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# Studies of the Rossby Wave Instability Using the Athena++ Code

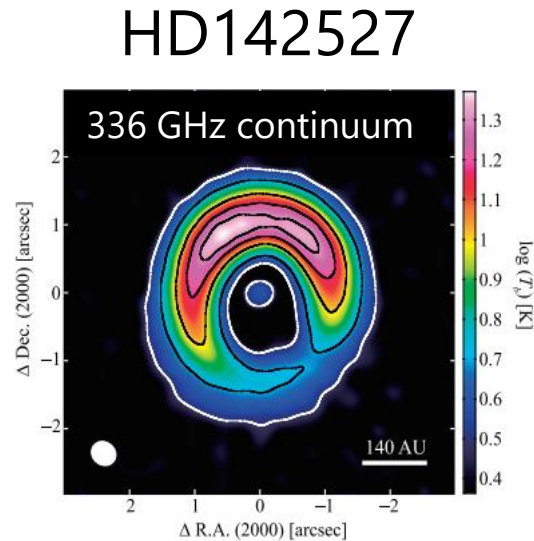
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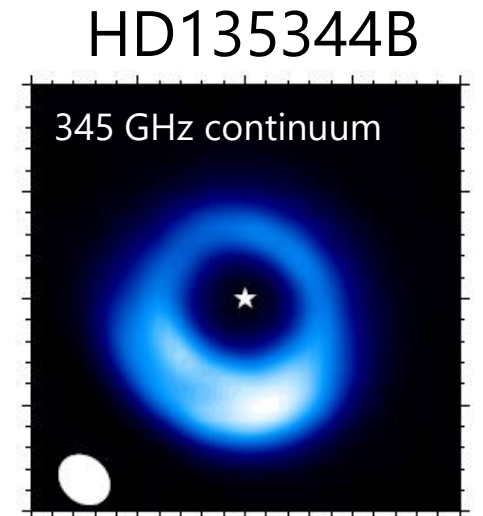
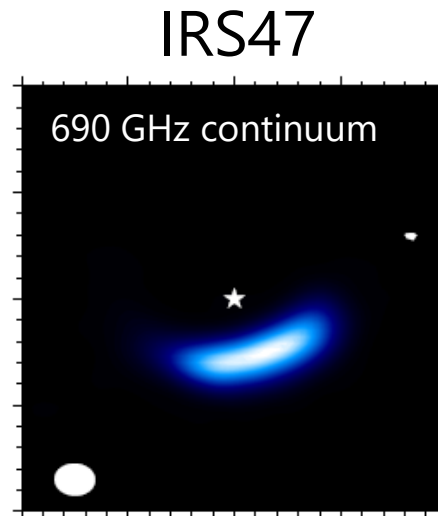
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# Lopsided Structure of PPDs

ALMA observations in sub-mm dust continuum have revealed **lopsided structures** in some of PPDs.



Fukagawa et al. 13



van der Marel et al. 2016

## My Interests

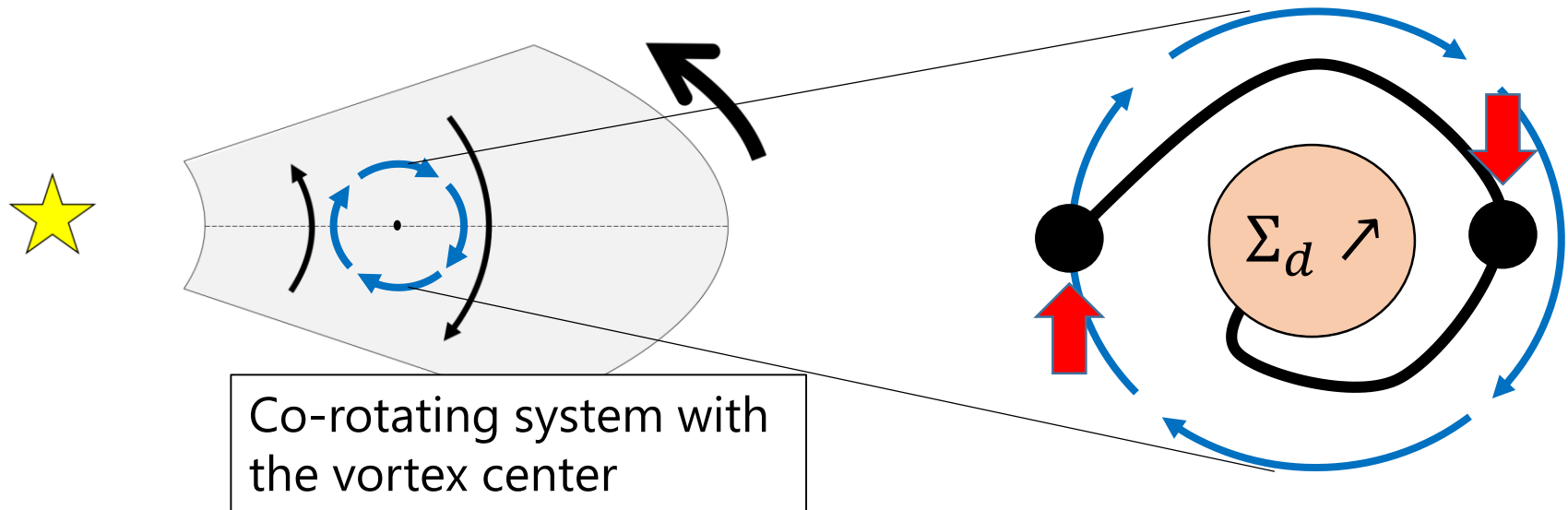
- How are these structures formed?
- How important are they in the planet formation?

