

# **Bounds on the attractor dimension for Low- $Rm$ MHD turbulence between walls**

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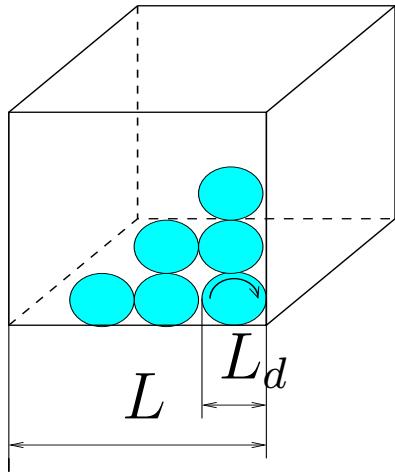
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$$\forall m \leq M \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |c_m - d_m| = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = 0$$

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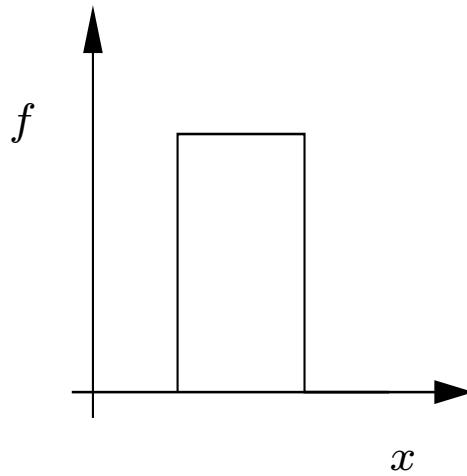
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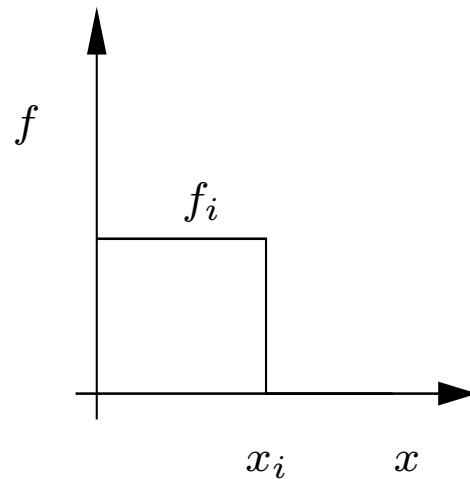
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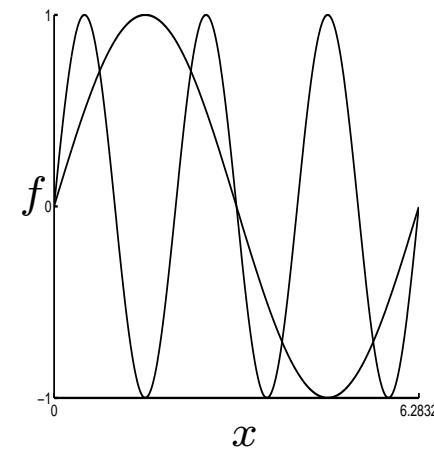
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2 modes needed



loads needed !

