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プラズマ中の磁気拡散と  
磁気リコネクションへの応用

Some remarks on the diffusion regions  
in magnetic reconnection

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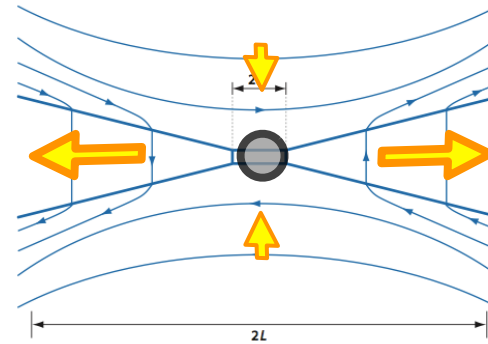
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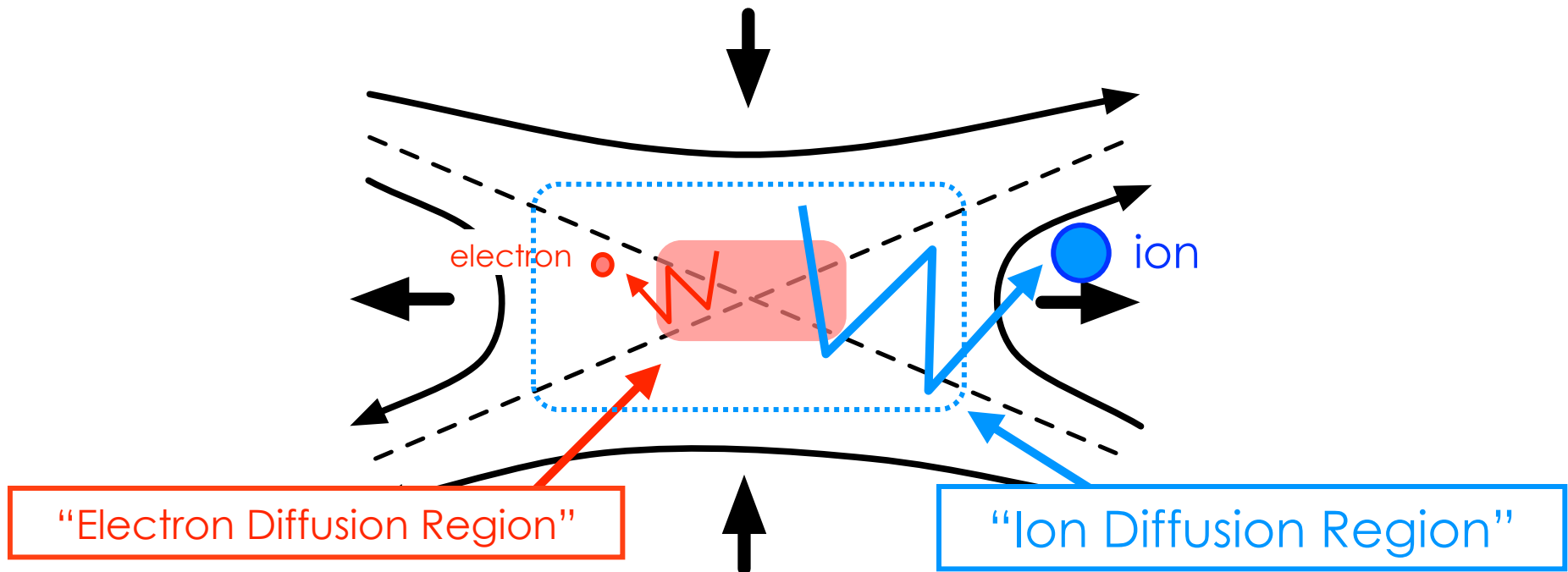
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# Diffusion region

- Central engine of magnetic reconnection



- Kinetic plasma: two-scale diffusion regions



# Diffusion region?

- Plasma nonidealness

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_s \times \mathbf{B} \neq 0$$

- Maximum flow speed,  $v_{e,\max}$   
(Daughton+ 2006, Fujimoto 2006...)

- Electric current,  $J$

- Parallel electric field  $E_{\parallel} \neq 0$

- Plasma inertial effect (Klimas+ 2010)

$$E_y^* = - \left[ \frac{1}{en_e} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_e + \frac{m_e}{e} \mathbf{v}_e \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}_e \right]_y > 0.$$

- Energy transfer in the electron's moving frame (Zenitani+ 2011, Birn & Hesse 2005)

$$D_e = J_{\mu} F^{\mu\nu} u_{e\nu} = \gamma_e [\mathbf{j} \cdot (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_e \times \mathbf{B}) - \rho_c (\mathbf{v}_e \cdot \mathbf{E})]$$

- Anisotropy in velocity distribution function and GCT parameters (Scudder & Daughton 2008)
  - Thermal Mach number
  - Ratio of the forces on the fluid

Dog?