# Large-Scale Gas Vortex

Large-scale gas vortex can give us plausible interpretations.

If vortices are anti-cyclonic,

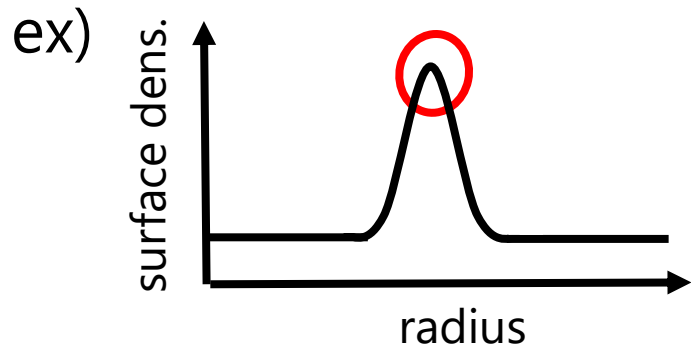
- i. Go with the Keplerian shear. → survival for a long time.
- ii. Trap dust particles → dust concentration



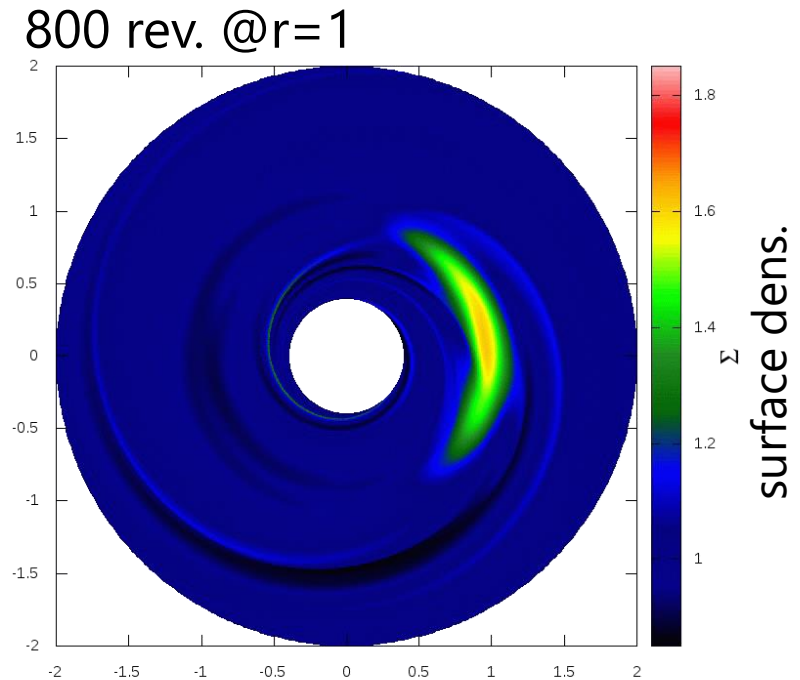
➤ How are the gas vortices formed?

# Evolution of RWI and Gas Vortices

The Rossby wave instability [RWI] (e.g., Lovelace+99 & Li+00) can form the gas vortices when disks have a **rapid radial variation**.



1. Initial ring
  2. Vortices formation
  3. Vortex merger
  4. Quasi-stationary vortex
  5. Vortex migration
- RWI



#Co-rotating system  
with the vortex center

# Initial Conditions

[Disks]

- 2D ideal fluid ← to compare with linear analyses
- barotropic flow ← to avoid potential vorticity generation.

