

# *Lecture 24*

- SBO observing sessions
- More on mean-field dynamos
- Second sample midterm exam

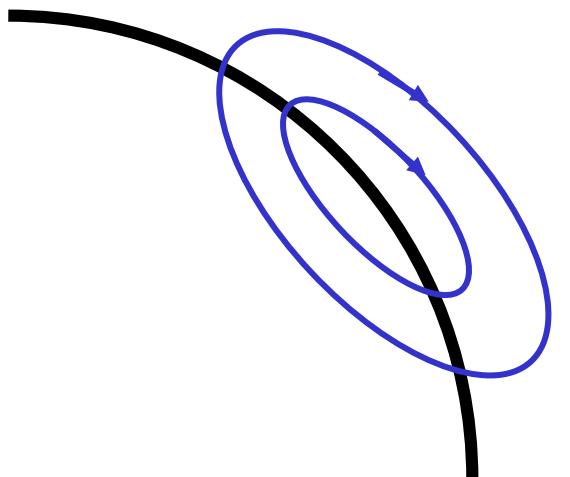
# *Last time*

- SBO observing sessions
- First sample midterm exam
- Questions on HW4

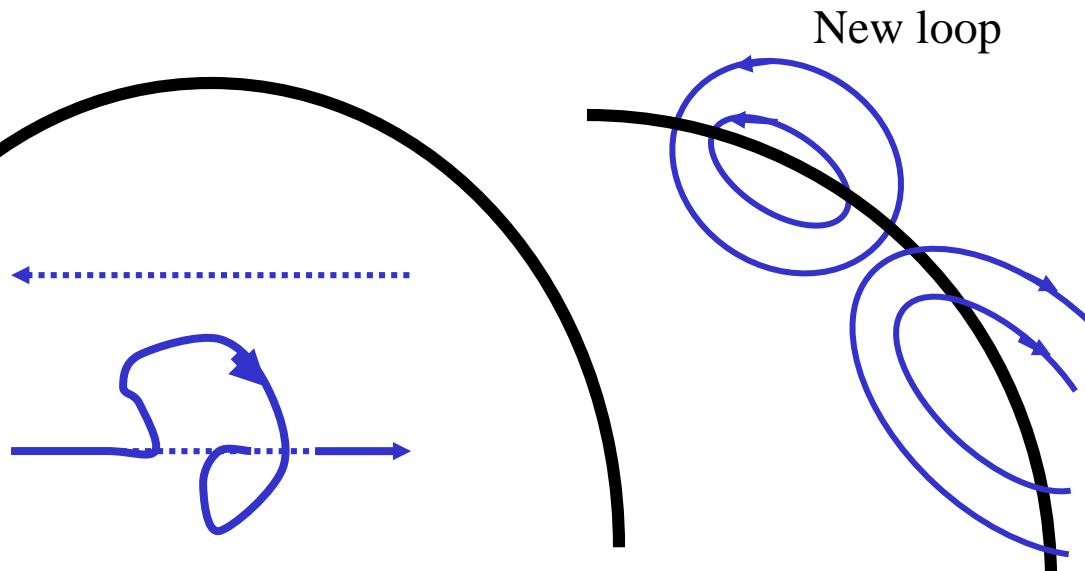
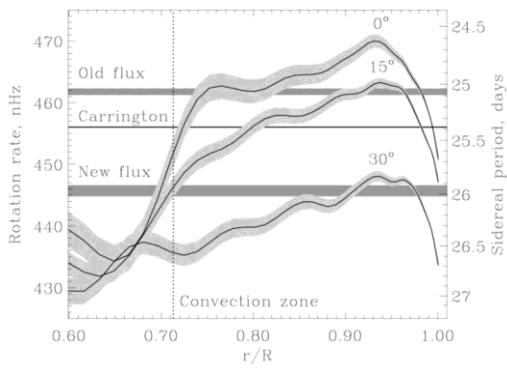
# *Next SBO session*

- Friday 11-12
  - Kyle & Shashank
- Friday 1-2
  - Cathy

# $\alpha$ -effect dynamos (large scale)

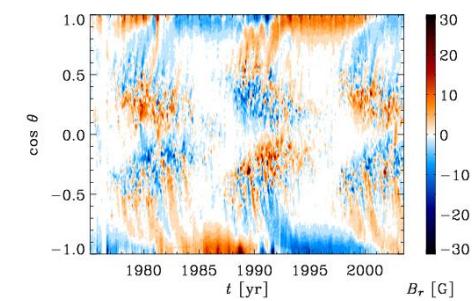
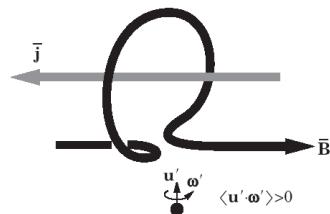


Differential rotation  
(faster inside)