# Dog!



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$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_s \times \mathbf{B} \neq 0$$

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= The place where  
magnetic diffusion  
takes place.

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Question:

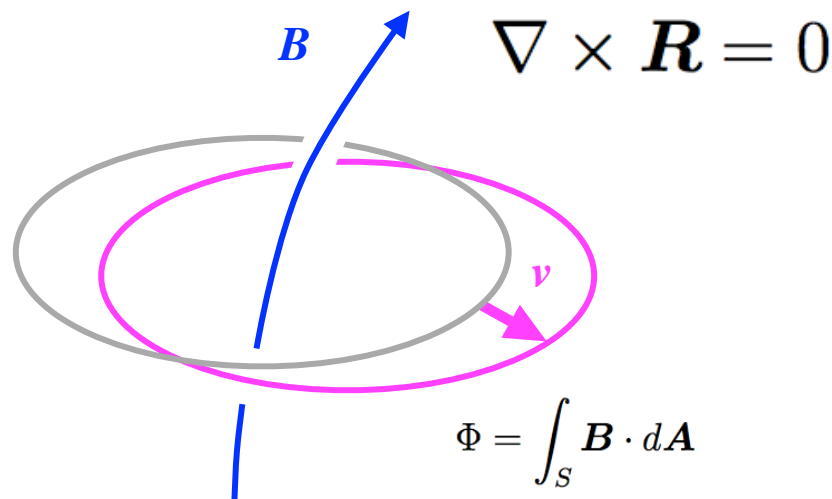
What is magnetic diffusion?

# Magnetic diffusion

- Ohm's law

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{R}$$

Frozen-in condition  
(Flux preservation)



Magnetic diffusion

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \nabla \times \mathbf{R} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \eta \mathbf{j}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{\eta}{\mu_0} \Delta \mathbf{B} = 0$$

Finite frozen-in term  
relaxes to zero  $\nabla \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow 0$   
(relaxation to the frozen-in state)

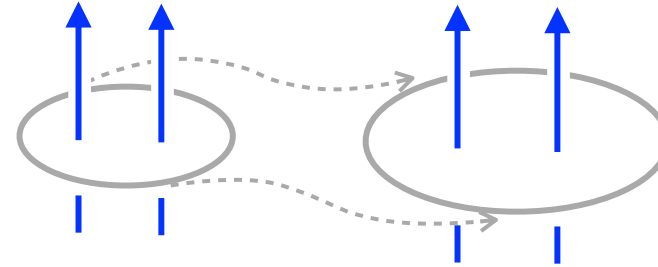


# Violation of the frozen-in condition

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{R}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{R} \neq 0$$

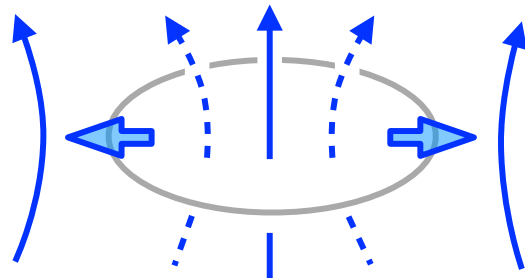
(a)  $\nabla \times \mathbf{R} = 0$



Frozen-in condition  
(Flux preservation)

Newcomb 1958  
Stern 1966

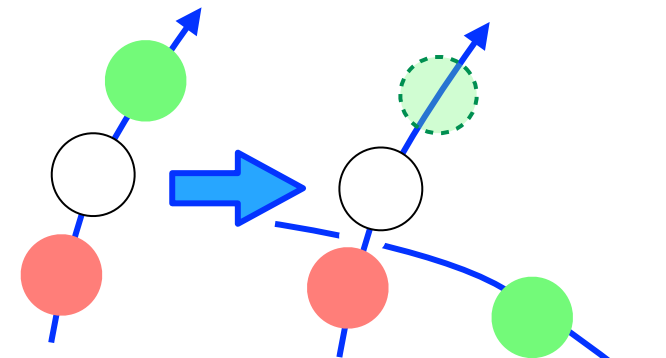
(b)  $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{R}) \neq 0$



Magnetic loss or gain

SZ & Umeda 2014

(c)  $\mathbf{b} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{R}) \neq 0$



Disconnection  
(Line preservation)

Newcomb 1958

# Diffusion region

- Induction equation

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{R}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \nabla \times \mathbf{R} = 0$$