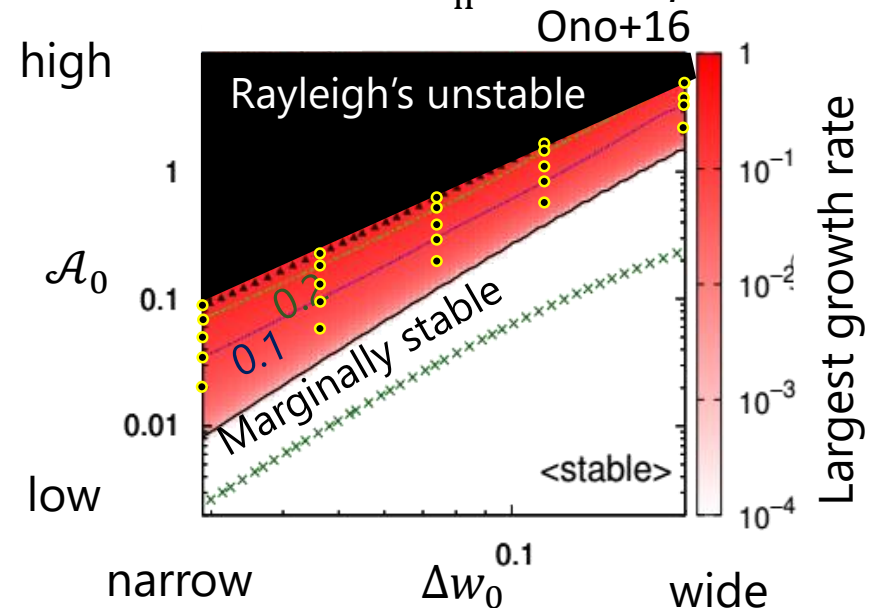
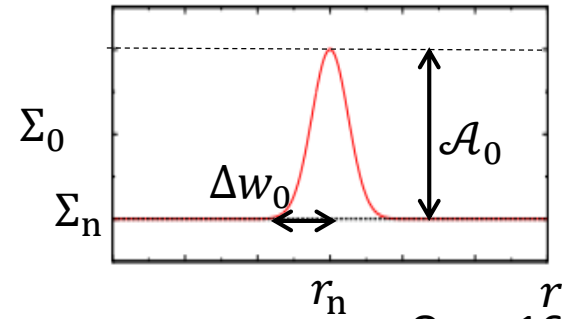
[Initial Conditions]

- Axisymmetric stationary disks.
- $v_{r0} = 0$
- Give  $\Sigma_0$  as a Gaussian bump

$$\frac{\Sigma_0}{\Sigma_n} = 1 + \mathcal{A}_0 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{r - r_n}{\Delta w_0} \right)^2 \right]$$

[Parameters]

- ① Amplitude ( $\mathcal{A}_0$ )
- ② Width ( $\Delta w_0$ )
- ③ Disk aspect ratio ( $h \equiv H/r$ )
- ④ Effective adiabatic index ( $\Gamma$ )



# Settings for Numerical Simulations

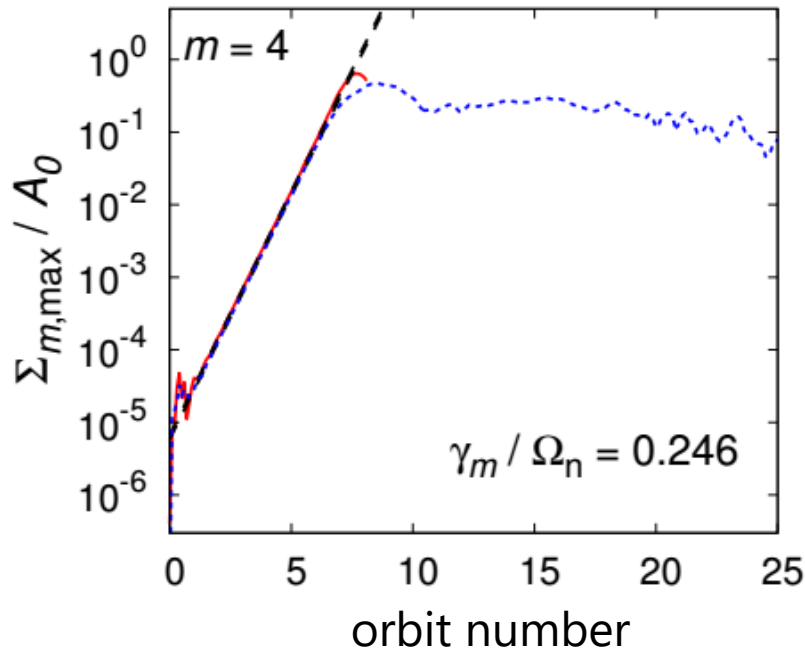
- Code: Athena++ (Stone+ in prep.)
- Parameters  
 $h=[0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2]$ ,  $\Gamma = 5/3$   
change  $\mathcal{A}_0$  and  $\Delta w_0$  54models in total
- Mesh  
 $(r)$   $[0.3 : 2.5]$   $(\varphi)$   $[-\pi : \pi]$   
resolve  $1H$  with at least 25 grids
- Boundary Condition  
 $(r)$  outgoing (Godon96),  $(\varphi)$  periodic
- Calculations
  - A) Single mode noise + single mode filter
  - B) White noise perturbation ( $m \leq 128$ )

Remove other modes  
using FFT in every step.

