W$$
$$\omega_{\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 (rW)}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (-\nabla^2 U)$$
$$\omega_{\varphi} = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial^2 (rW)}{\partial r \partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (-\nabla^2 U)$$

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### Poloidal / Toroidal Equations

#### Numerical Scheme (Time Integration)

$$-\nabla_{\perp}^{2} \left( \nabla^{2} - R_{h} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) W = G$$
$$-\nabla_{\perp}^{2} \left( \nabla^{2} - R_{h} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (-\nabla^{2} U) = H$$
$$U = 0, \qquad \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} = 0, \qquad W = \sin \theta \cos \varphi \qquad (\text{on } r = 1)$$

Adams-Bashforth / Crank-Nicolson Scheme  $a t = 2\pi/1000$ 

$$-\nabla_{\perp}^{2} \left( \nabla^{2} - \frac{2R_{h}}{\Delta t} \right) W^{t+\Delta t} = \nabla_{\perp}^{2} \left( \nabla^{2} + \frac{2R_{h}}{\Delta t} \right) W^{t} + 3G^{t} - G^{t-\Delta t}$$
$$-\nabla_{\perp}^{2} \left( \nabla^{2} - \frac{2R_{h}}{\Delta t} \right) (-\nabla^{2}) U^{t+\Delta t} = \nabla_{\perp}^{2} \left( \nabla^{2} + \frac{2R_{h}}{\Delta t} \right) (-\nabla^{2}) U^{t} + 3H^{t} - H^{t-\Delta t}$$
$$U^{t+\Delta t} = 0, \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial r} U^{t+\Delta t} = 0, \qquad W^{t+\Delta t} = \sin \theta \cos \varphi \qquad (\text{on } r = 1)$$

### Numerical Scheme (Spatial Differentiation)

Fourier – Legendre – Jacobi Expansion32×42×85dealiased

$$U^{t}(r,\theta,\varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} \sum_{j=1}^{[(N-l+1)/2]} \widetilde{U}^{t}_{jlm} \Phi^{l}_{k}(r) \breve{P}^{|m|}_{l}(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi}$$
$$W^{t}(r,\theta,\varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} \sum_{j=1}^{[(N-l+1)/2]} \widetilde{W}^{t}_{jlm} \Phi^{l}_{k}(r) \breve{P}^{|m|}_{l}(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi}$$

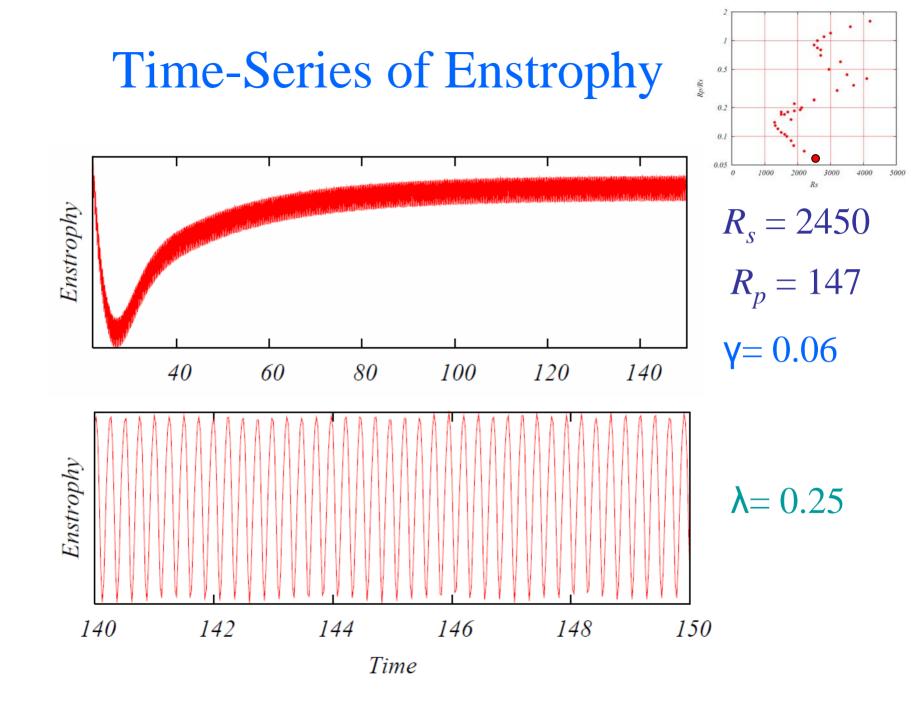
$$\frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}r}\left((1-r^2)r^2\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}r}\right)\Phi_k^l - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}\Phi_k^l + k(k+3)\Phi_k^l = 0$$
$$(0 \le r \le 1, \ 0 \le l \le k, \ k+l = \mathrm{even})$$