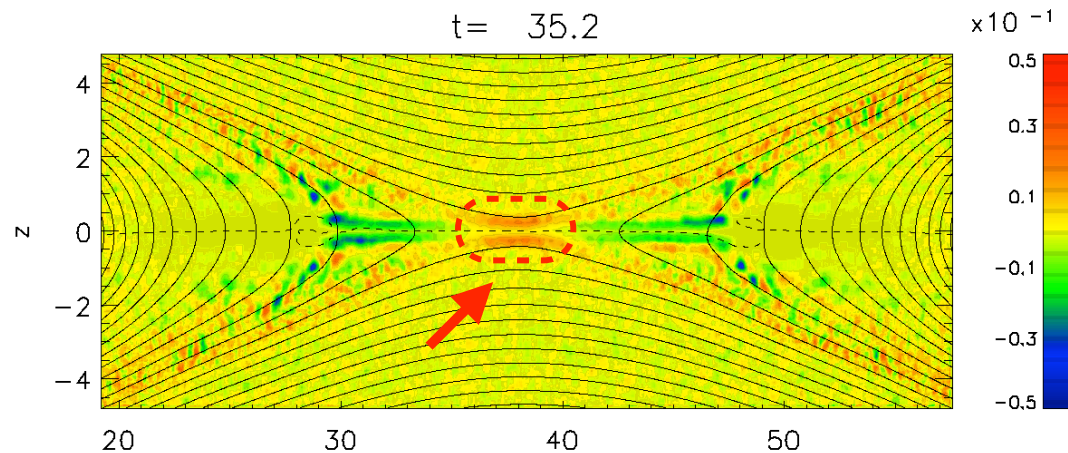
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) - \alpha_{\text{eff}} \Delta \mathbf{B} = 0$$

- Ad-hoc diffusion coefficient

$$\alpha = - \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{R})}{\mathbf{b} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{B}}$$

- Generalized magnetic diffusion

$$\alpha > 0$$

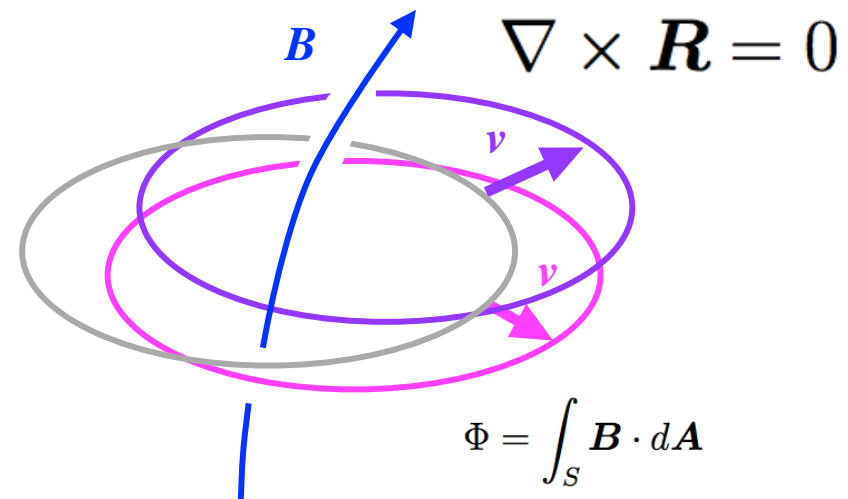


# Again, frozen-in

- Arbitrary Ohm's law

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v})$$

Frozen-in condition  
(Flux preservation)