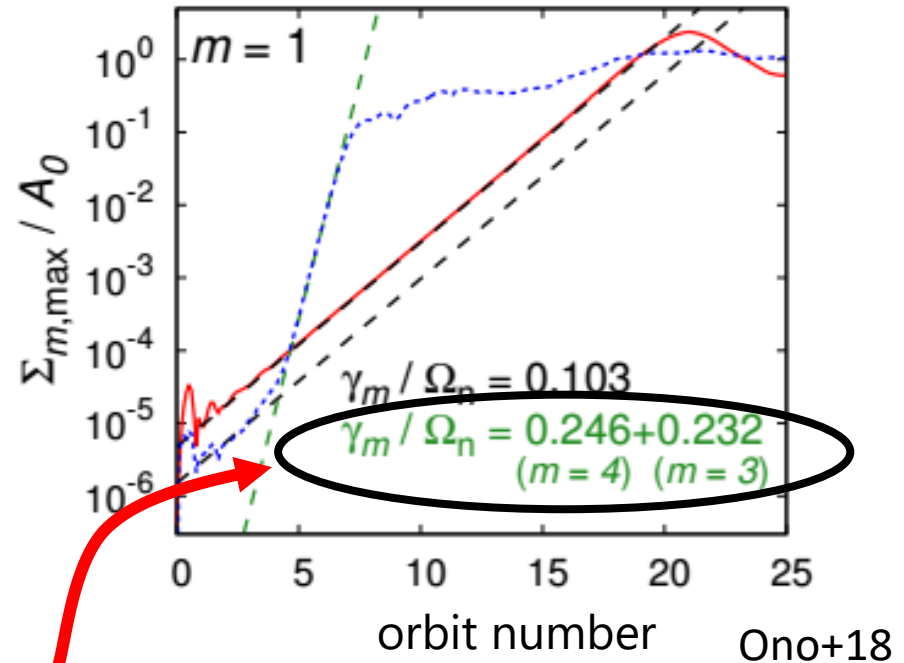
# Comparison with the linear analyses 1

Calc. A (single mode), Calc. B (white noise),  
 Linear growth, Two modes coupling

most unstable mode ( $m = 4$ )



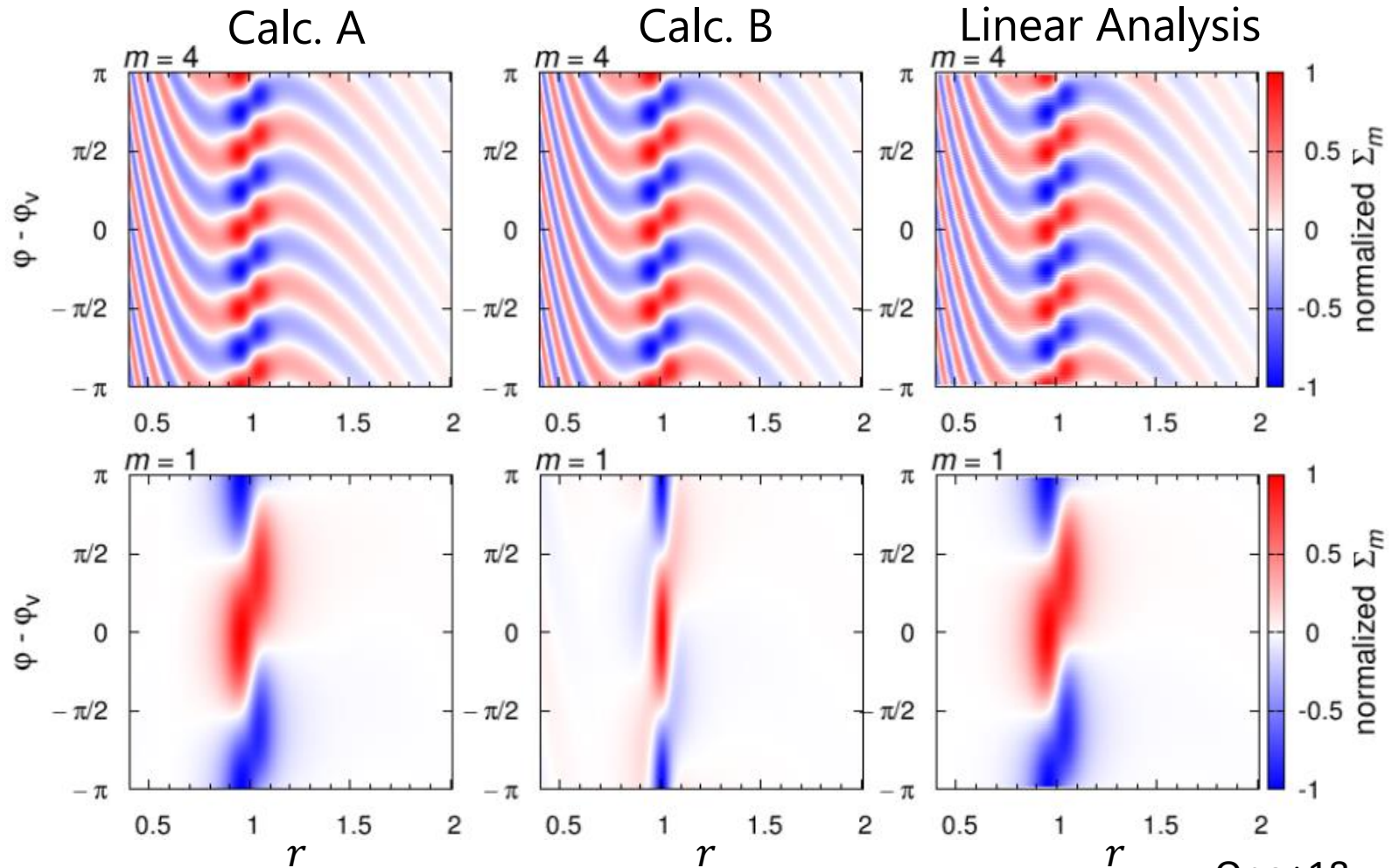
another mode ( $m = 1$ )