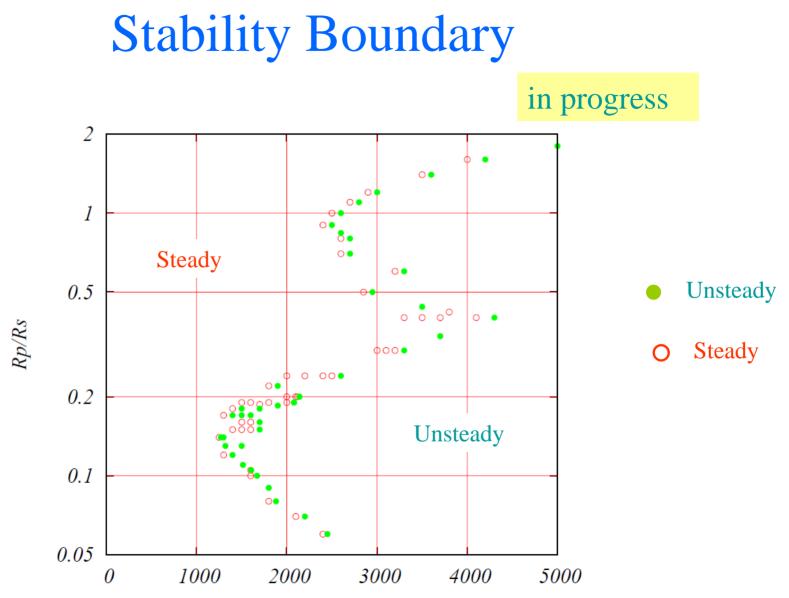
**Orthogonal Relation** 

$$\int_0^1 \Phi_n^l(r) \Phi_{n'}^l(r) r^2 \mathrm{d}r = \delta_{nn'}$$

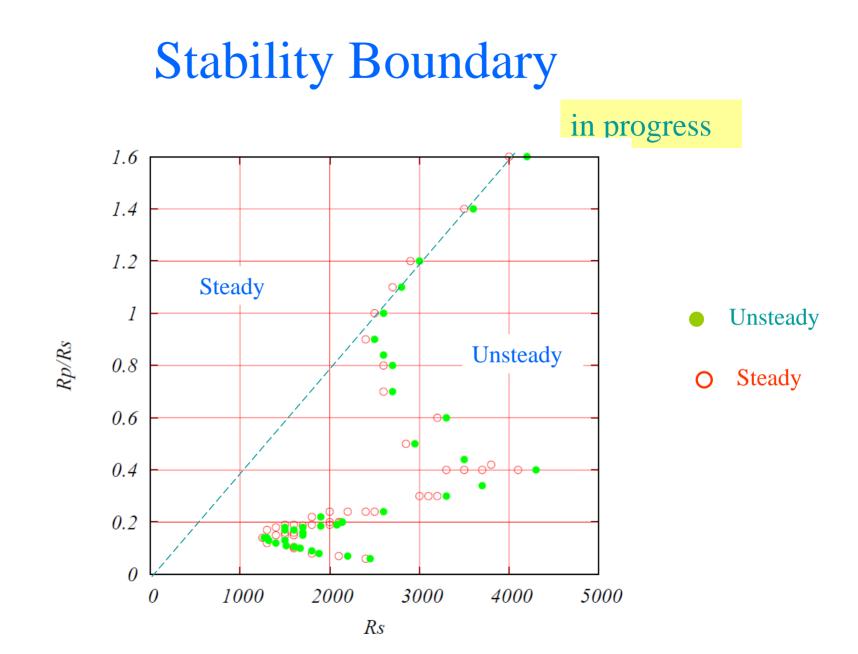
Matsushima & Marcus (1995)

### Poloidal / Toroidal Equations

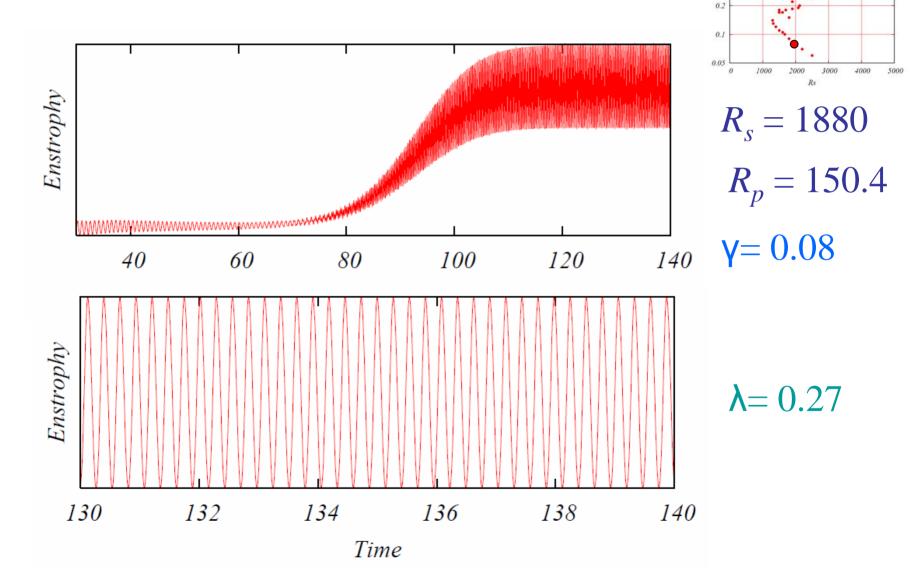




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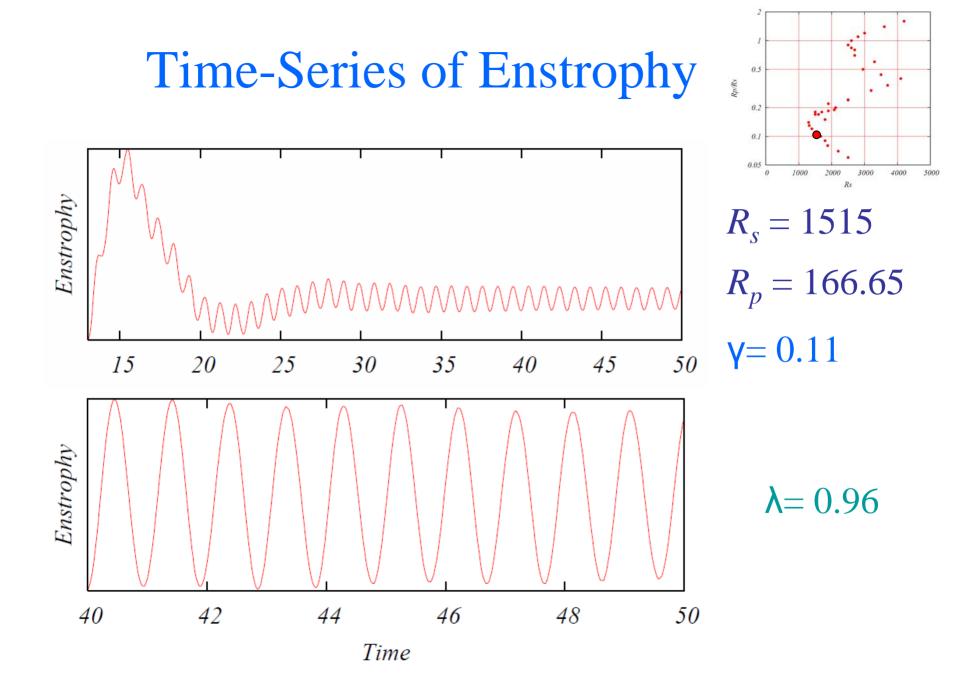


