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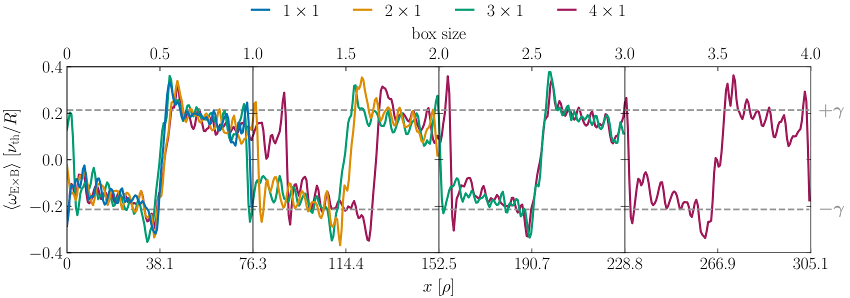

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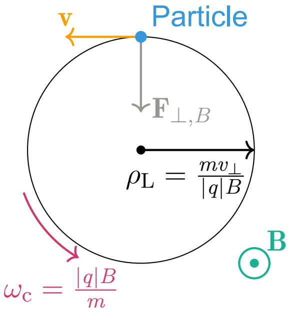

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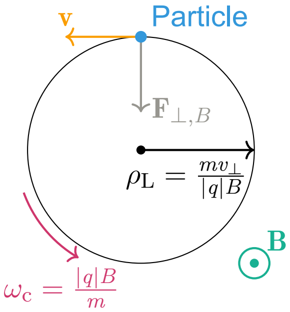

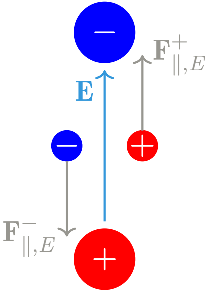

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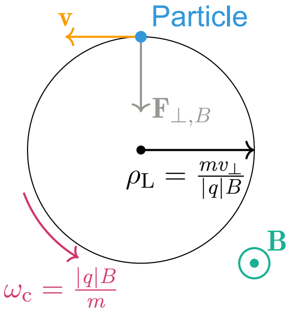

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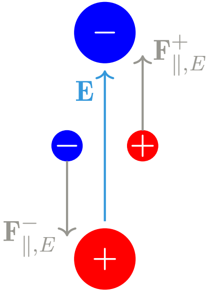

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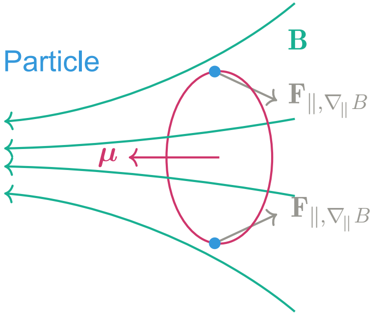

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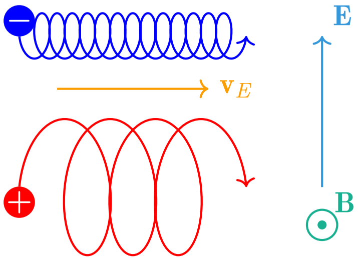

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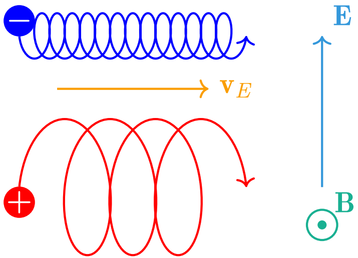

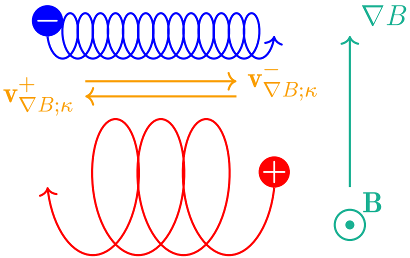

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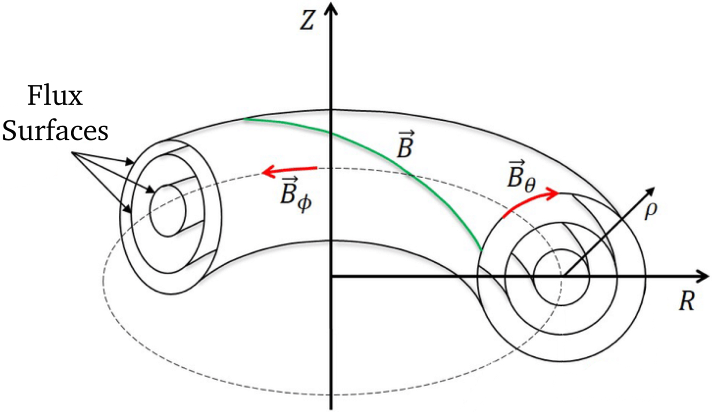