# Plan

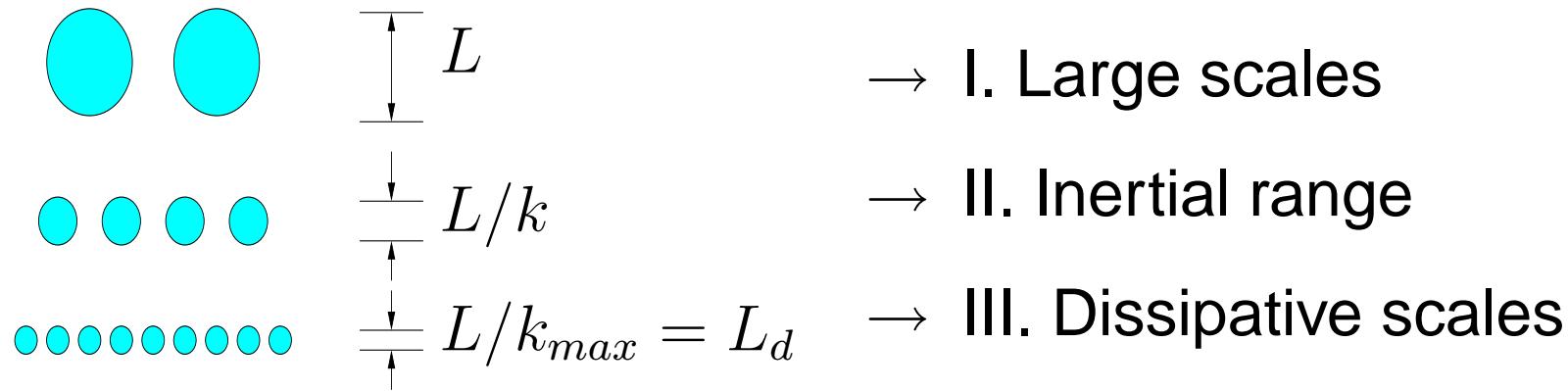
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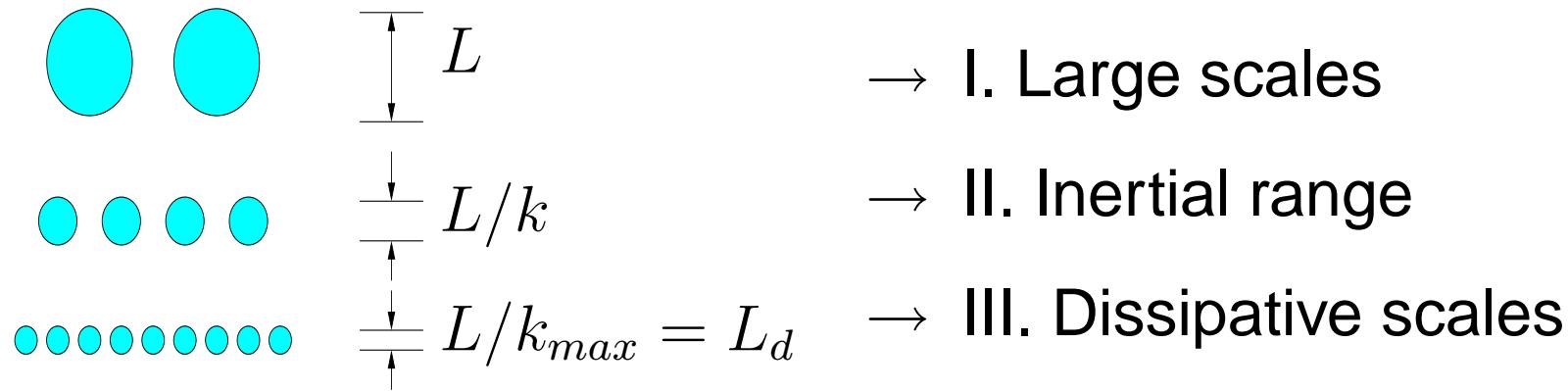
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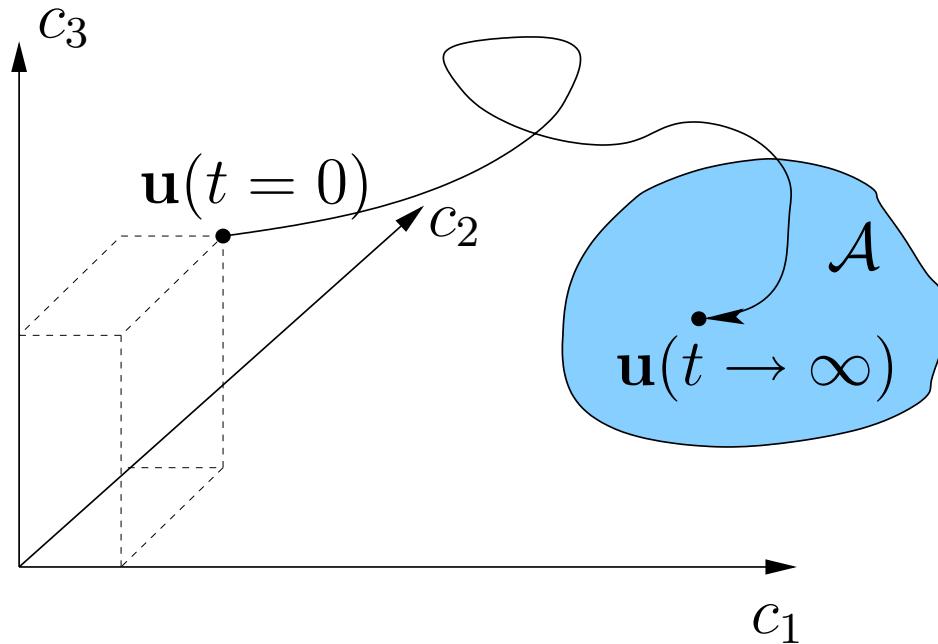
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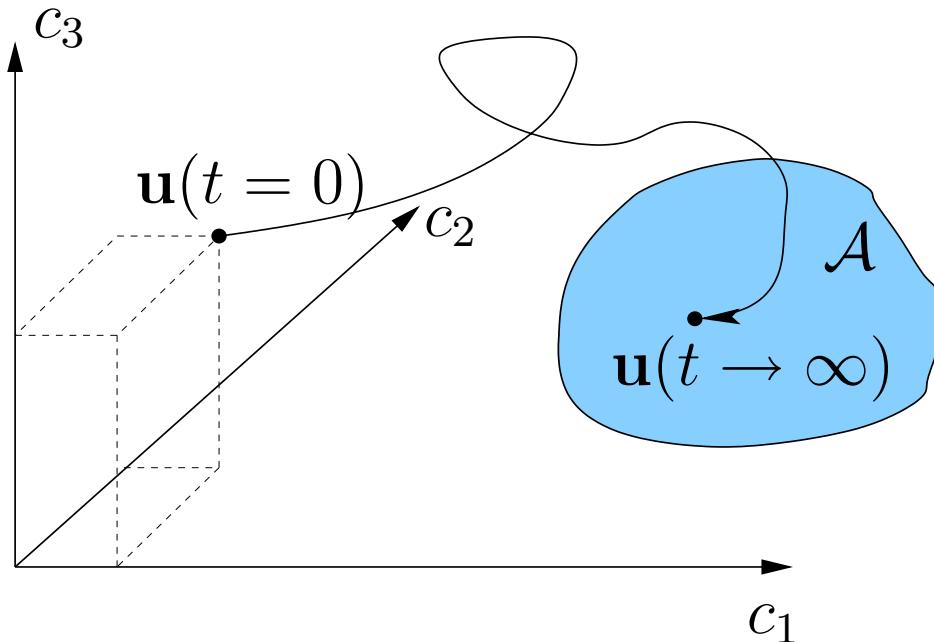
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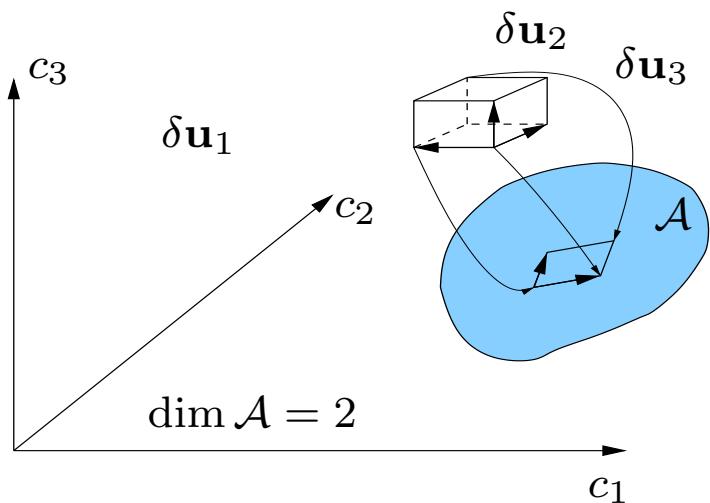
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- $\forall t < \infty, \epsilon < \infty \Rightarrow$  there is a global attractor  
(Babin 78, Sermange 83)
- $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = cM$  (Constantin et al. 85)