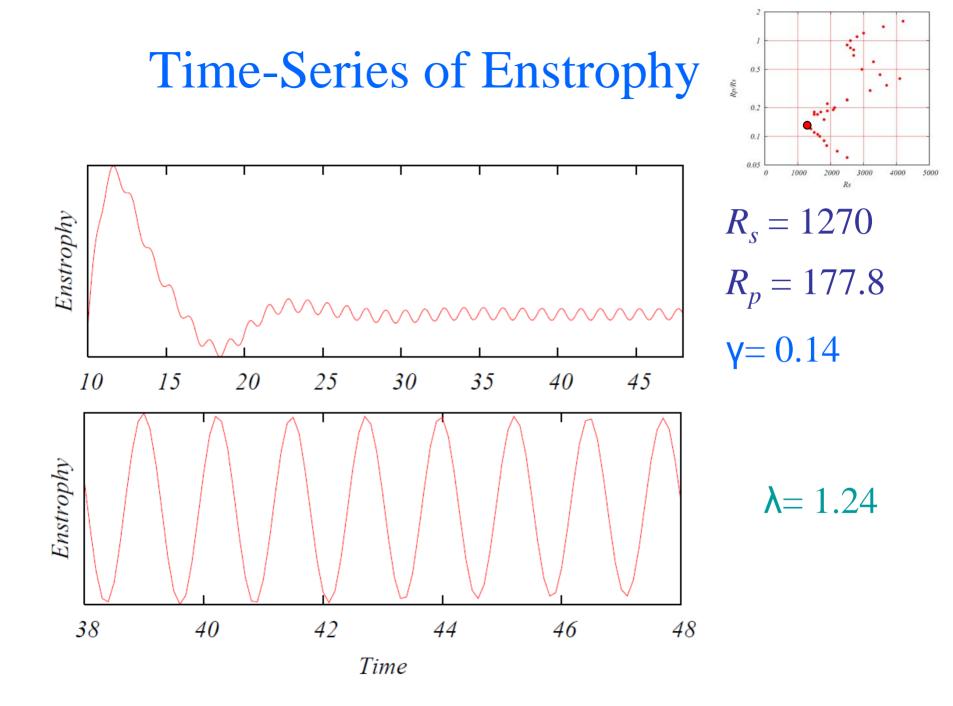
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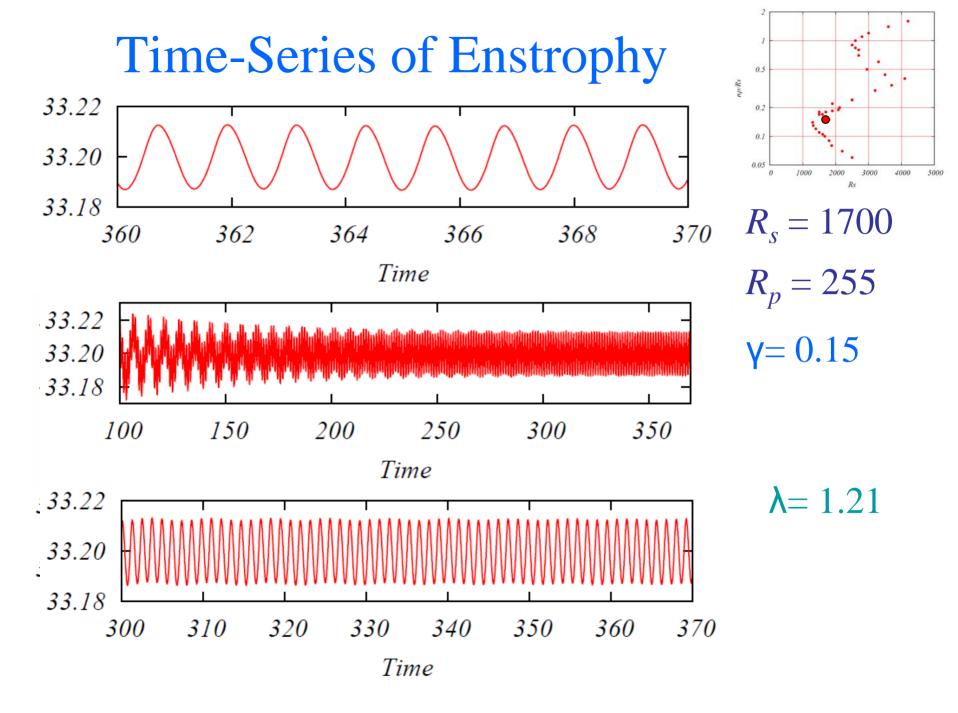


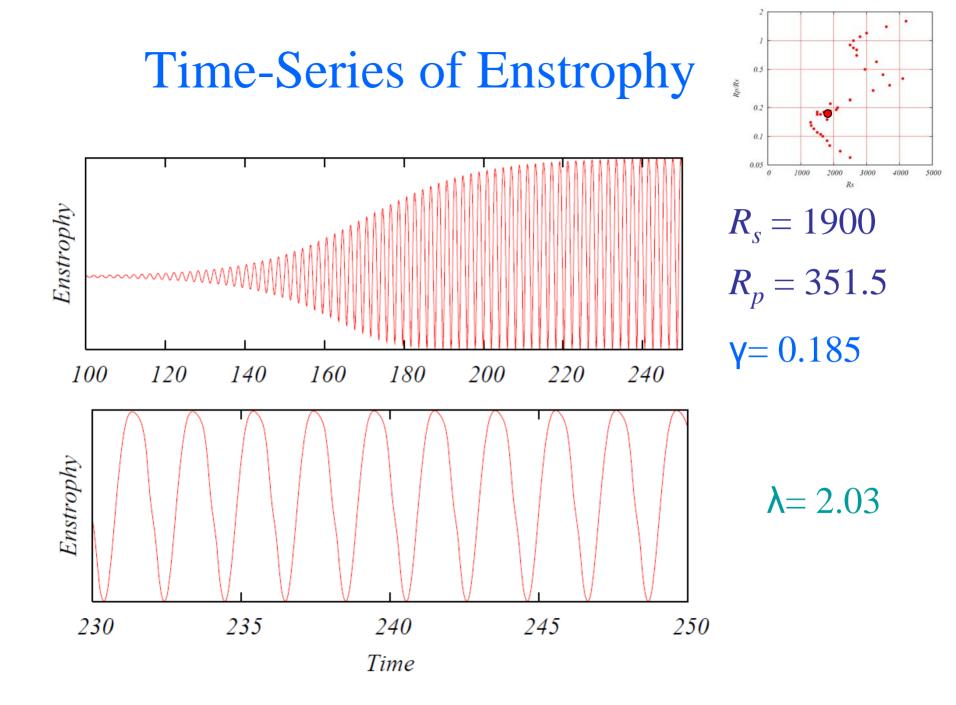
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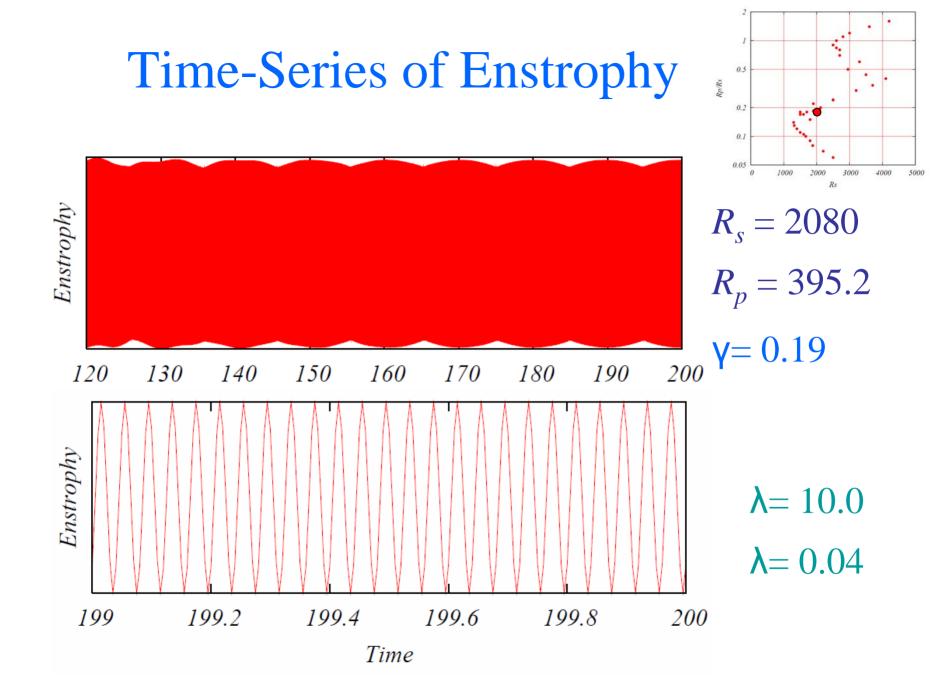
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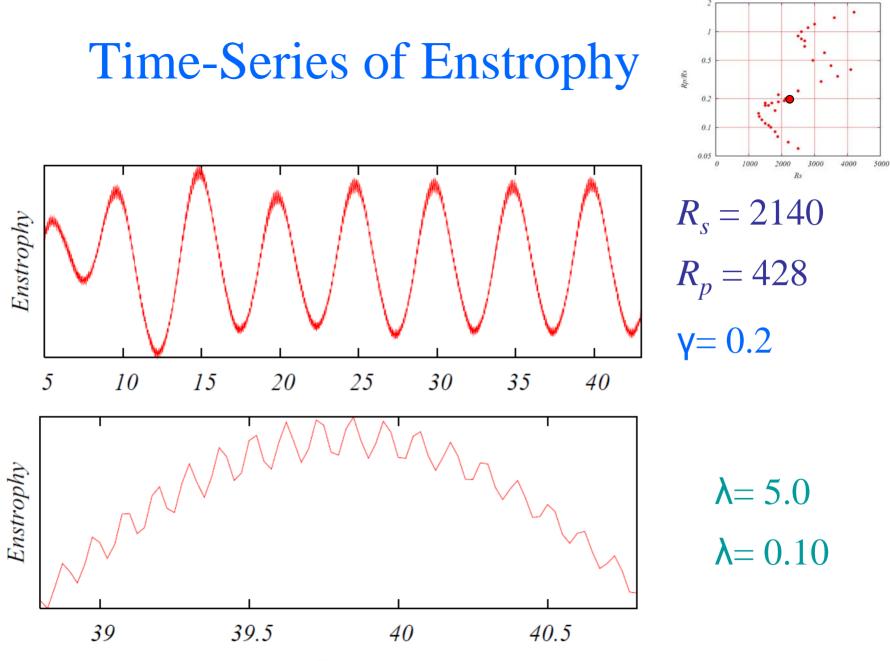