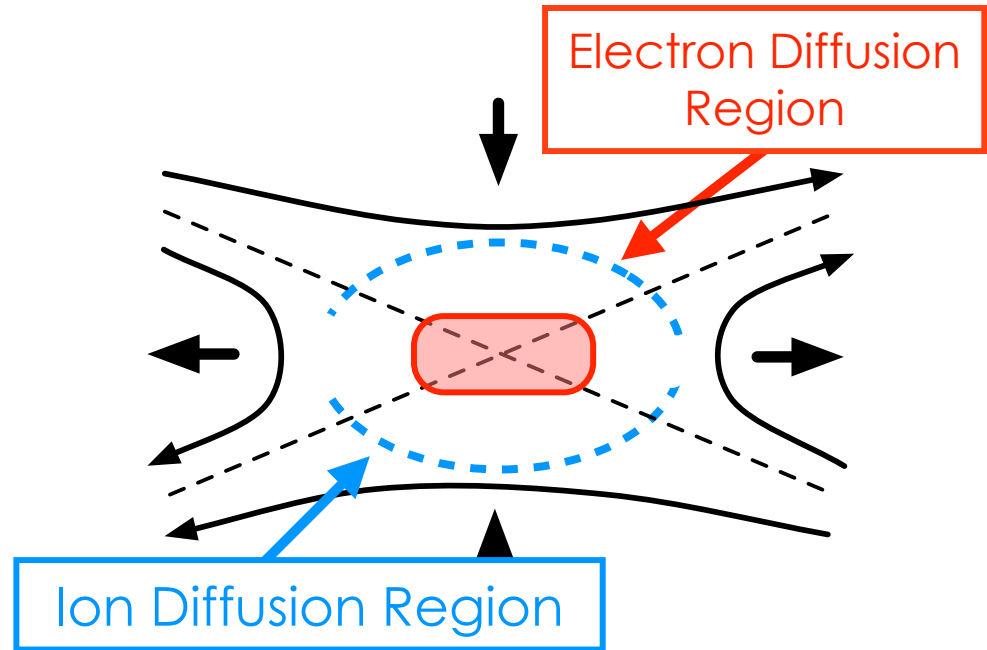
Frozen-in and all other concepts are relative concepts that depend on a reference velocity field  $\mathbf{v}$

# Two-scale diffusion regions

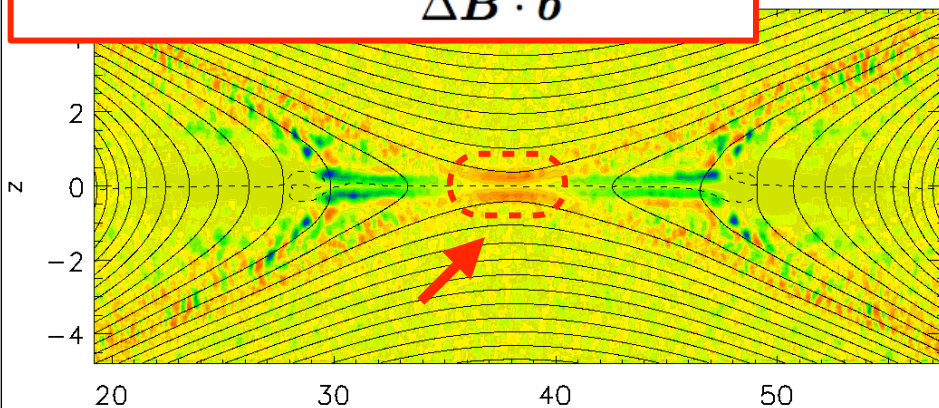
$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{R}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \nabla \times \mathbf{R} = 0$$

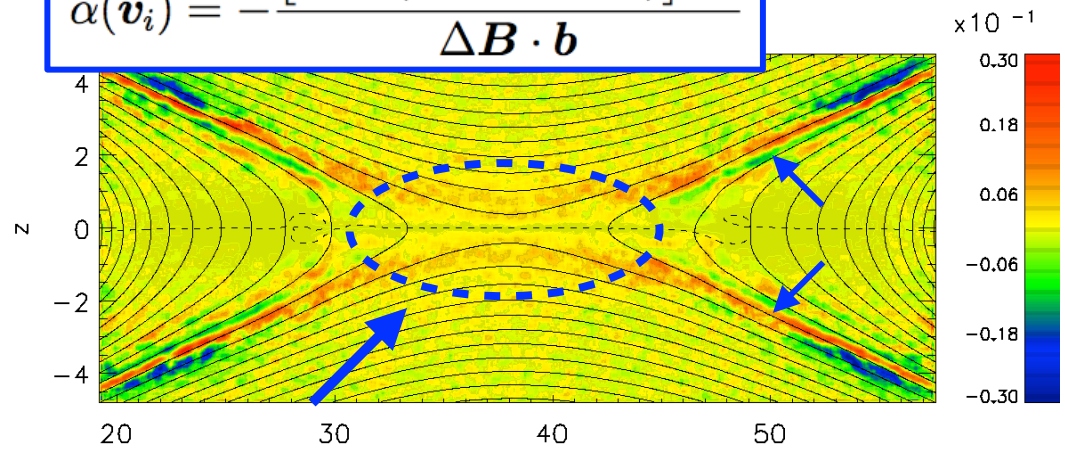
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) - \alpha_{\text{eff}} \Delta \mathbf{B} = 0$$



$$\alpha(\mathbf{v}_e) = - \frac{[\nabla \times (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_e \times \mathbf{B})] \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\Delta \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{b}}$$