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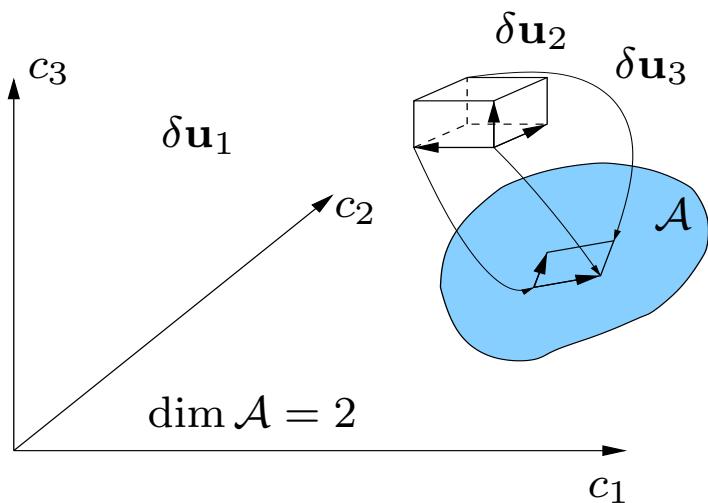


$$\dim \mathcal{A} = 2$$

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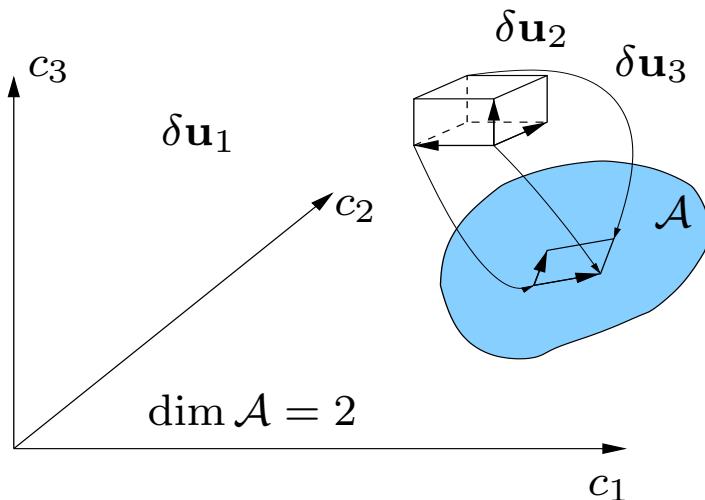
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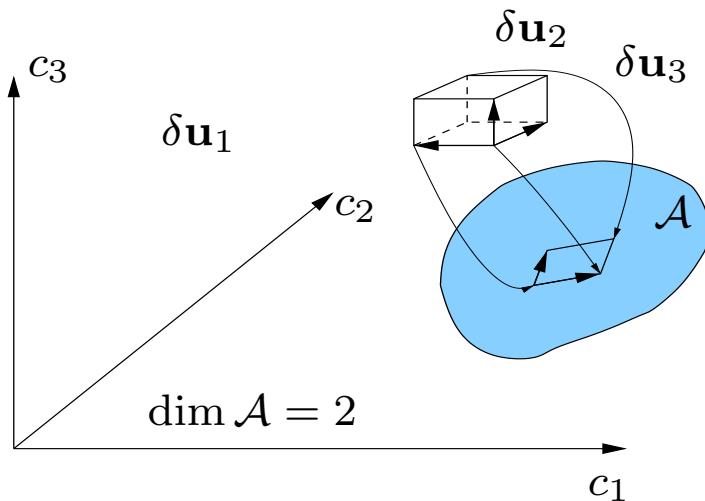
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(Kaplan-Yorke)

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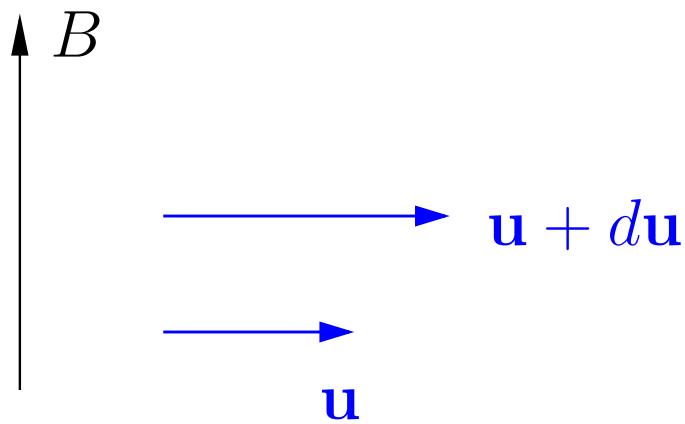
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- $$d_M \leq \mathcal{G}^{\frac{1}{3}} (1 + \ln \mathcal{G})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{Constantin et al. 88}) \quad \text{Log-optimal ! (Ohkitani 89)}$$