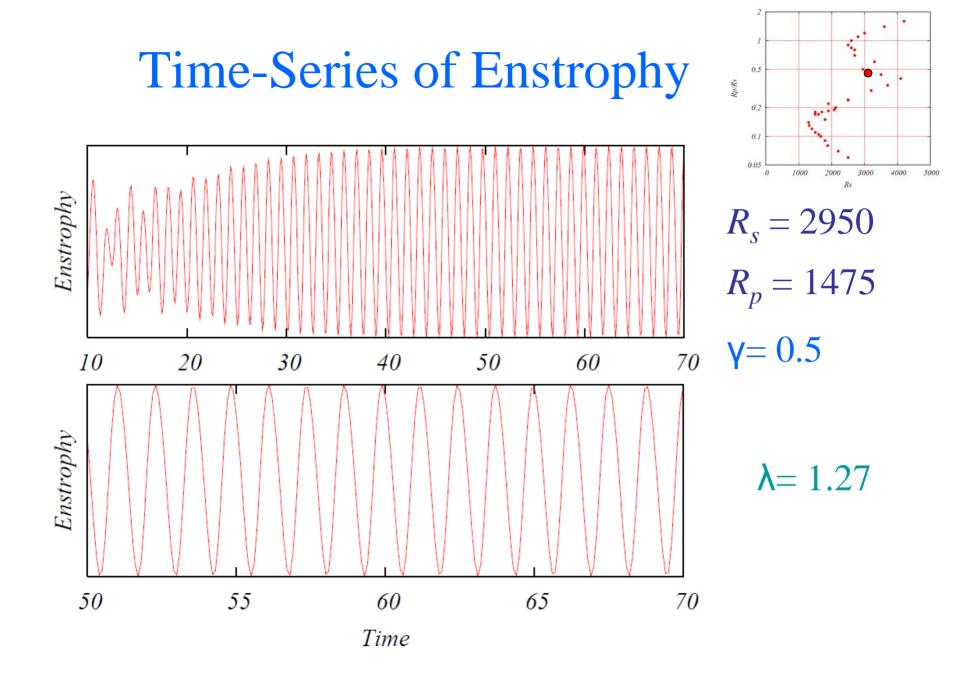


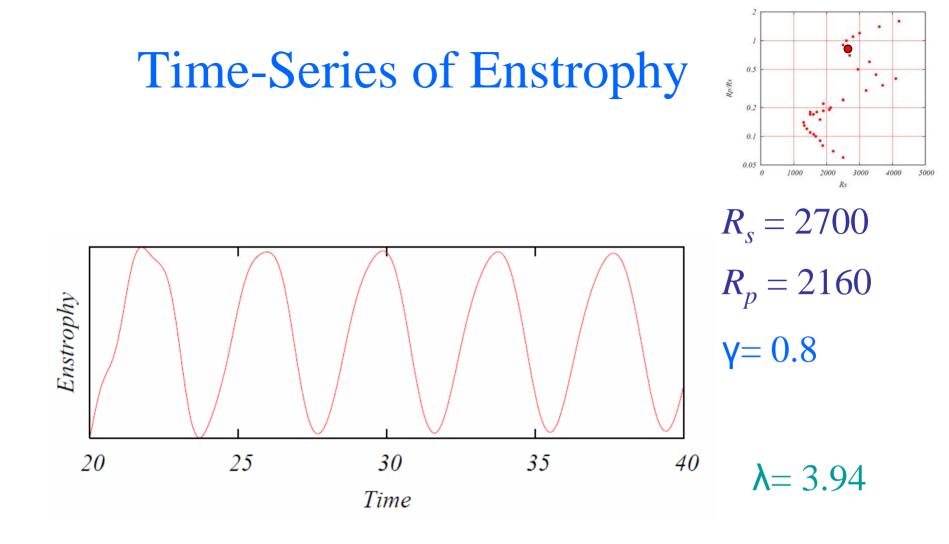


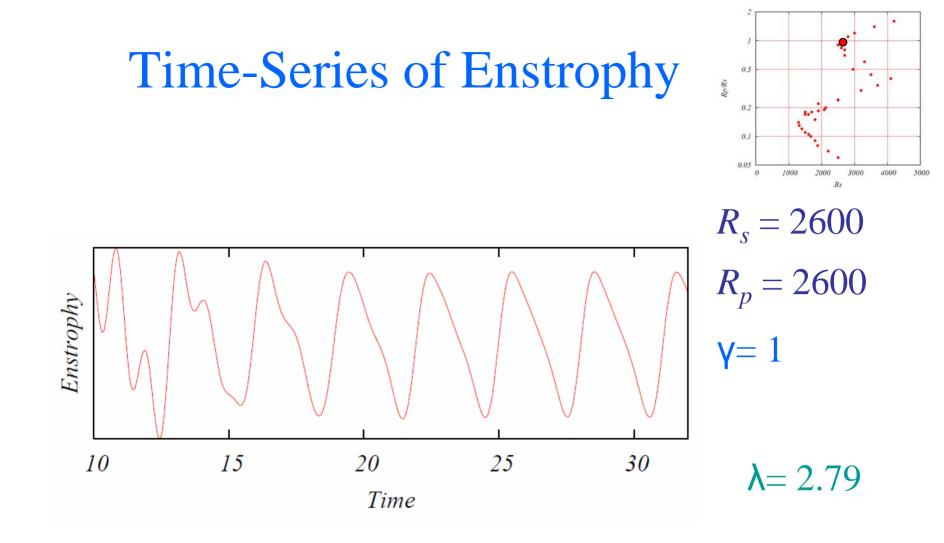


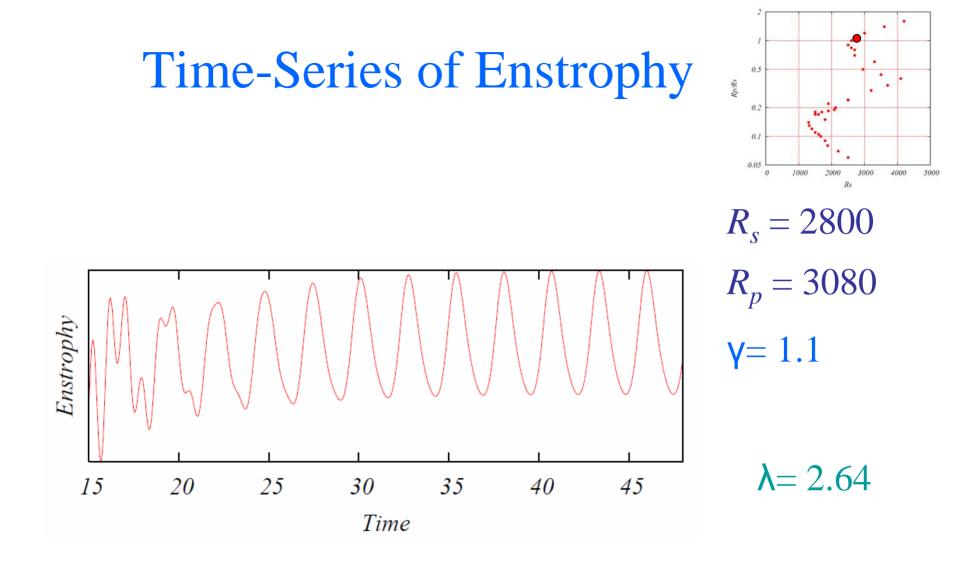


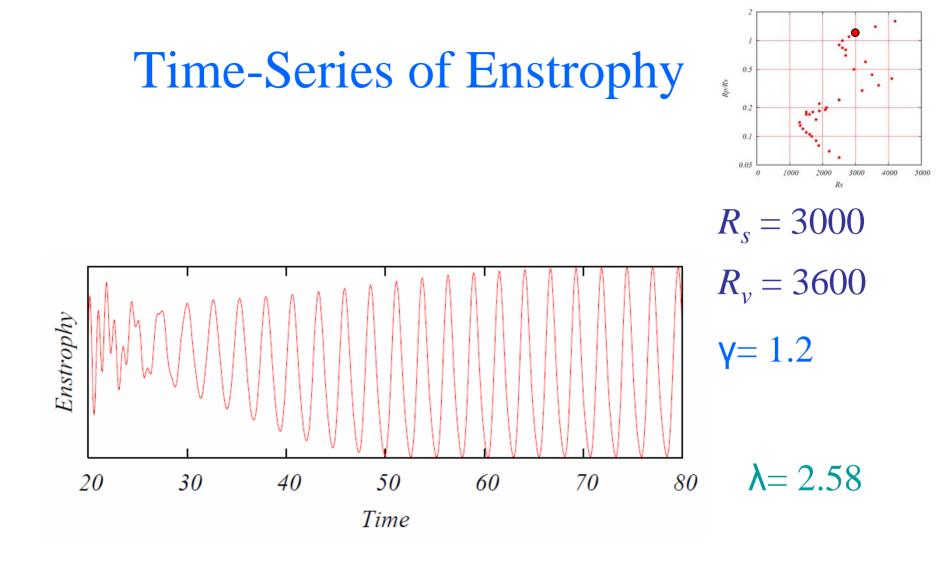