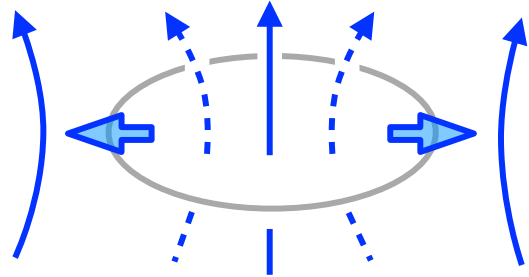
$$\alpha(\mathbf{v}_i) = - \frac{[\nabla \times (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_i \times \mathbf{B})] \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\Delta \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{b}}$$



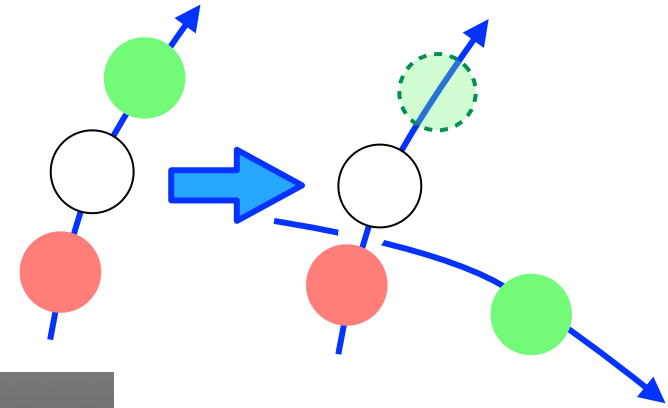
2D PIC simulations

# Discussion (1/2): Is the diffusion region essential for reconnection?

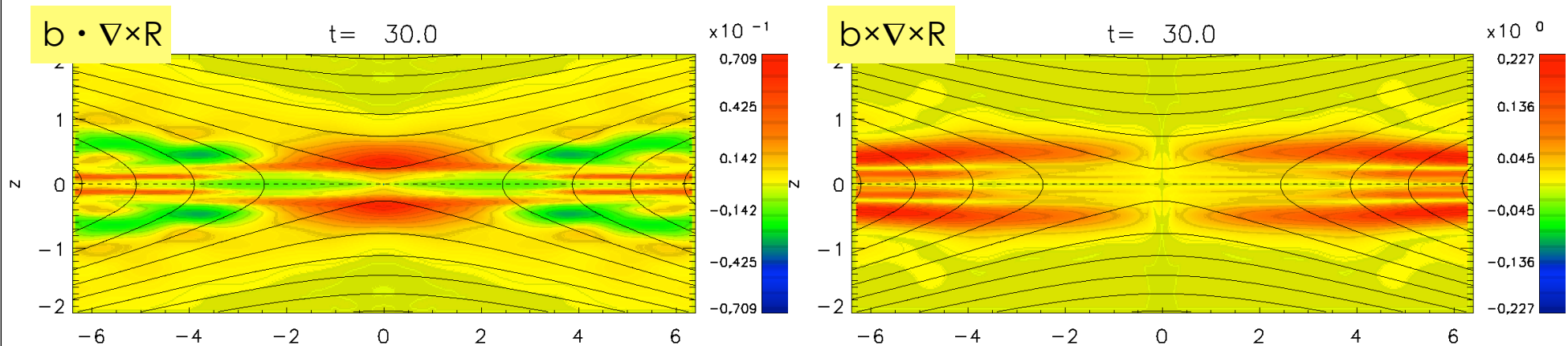
(b)  $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{R}) \neq 0$



(c)  $\mathbf{b} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{R}) \neq 0$



• Totally unclear



Vlasov simulations

## Discussion (2/2): ambipolar diffusion

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \left[ V_n \times B - \frac{J \times B}{en_e} + \frac{(J \times B) \times B}{cV_{ni}\rho_n} - \frac{4\pi\eta}{c} J \right]$$

Advection

Hall

Ambipolar

Resistive

( $V_e - V_i$ )

( $V_n - V_i$ )

*from Isobe-san's slide*

- Is it magnetic diffusion?
  - **No**. No guarantee.
- Is it diffusion?
  - **Yes**. Diffusion of charged-particles takes place.

# Summary

- Generalized magnetic diffusion
  - Field-aligned component of the flux frozen-in term
- Diffusion region
  - Can be defined, but unclear role in reconnection

- Fundamental concepts

- Ohm's law  $\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{R}$
- Idealness  $\mathbf{R}$
- Flux frozen-in  $\nabla \times \mathbf{R}$
- Line preservation  $\mathbf{b} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{R})$

new Magnetic loss  $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{R})$

new Magnetic diffusion  $\nabla \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow 0 \quad \alpha > 0$

other work Magnetic dissipation  $D_e \approx \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{R} \gtrsim 0$