$$\exp[i(4\varphi - \gamma_4 t)] \times \exp[i(-3\varphi - \gamma_3 t)] \\ = \exp[i\{1\varphi - (\gamma_4 + \gamma_3)t\}]$$

# Comparison with the linear analyses 2

The distribution of surface density perturbation at  $\tau = 7$ .



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Numerical calculations agree with linear analyses.



# Physical Quantities Characterizing Vortices

There are 3 physical quantities which are almost constant in time.

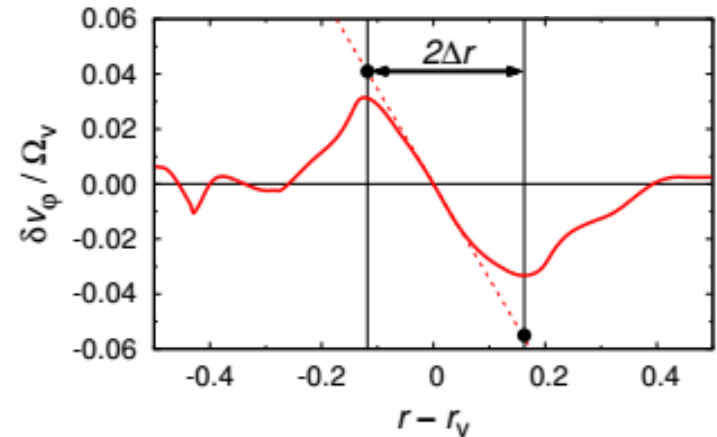
- ① vortex radial size ( $\Delta r$ )
- ② vortex aspect ratio ( $\chi \equiv a/b$ )
- ③  $\Sigma_v / \Omega_v = \Sigma_v r_v^{1.5}$  (for  $GM = 1$ )

Note:

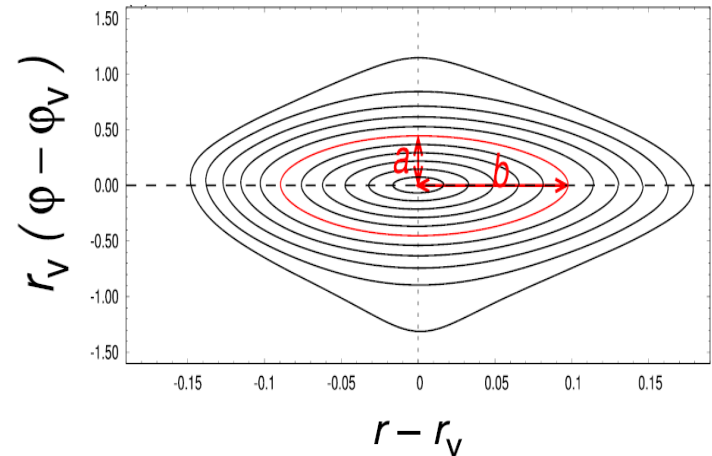
$$\Omega_v \equiv \Omega(r_v, \varphi_v) = \Omega_K(r_v)$$