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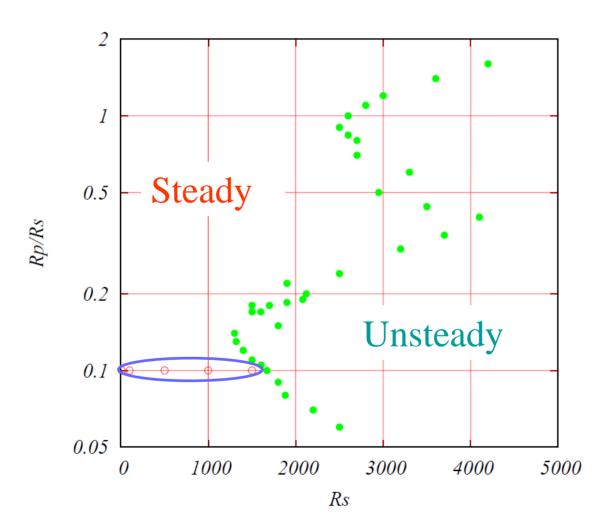
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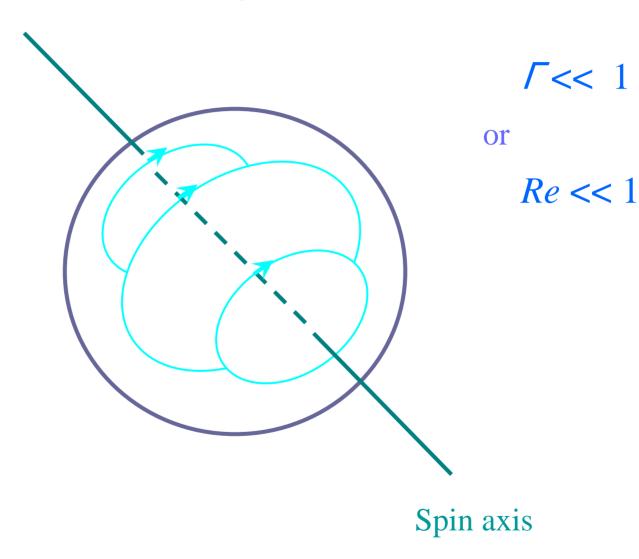
# Flow Structure