$\rightarrow d_M$

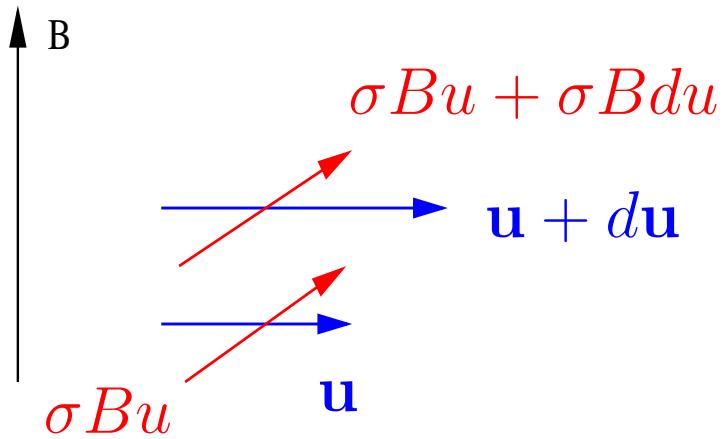
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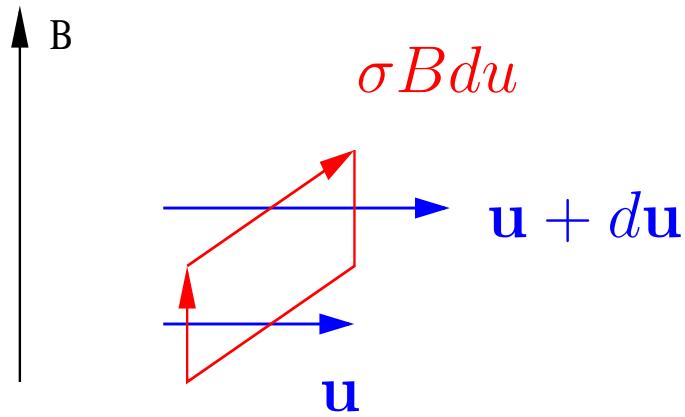
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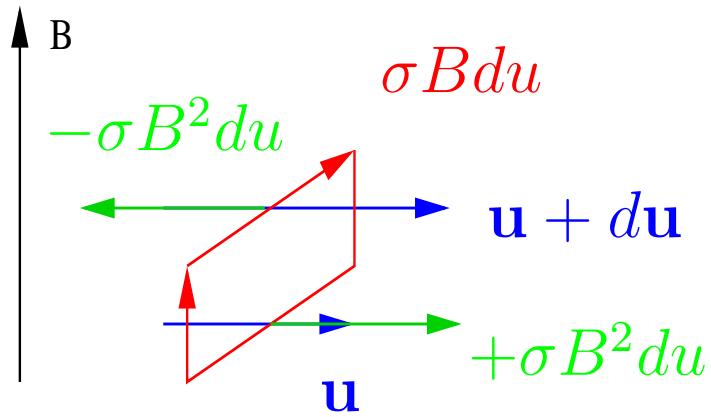
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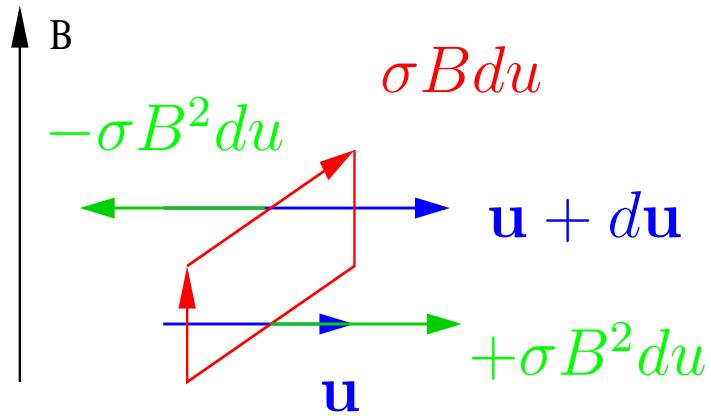
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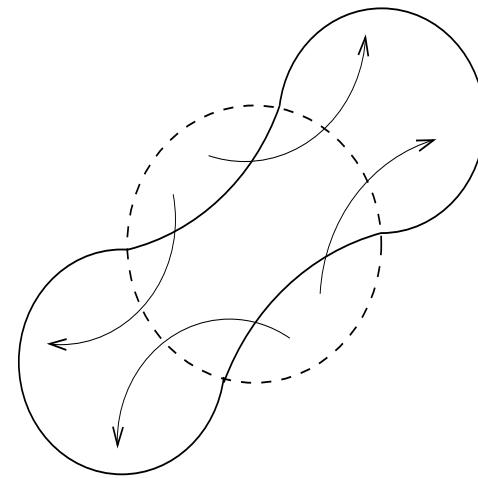
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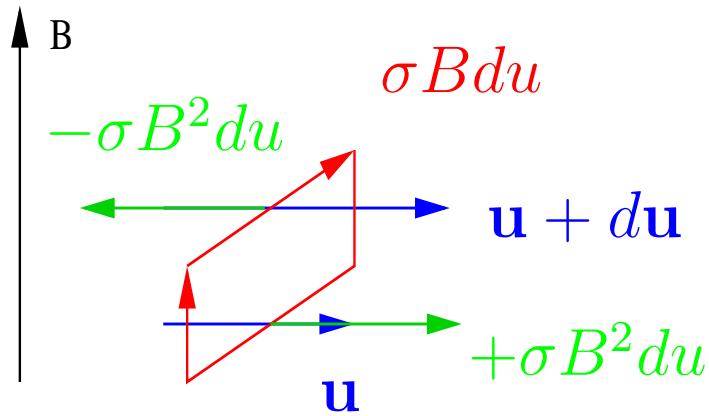
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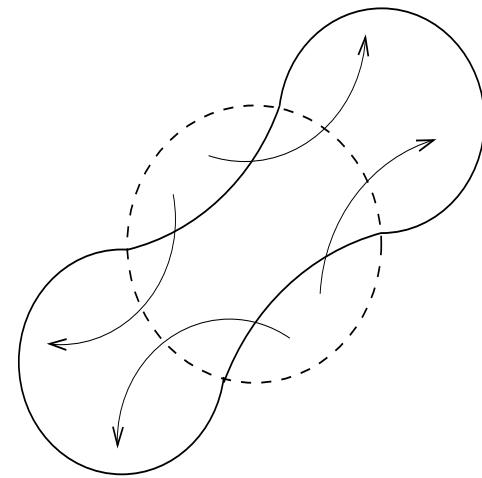
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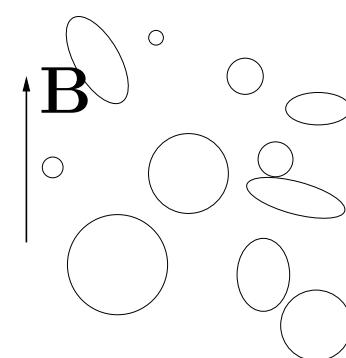
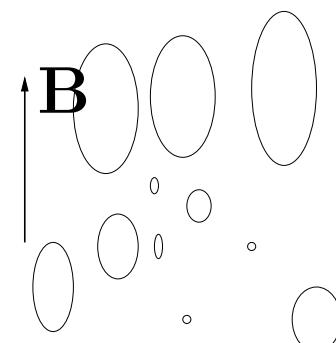
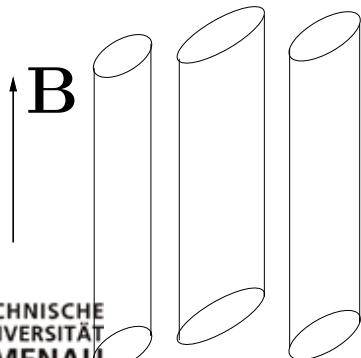
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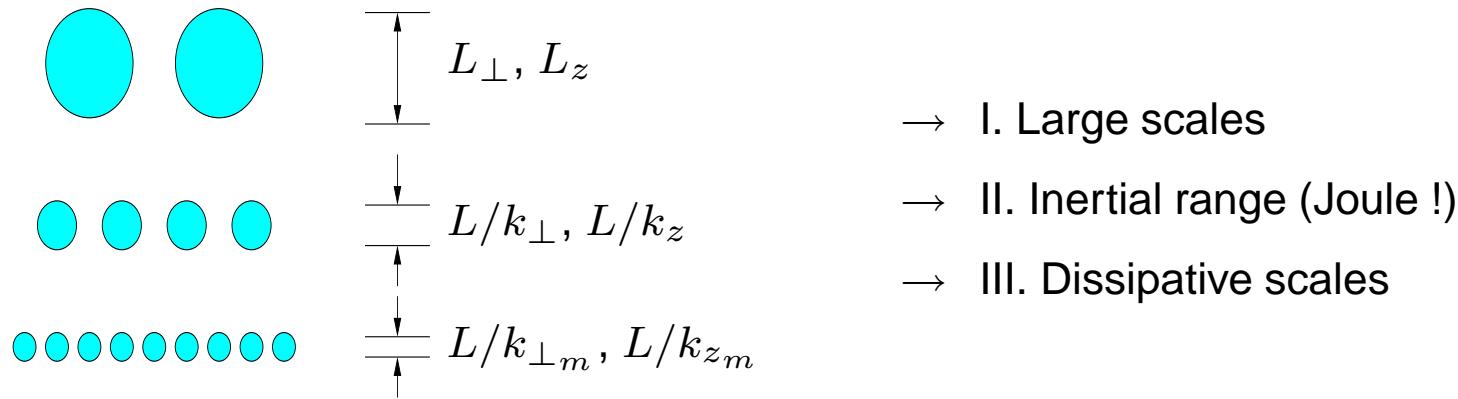