$$\Sigma_v \equiv \Sigma(r_v, \varphi_v)$$

Profile of  $\delta v_\varphi \equiv v_\varphi - v_K$



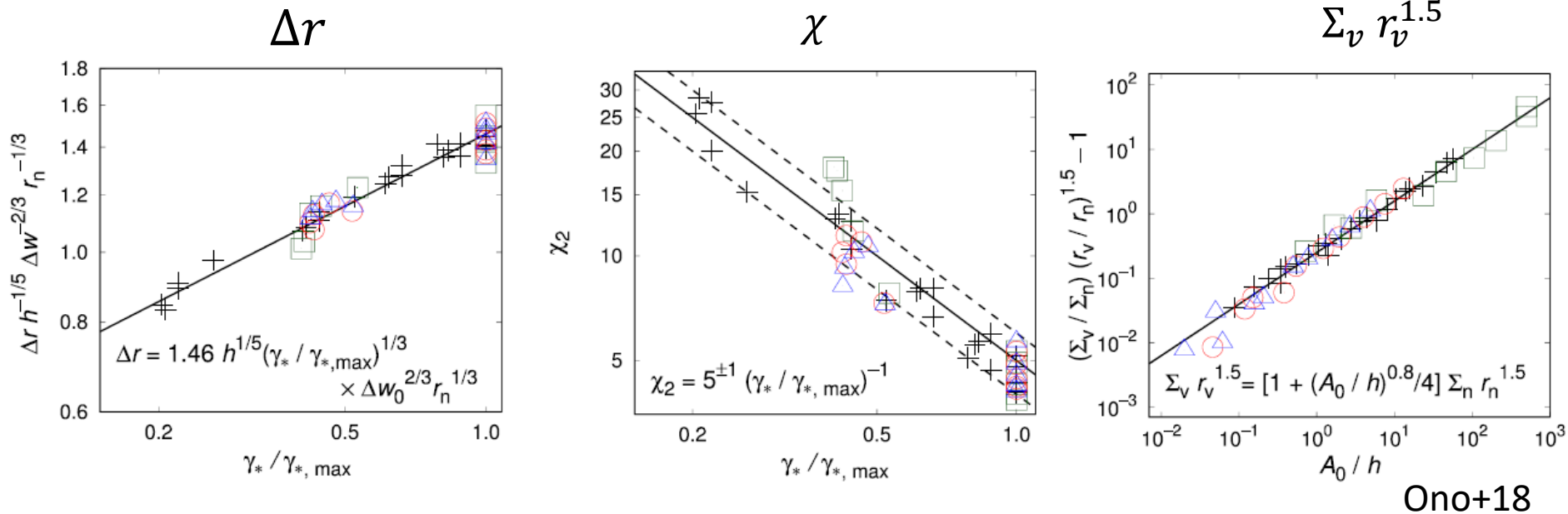
Stream lines



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# Empirical Relations of the RWI vortex

We obtain empirical relations of  $\Delta r$ ,  $\chi$ ,  $\Sigma_v r_v^{1.5}$



Three quantities can be estimated from initial conditions.

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 h, \Delta w_0, \gamma & \rightarrow & \Delta r \\
 \gamma & \rightarrow & \chi \\
 h, A_0 & \rightarrow & \Sigma_v r_v^{1.5}
 \end{array}$$

Note:  $\gamma$  is the largest linear growth rate of the RWI.

# Empirical Law of Vortex Migration

We define a physical quantity  $\xi$  by

$$dr_v/dt = -\xi\Omega_v$$

Empirical formula of  $\xi$  is obtained as

$$\xi \approx 1.6h\Delta r\chi^{-3}$$

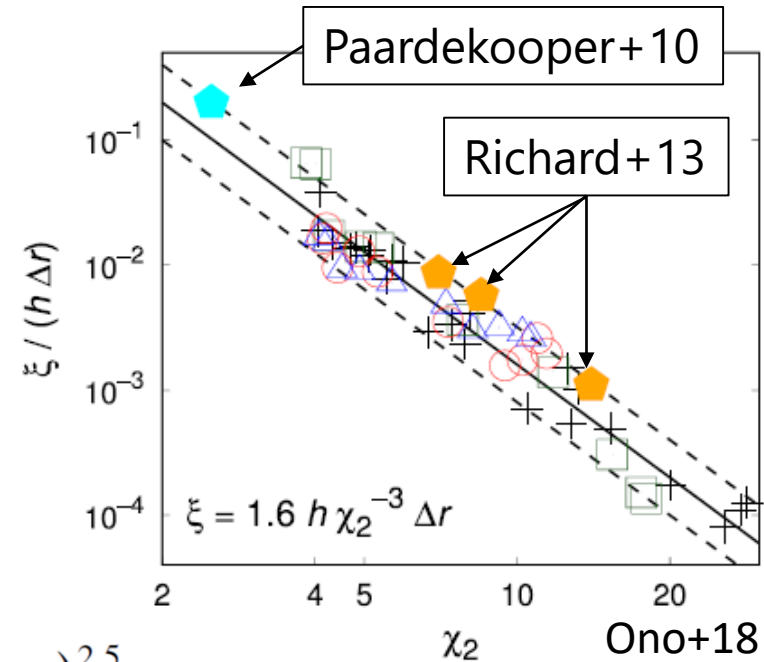
Migration timescale

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{\text{mig}} &\approx 2.1 \times 10^3 \left(\frac{h}{0.1}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\chi_2}{6}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\Delta r}{0.1 r_n}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{r_v}{r_n}\right)^{2.5} \\ &= 2.1 \text{ Myr} \times \left(\frac{h}{0.1}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\chi_2}{6}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\Delta r}{10 \text{ au}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{r_v}{100 \text{ au}}\right)^{2.5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{for } M_* = M_\odot, r_n = 100 \text{ AU}$$