Steady States

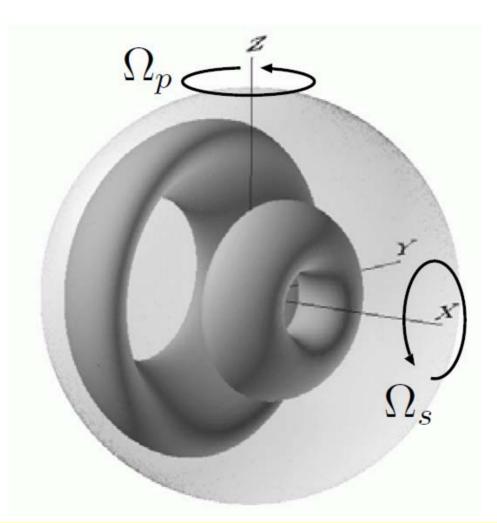
# **Stability Curve**



# Solid-Body Rotation



### Streamline Tori

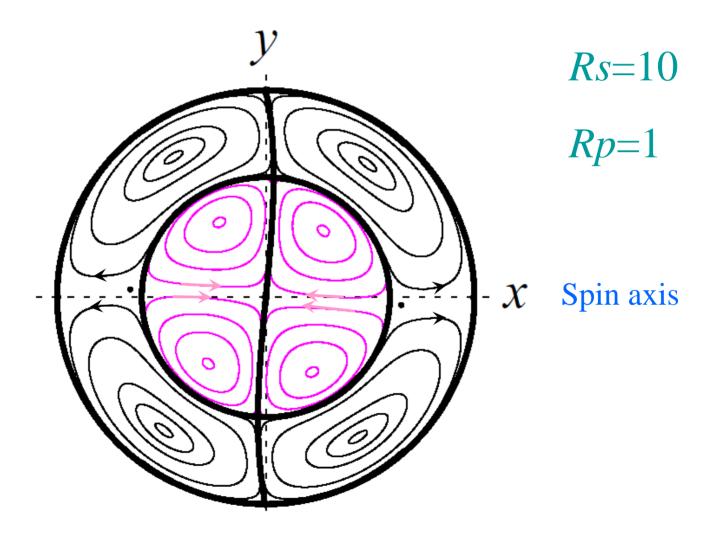


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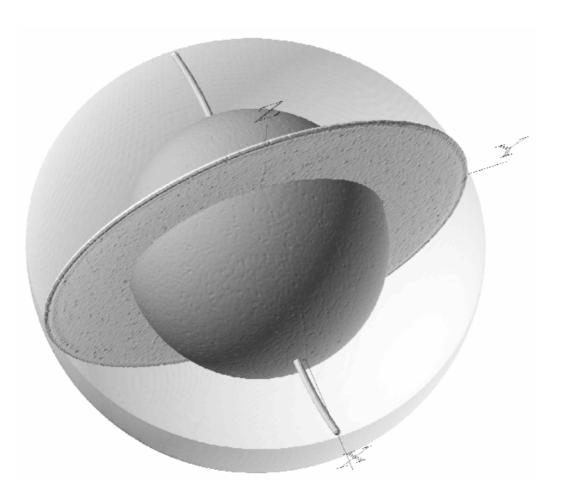
*Rp*=1

The whole surface of a torus is covered by a single streamline.

# **Cross-Section of Streamline Tori**

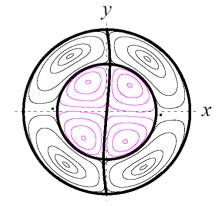


# Separatrix Surfaces

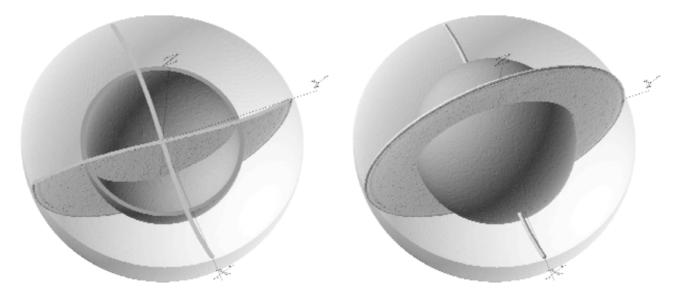


Rs=10

*Rp*=1



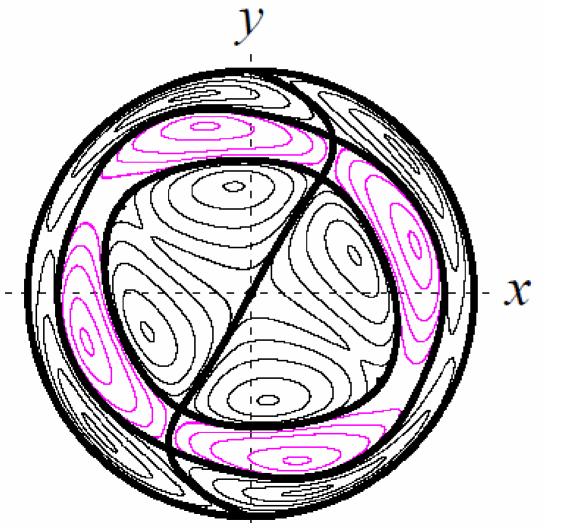
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*Rs*=10