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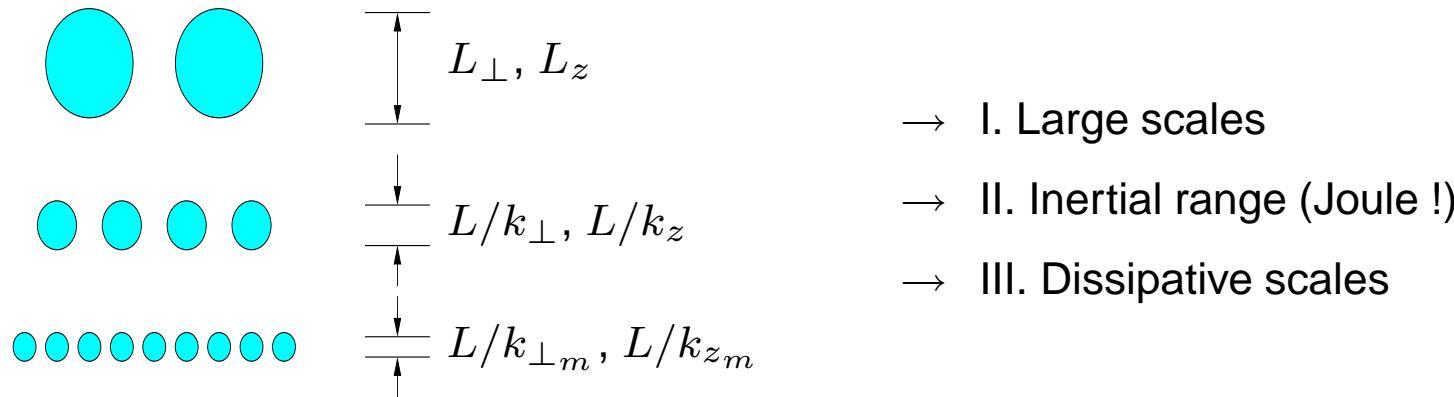
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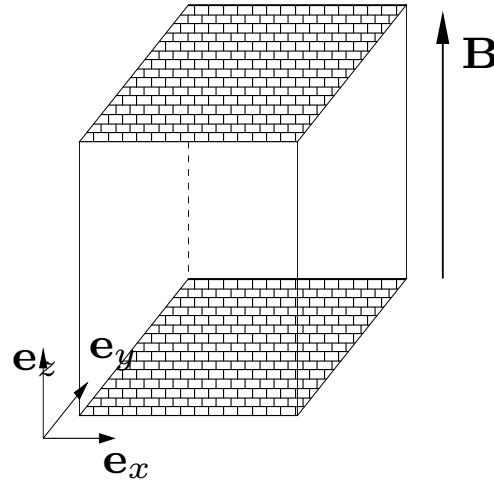
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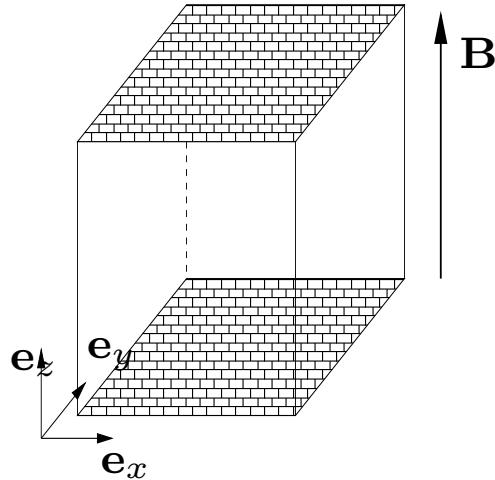
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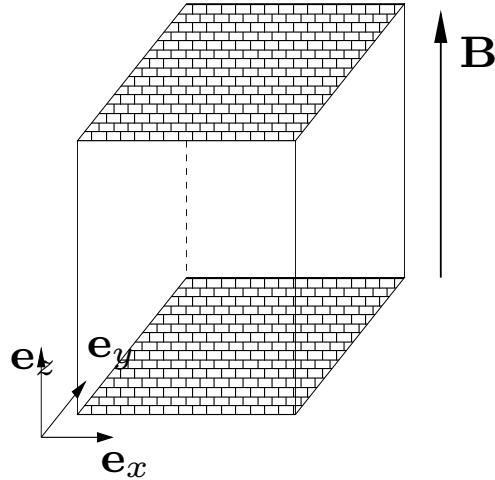
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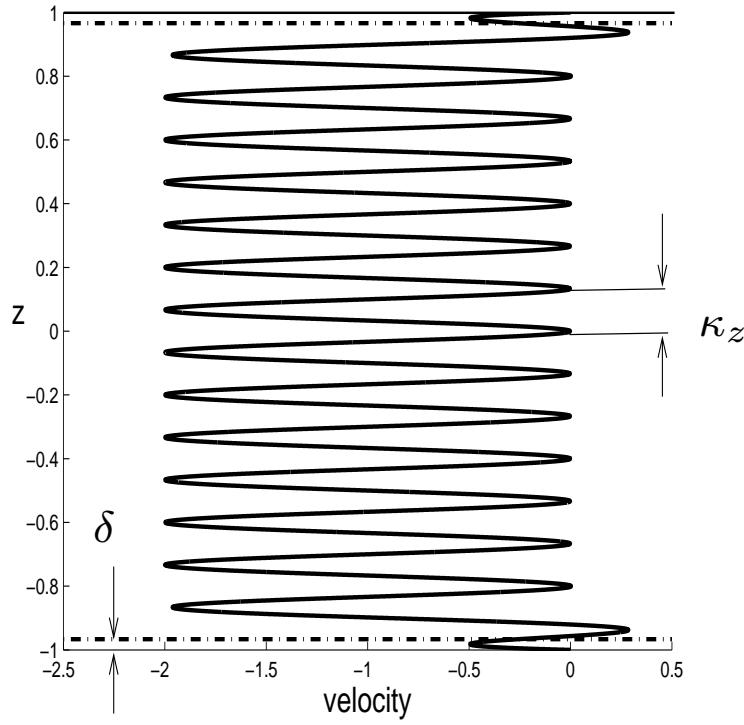
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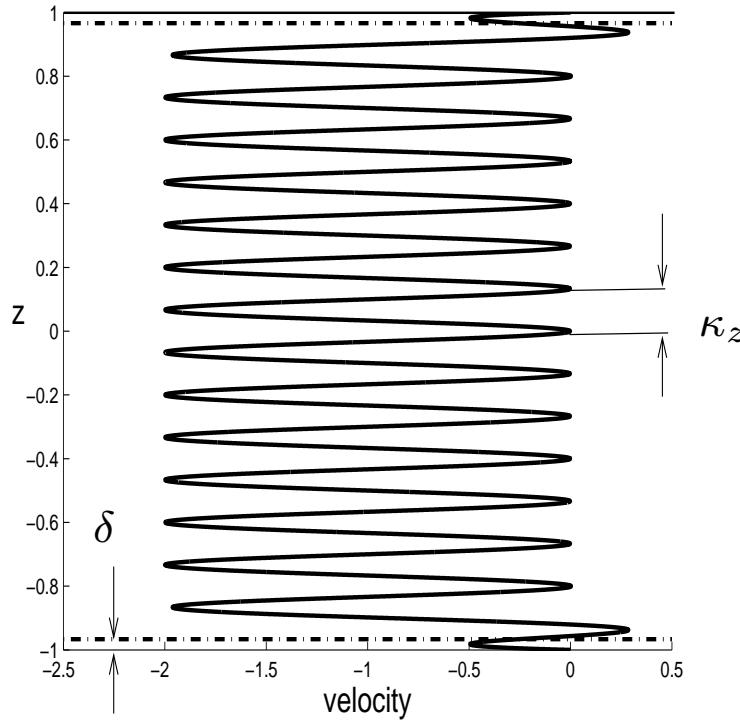
- Bound on  $d_M$  achieved for the set of  $n$  least dissipative eigenmodes of  $\mathcal{D}_{Ha}$