Unless  $\chi$  is small and  $\Delta r$  is large,  
the migration timescale  $\sim$  the life time of PPDs ( $\sim 1\text{-}10$  Myr)

(e.g., Haisch+01)



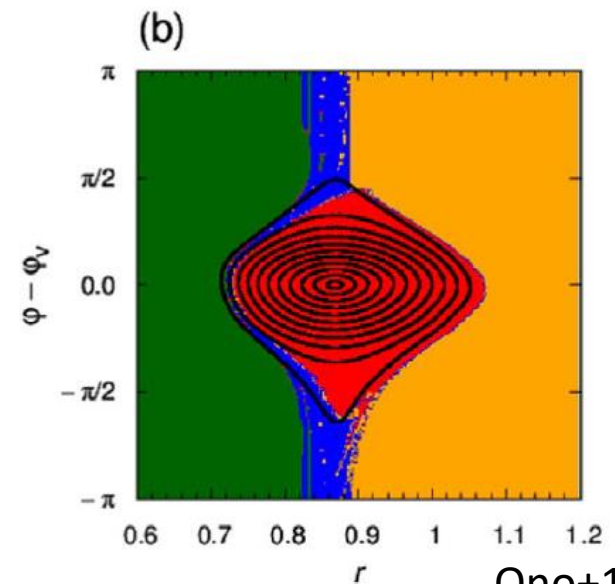
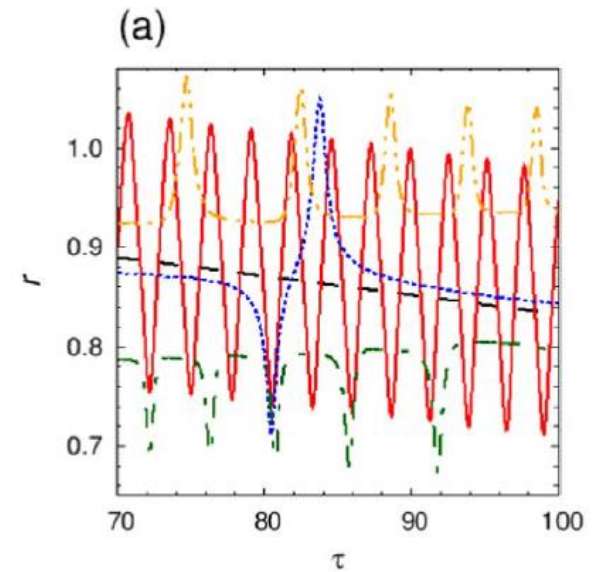
# Tracer Particles in Vortices

We calculate the motion of about 0.1 M tracer particles for 30 rev.

There are 4 groups of tracer particles.

- i. Remain in the vortex part
- ii. Move from the inner part to the outer part
- iii. Remain in the inner part
- iv. Remain in the outer part

- ✓ The RWI vortex can be considered as a large fluid particle.
- ✓ Particles of Group ii contributes to about 20% of the ang. mom. transport.



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# Next Project

[1] Dust concentration in various vortex using the dust module (being developed by Chao-Chin).

[2] Density waves induced by the vortex

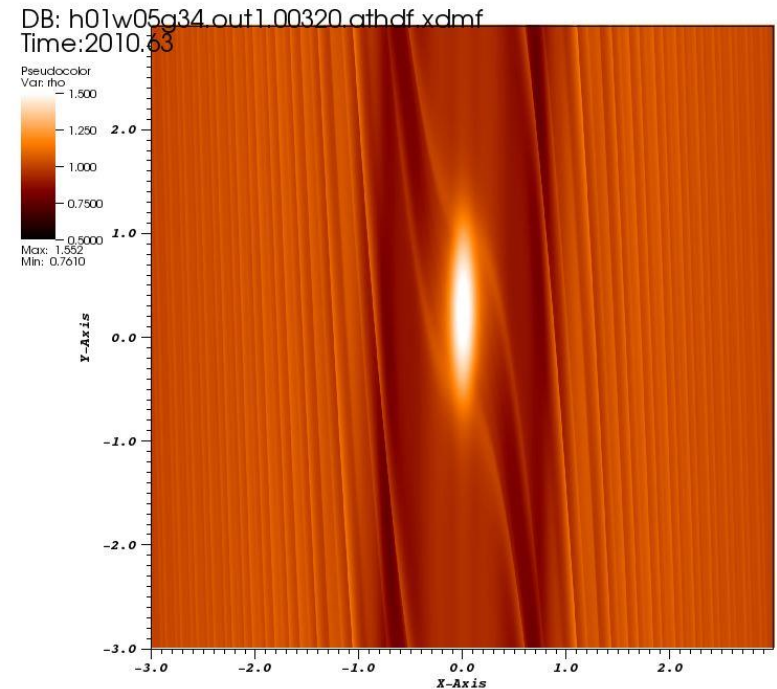
To understand

- vortex migration
- observability

→ We perform simulations in a local shearing box to avoid vortex migration.