*Rp*=1

### **Cross-Section of Streamline Tori**

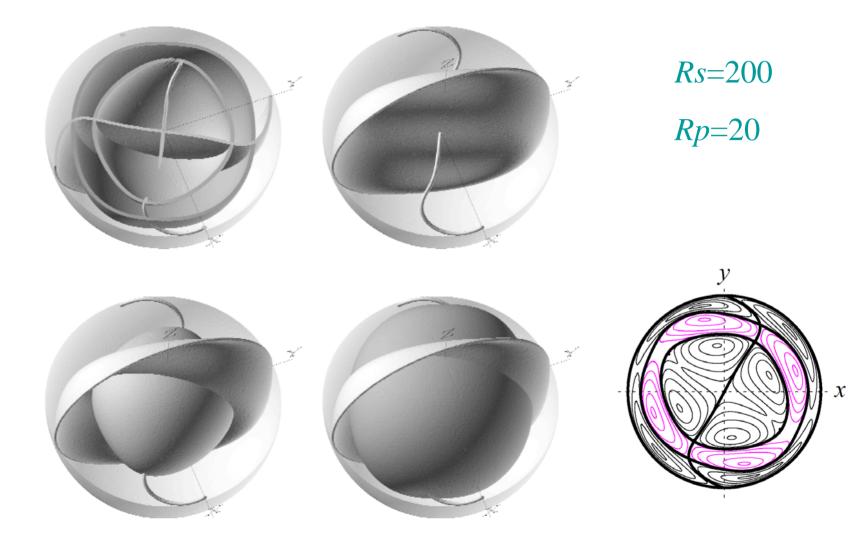


Rs = 200

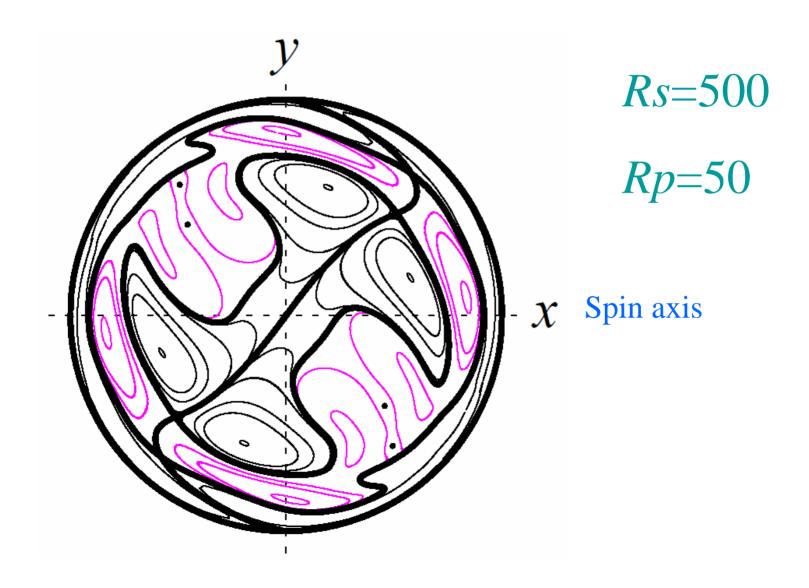
*Rp*=20

#### Spin axis

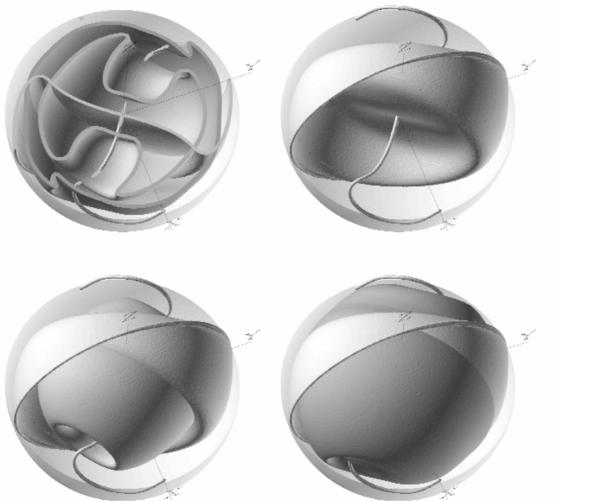
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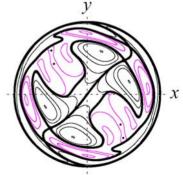
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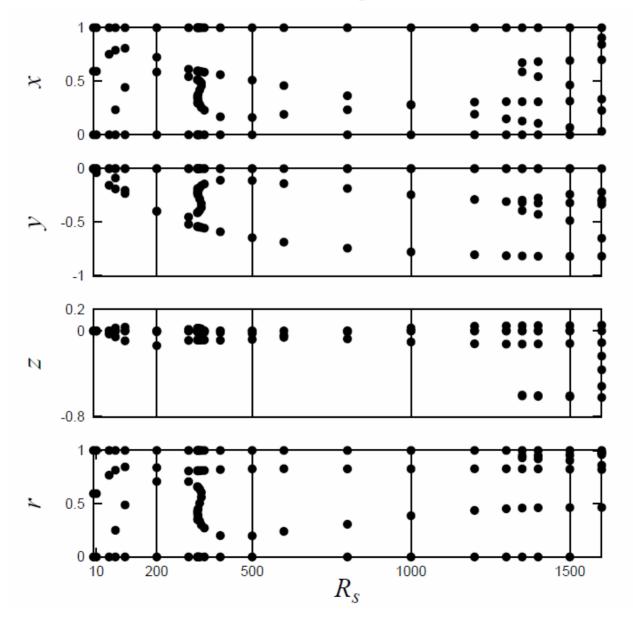
# Separatrix Surfaces



*Rs*=500 *Rp*=50



## Location of Stagnation Points



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# Asymptotic Analysis

In the double limit of small Reynolds numbers and large times

$$R_s \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial t} = R_s \boldsymbol{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - 2\Gamma R_s \hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \times \boldsymbol{u} - R_s \nabla P + \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}$$

$$P = p + \frac{1}{2} |\boldsymbol{u}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \Gamma^2 (\boldsymbol{r} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{z}})^2$$

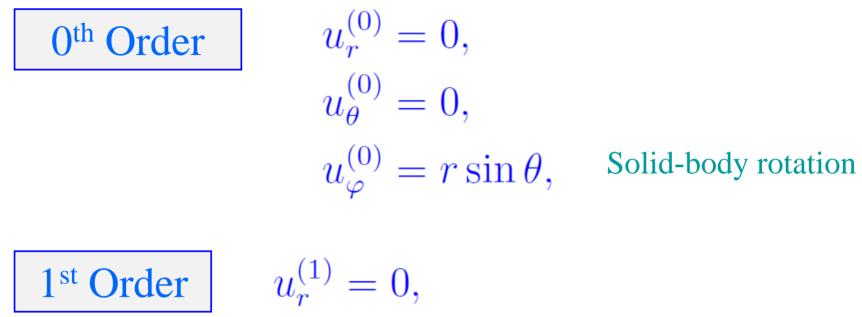
$$\Gamma = \frac{R_p}{R_s} = \frac{\Omega_p}{\Omega_s} = O(1)$$

$$\overline{R_s} \ll 1 \quad R_p \ll 1$$

$$\boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{u}^{(0)} + R_s \boldsymbol{u}^{(1)} + R_s^2 \boldsymbol{u}^{(2)} + \cdots,$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(0)} + R_s \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(1)} + R_s^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(2)} + \cdots,$$

$$P = P^{(0)} + R_s P^{(1)} + R_s^2 P^{(2)} + \cdots$$



$$u_r^{(1)} = 0,$$
  

$$u_{\theta}^{(1)} = \frac{\Gamma}{10} (1 - r^2) r \sin \varphi,$$
  

$$u_{\varphi}^{(1)} = \frac{\Gamma}{10} (1 - r^2) r \cos \theta \cos \varphi,$$

Differential rotation around y-axis

2<sup>nd</sup> Order

 $u_r^{(2)} = \frac{\Gamma}{420} r(1 - r^2)^2 \sin \theta \cos \varphi (\Gamma \sin \theta \sin \varphi + \cos \theta),$ 

$$u_{\theta}^{(2)} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2520} r(7r^2 - 3)(1 - r^2)(\Gamma \sin 2\theta \sin \varphi + \cos 2\theta) \cos \varphi,$$

$$u_{\varphi}^{(2)} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2520}r(7r^2 - 3)(1 - r^2)(\Gamma\sin\theta\cos2\varphi - \cos\theta\sin\varphi)$$