# Eigenmodes of $\mathcal{D}_{Ha}$



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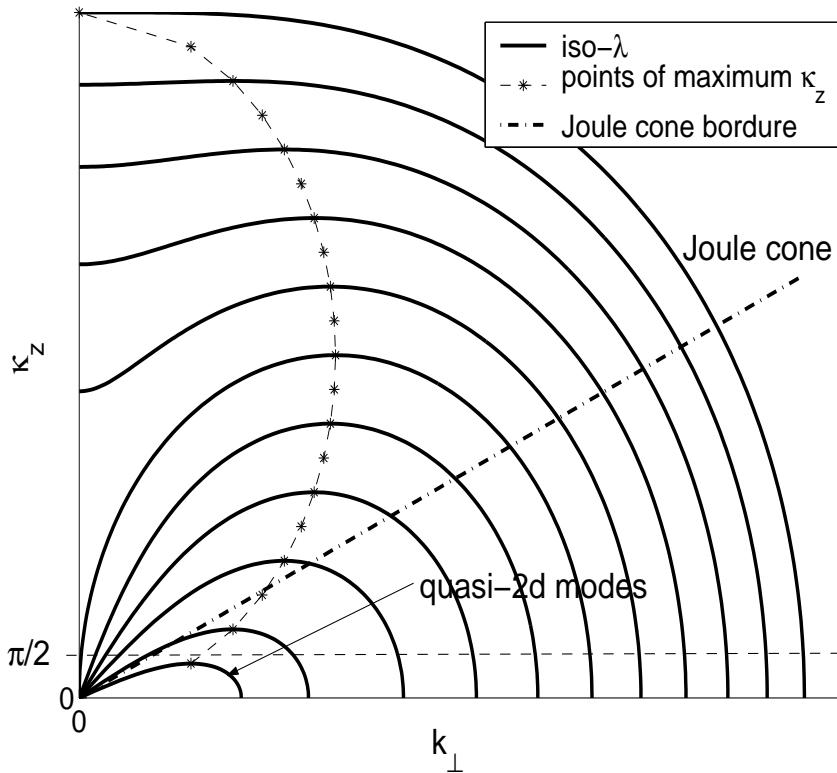


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 $\kappa_z$  spans a discrete real spectrum
- We have to minimise  $\sum \lambda(k_x, k_y, \kappa_z)$