High resolution & wide domain are required to resolve density waves

→ Numerical cost is large even in 2D calculations.



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# Implementation of FARGO Scheme in Athena++

I started to implement the FARGO scheme (Masset00) in the Athena++ two weeks ago in response to Jim's advise.

FARGO scheme for HD in the cartesian coordinates

If  $v = v_K \mathbf{e}_y + \tilde{v}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \nabla F = S \iff \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\left( -v_K \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} + \dot{S} \right)}_{\text{advection}} + \underbrace{\left( -\nabla \tilde{F} + \tilde{S} \right)}_{\text{hydro}}$$

Solve them separately.

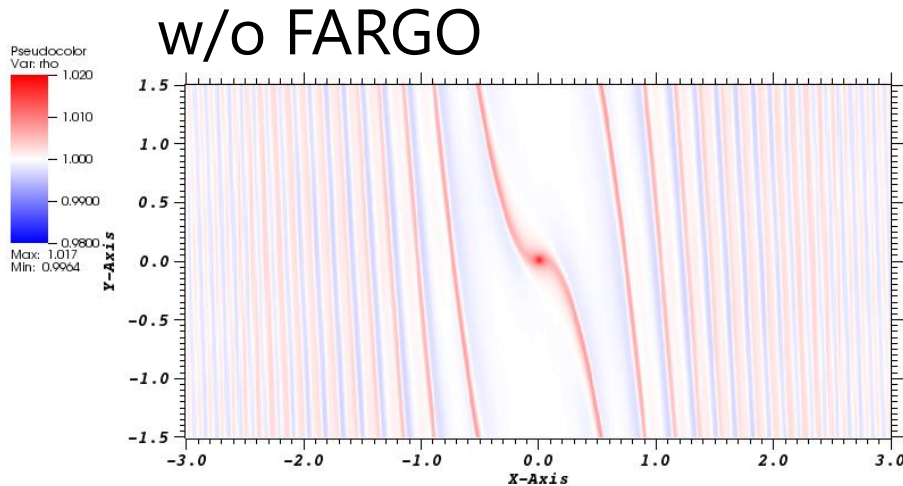
If  $v_K$  is static, the advection part can be solved analytically.

→ We are not annoyed with the CFL condition due to the orbital motion.

# Test for FARGO in Athena++

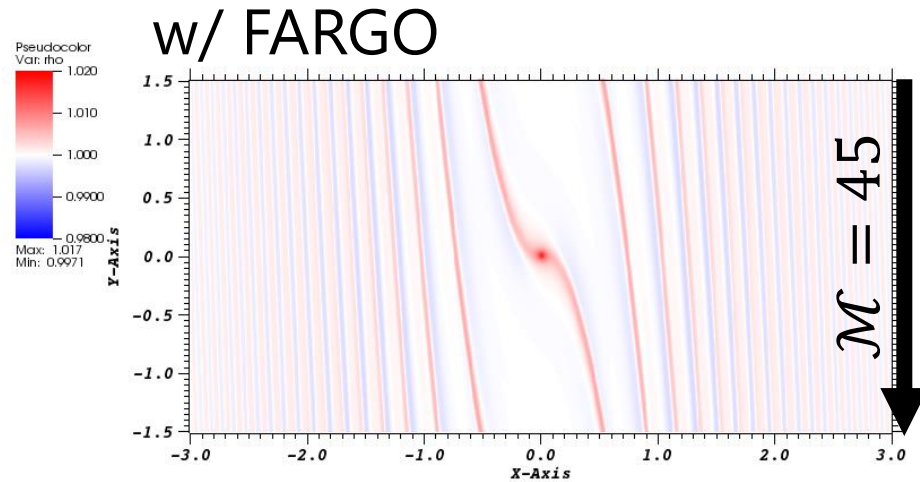
Test calculation of a disk with a planet ( $M_p = M_{\oplus}$ ) for 10 rev. in the 2D local shearing box.

Domain:  $x[-30H:30H]$  1280 grids,  
 $y[-15H:15H]$  600 grids  
MPI 80 core



476 sec.

→  
× 1/17



28 sec.

# FARGO in Athena++

My implementation FARGO in Athena++

Done

- in 2D/3D cartesian coordinates
- in 2D/3D cylindrical coordinates

Doing

- in 3D spherical\_polar coordinates
- with hydro\_diffusion

NOT yet

- for MHD
- with SMR in the direction of the orbital motion.
- with AMR



# Summary

- We did a parametric study of the RWI vortices using the Athena++.
- We obtain some empirical relations between initial conditions and the RWI vortices
- As a result of tracer particle analyses, the RWI vortex can be considered as a large fluid particle.
- To investigate density waves induced by vortices, I've implemented the FARGO scheme in Athena++