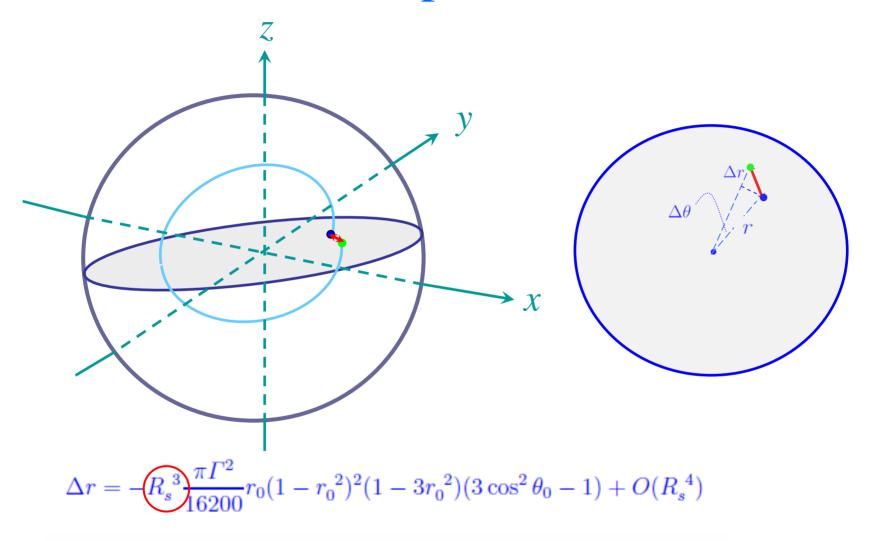
$$-\frac{\Gamma^2}{1400}r(9-5r^2)(1-r^2)\sin\theta$$

3<sup>rd</sup> Order

$$\begin{split} u_r^{(3)} &= \left[ \frac{\Gamma^3 (58 - 15r^2)}{623700} + \frac{\Gamma (5 - 3r^2)}{249480} \right] r (1 - r^2)^2 \sin 2\theta \sin \varphi \\ &+ \frac{\Gamma^2 (10 - 3r^2) r (1 - r^2)^2}{113400} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \\ &- \frac{\Gamma^2 (148 - 69r^2) r (1 - r^2)^2}{1247400} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\varphi, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \boxed{\mathbf{3^{rd} Order}} u_{\theta}^{(3)} = -\frac{\Gamma^3}{249480} r^3 (1-r^2) (13-9r^2) \sin^2 \theta \sin 3\varphi \\ \\ -\frac{\Gamma^3}{12474000} r (1-r^2) (4884-4555r^2+1275r^4) \sin \varphi \\ \\ +\frac{\Gamma^3}{2494800} r (1-r^2) (232-663r^2+195r^4) \cos 2\theta \sin \varphi \\ \\ -\frac{\Gamma^2}{2494800} r (1-r^2) (148-287r^2+87r^4) \sin 2\theta \cos 2\varphi \\ \\ -\frac{\Gamma^2}{226800} r (1-r^2) (30-85r^2+27r^4) \sin 2\theta \\ \\ -\frac{\Gamma}{2494800} r (1-r^2) (99-250r^2+135r^4) \sin \varphi \\ \\ +\frac{\Gamma}{249480} r (1-r^2)^2 (5-3r^2) \cos 2\theta \sin \varphi, \end{array}$$

#### Poincare Map of Streamline



 $\Delta \theta = \underbrace{R_s^3}_{32400} \frac{\pi \Gamma^2}{(1 - r_0^2)(3 - 22r_0^2 + 27r_0^4)\sin 2\theta_0} + O(R_s^4)$ 

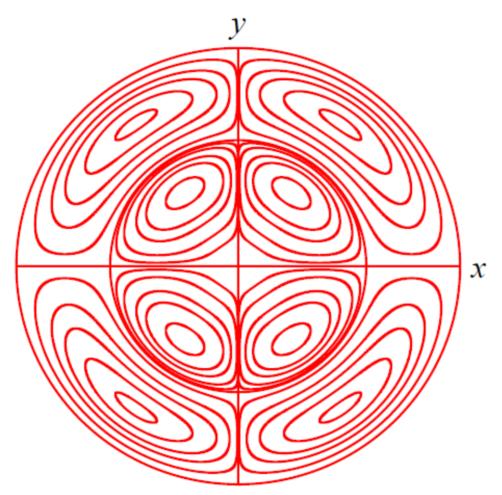
#### **Cross-Section of a Streamline Torus**

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}r}{\mathrm{d}\theta} = -\frac{2r(1-r^2)(1-3r^2)(3\cos^2\theta-1)}{(3-22r^2+27r^4)\sin 2\theta} \qquad \begin{array}{l} R_s \ll 1\\ R_p \ll 1\\ r_0 \to r, \ \theta_0 \to \theta, \ \Delta r/\Delta\theta \to \mathrm{d}r/\mathrm{d}\theta \end{array} \qquad t = O(R_s R_p^{-2})$$

$$r^{3}(1-r^{2})^{2}(\frac{1}{3}-r^{2})(1-\cos^{2}\theta)\cos\theta = \text{const.}$$

$$(1 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)^2 (\frac{1}{3} - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)(y^2 + z^2)x = \text{const.}$$

#### **Cross-Section of a Streamline Torus**

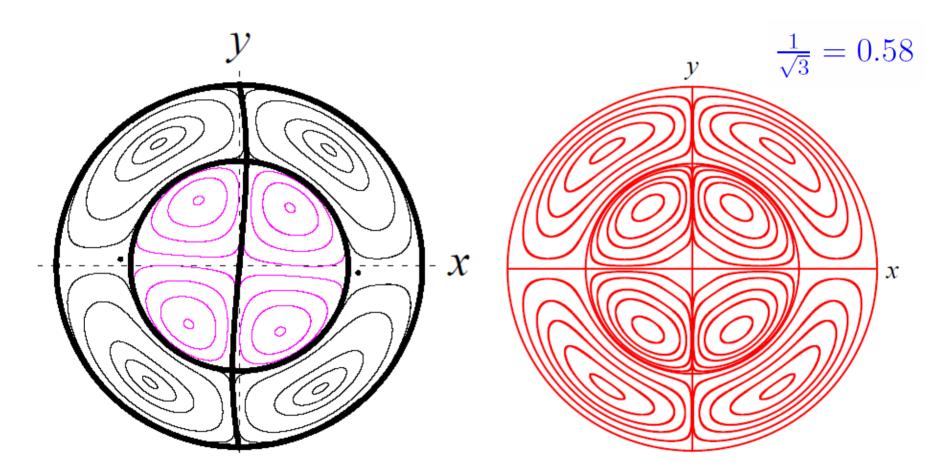


 $R_s \ll 1$  $R_p \ll 1$  $t = O(R_s R_p^{-2})$ 

 $r^{3}(1-r^{2})^{2}(\frac{1}{3}-r^{2})(1-\cos^{2}\theta)\cos\theta = \text{const.}$ 

# Comparison: DNS & Theory

 $R_{s}=10, R_{p}=1$ 



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# Summary

① The state diagram of flows in a precessing sphere was constructed experimentally.

② The stability curve of steady flow was revealed partially by DNS.

③ The toral structure of streamlines was observed by DNS. So far no chaotic streamline has been found.

④ An analytical expression was obtained for the streamline tori in the double limit of small Reynolds numbers and large times.

### **Future Problems**

- ① Complete the stability curve
- ② Clarify the characteristics of critical modes
- ③ Perform the linear stability analysis
- ④ Raise the speed of the numerical code

⑤ Examine the turbulence characteristics, such as intensity, mixing, etc.