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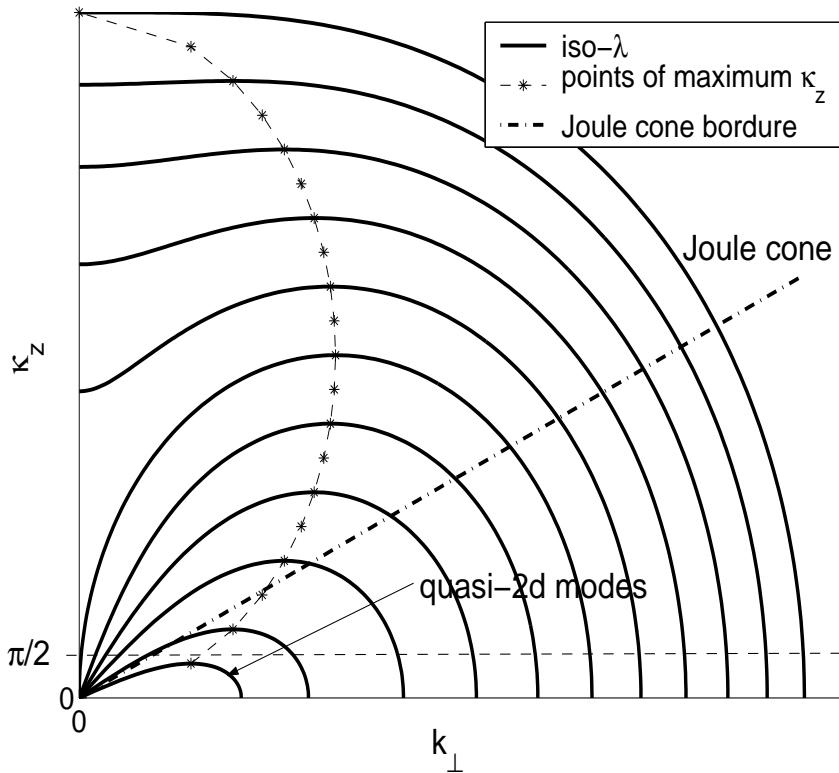
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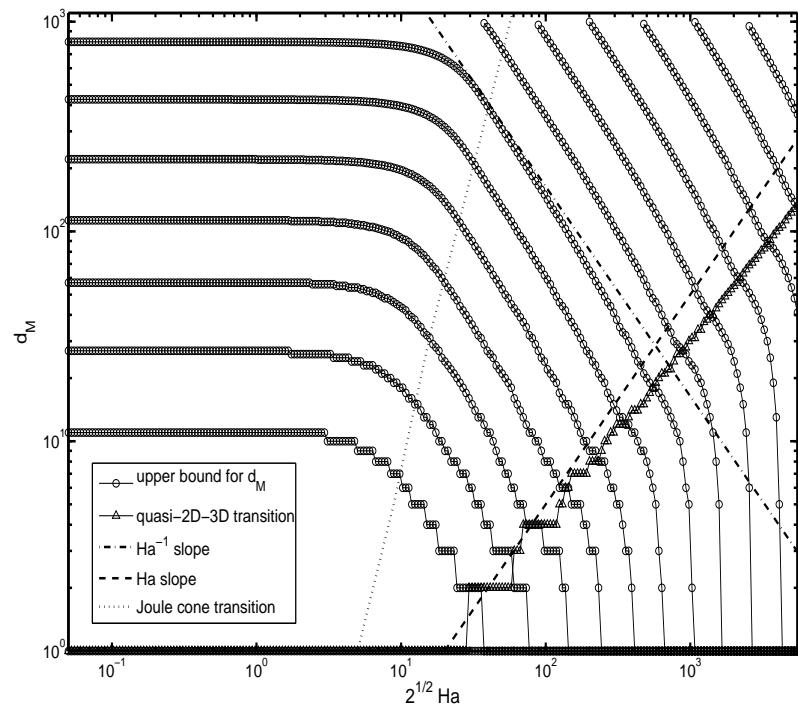
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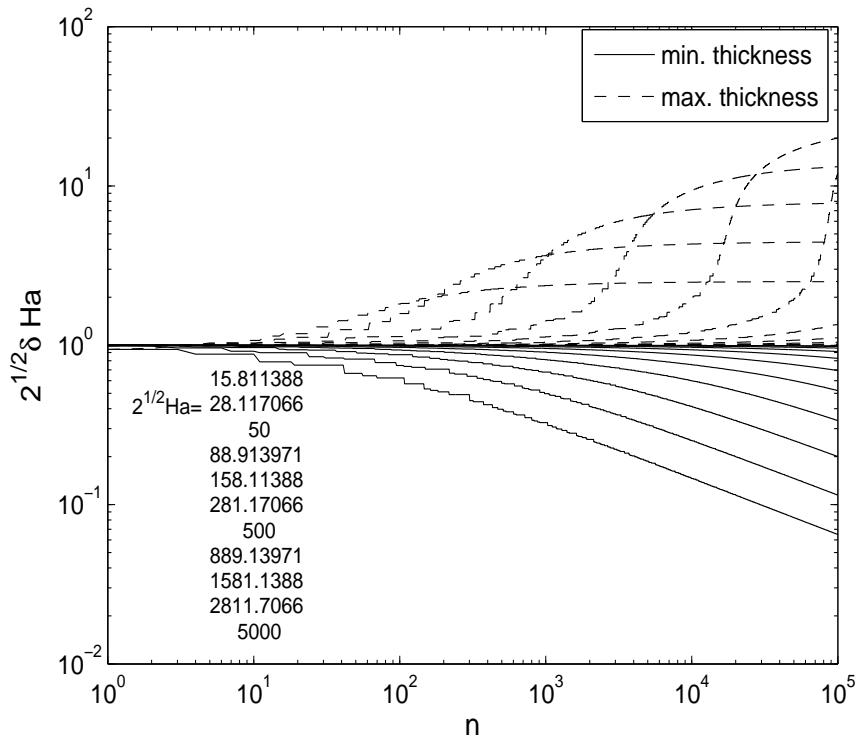
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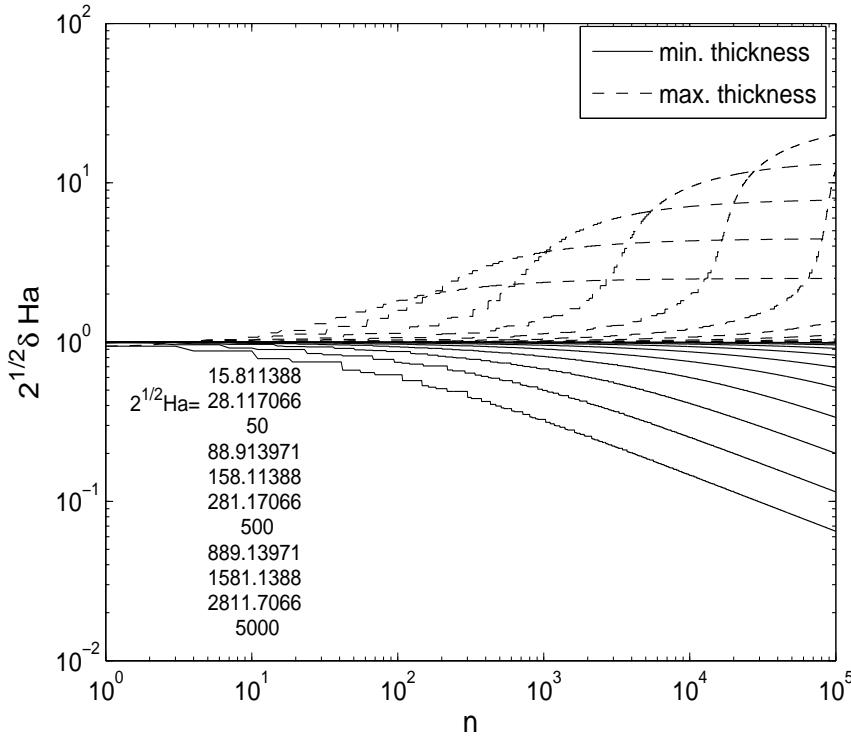
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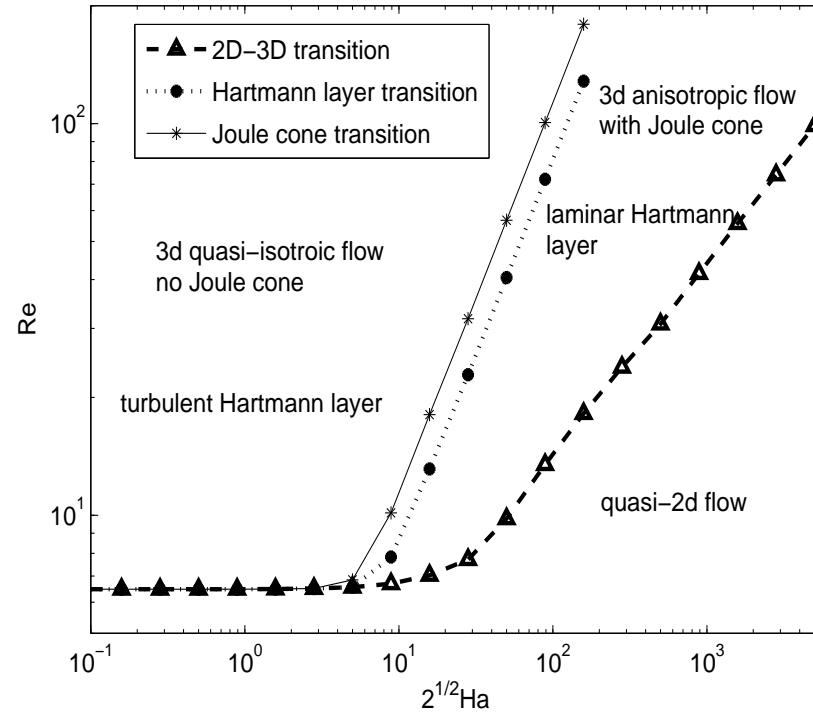
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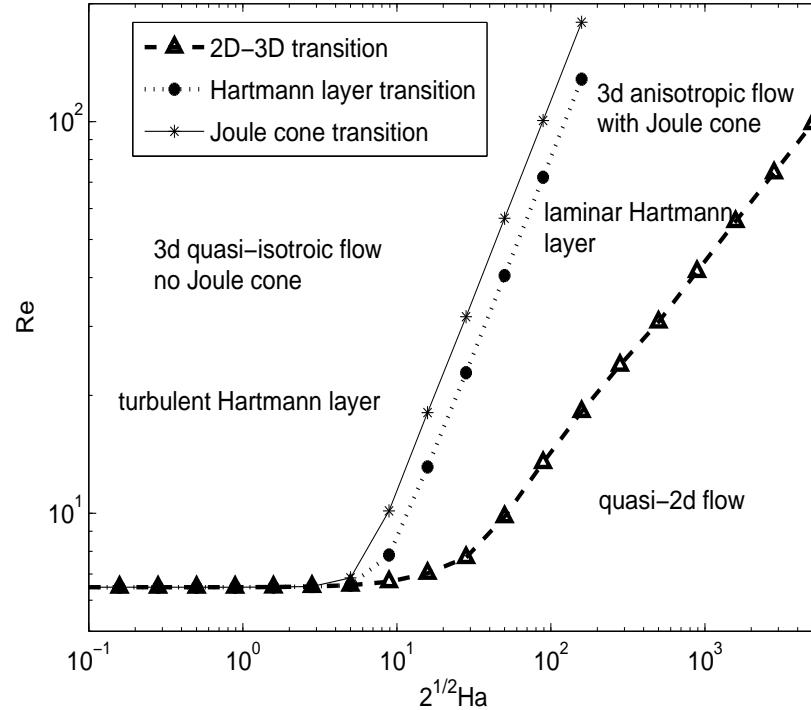
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- $\delta_{laminar} \sim \frac{1}{Ha}$
- double deck turbulent Hartmann layer

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boundary separating quasi- 2D and 3D sets:	$Re^2 = cHa$	$Re \sim Ha$
b. s. sets with and without Joule cone:	$Re = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{5^{1/4}} Ha^2$	$Re \sim Ha$
b. s. sets with single and multiple layers:	$Re = cHa^2$	?

# Concluding remarks

- Strict bounds for the attractor dimension between 2 walls, with good agreement on the exponent of  $Ha$
- A particular forcing can take the real flow very far from the bounds
- Bounds could be improved with a better estimate from the inertial terms
- Hierarchy of least dissipative modes mimic the flow in great details
- LDM don't carry any Energy information but could be a good basis of functions for DNS