Cyclonic convection;  
Buoyant flux tubes

→  $\alpha$ -effect



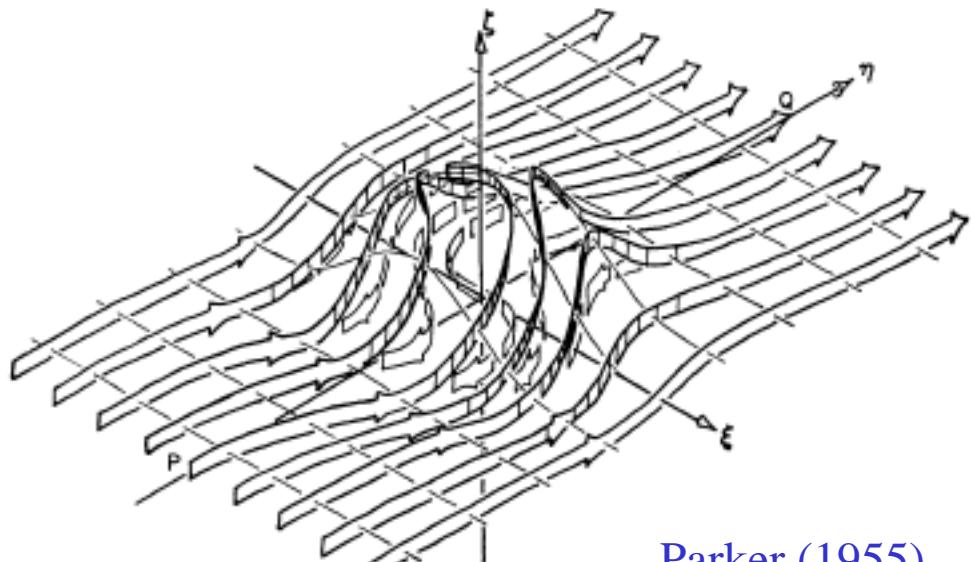
Equatorward  
migration

# The beginnings

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}) + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\bar{\mathbf{U}} \times \bar{\mathbf{B}} + \bar{\mathbf{u}} \times \bar{\mathbf{b}}) + \eta \nabla^2 \bar{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \bar{\mathbf{U}} + \mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \bar{\mathbf{B}} + \mathbf{b}$$



Parker (1955)

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{H}^t} = \gamma \mu \sigma \overline{\mathbf{v}^2} L^2 \left\{ - \frac{1}{3} \nabla (\log \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^2}) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{H}} - \right. \\ \left. - \frac{4T}{15} [4 \bar{\mathbf{H}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} \nabla (\log \rho \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^2}) - (\bar{\mathbf{H}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}) \nabla (\log \rho \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^2}) - \right. \\ \left. - \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{H}} \nabla (\log \rho \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^2})] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Steenbeck, Krause, & Rädler (1966)

# $\alpha^2$ dynamo (no shear)

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\alpha \bar{\mathbf{B}}) + \eta_T \nabla^2 \bar{\mathbf{B}}$$

1-D case

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \bar{B}_x}{\partial t} &= -\alpha \frac{\partial \bar{B}_y}{\partial z} + \eta_T \frac{\partial^2 \bar{B}_x}{\partial z^2} \\ \frac{\partial \bar{B}_y}{\partial t} &= +\alpha \frac{\partial \bar{B}_x}{\partial z} + \eta_T \frac{\partial^2 \bar{B}_y}{\partial z^2}\end{aligned}$$

Dispersion relation

$$\lambda \hat{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\eta_T k^2 & -i\alpha k_z & 0 \\ i\alpha k_z & -\eta_T k^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\eta_T k^2 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{B}}$$
$$\eta_T k^2 ((\lambda + \eta_T k^2)^2 - (\alpha k)^2) = 0$$

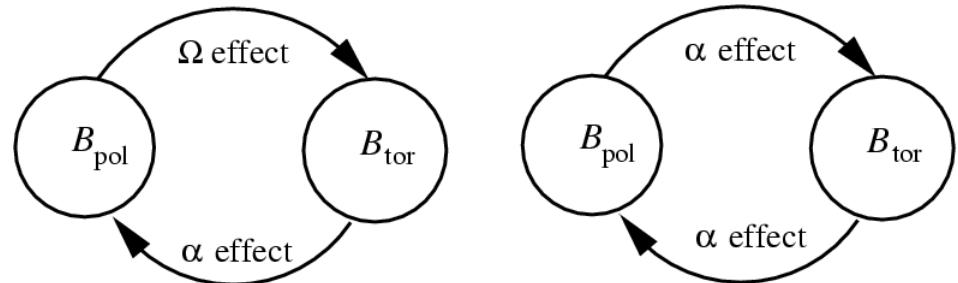
$$\lambda = -\eta_T k^2 \pm |\alpha k|$$

non-oscillatory  
exponential growth

# $\alpha\Omega$ dynamo

$$\frac{\partial \bar{B}_x}{\partial t} = -\alpha \frac{\partial \bar{B}_y}{\partial z} + \eta_T \frac{\partial^2 \bar{B}_x}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{B}_y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \bar{U}_y}{\partial x} \bar{B}_x + \eta_T \frac{\partial^2 \bar{B}_y}{\partial z^2}$$



$$\lambda \hat{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\eta_T k^2 & -i\alpha k_z & 0 \\ \bar{U}_y' & -\eta_T k^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\eta_T k^2 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= -\eta_T k^2 \pm \sqrt{i k \alpha \bar{U}_y'} \\ &= -\eta_T k^2 \pm (1+i) \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} k \alpha \bar{U}_y'} \end{aligned}$$

oscillatory  
traveling wave  
exponential growth

# *What we learned*

- More on mean-field dynamos
- Second sample midterm exam