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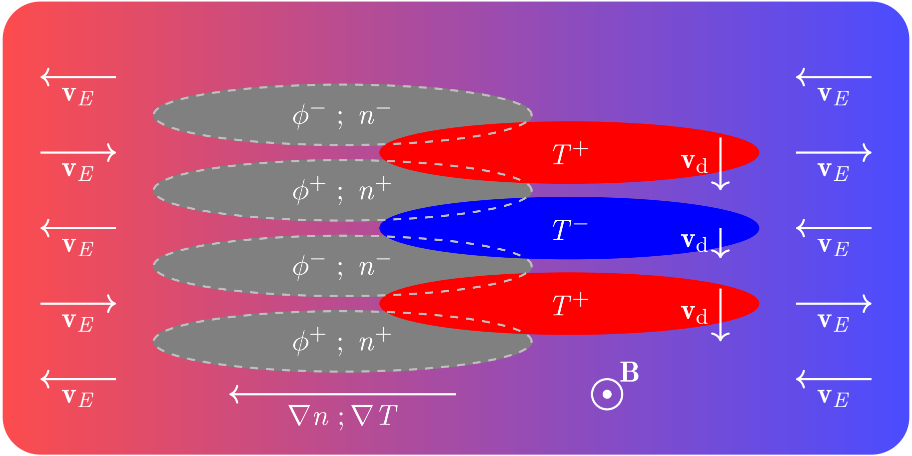

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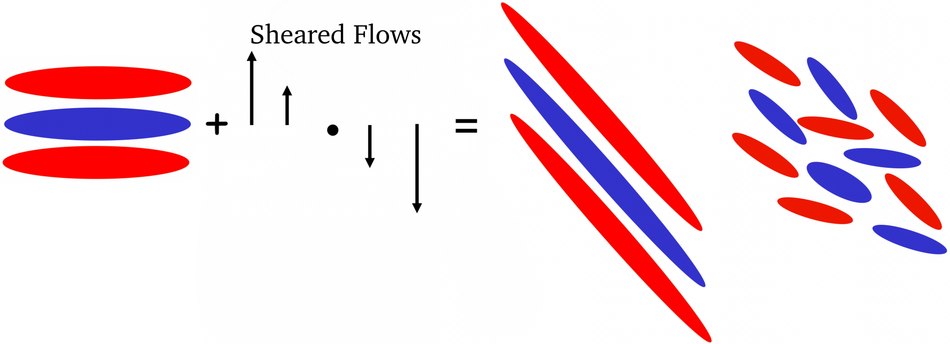

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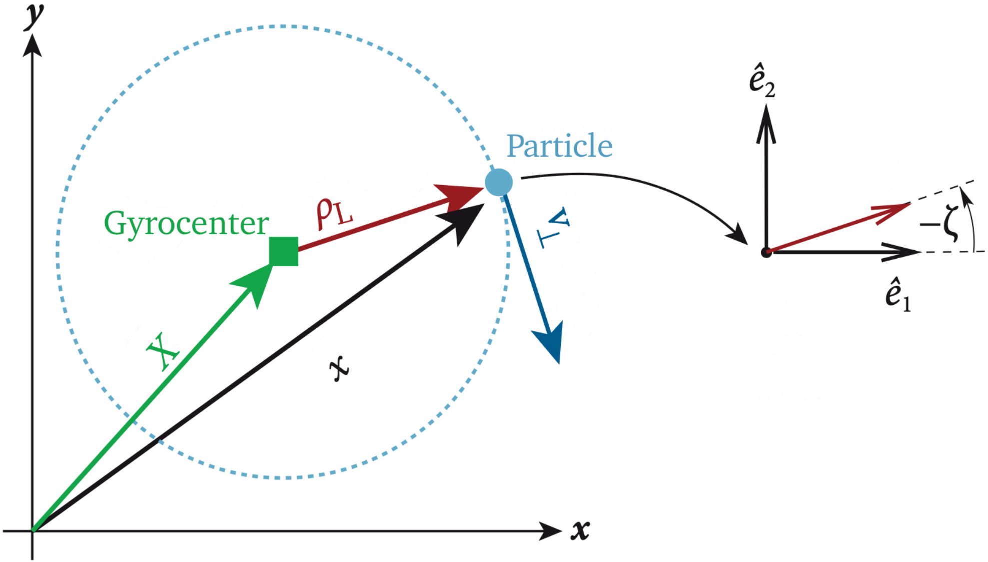

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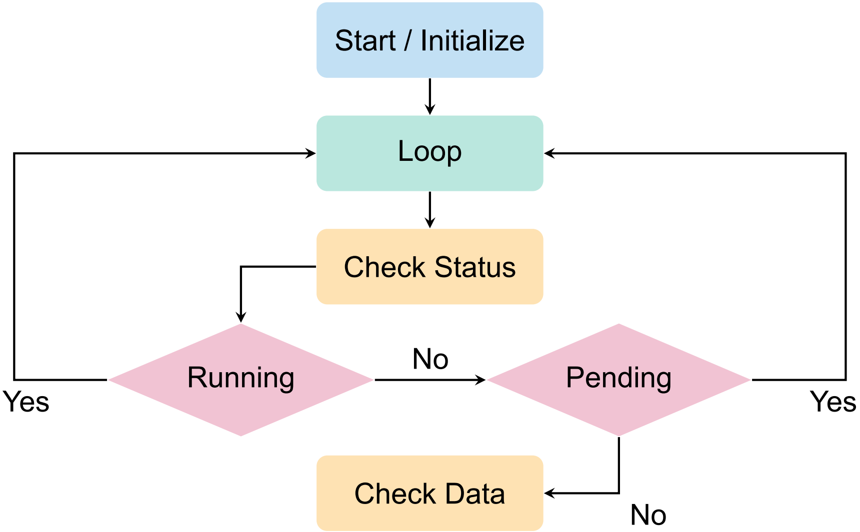

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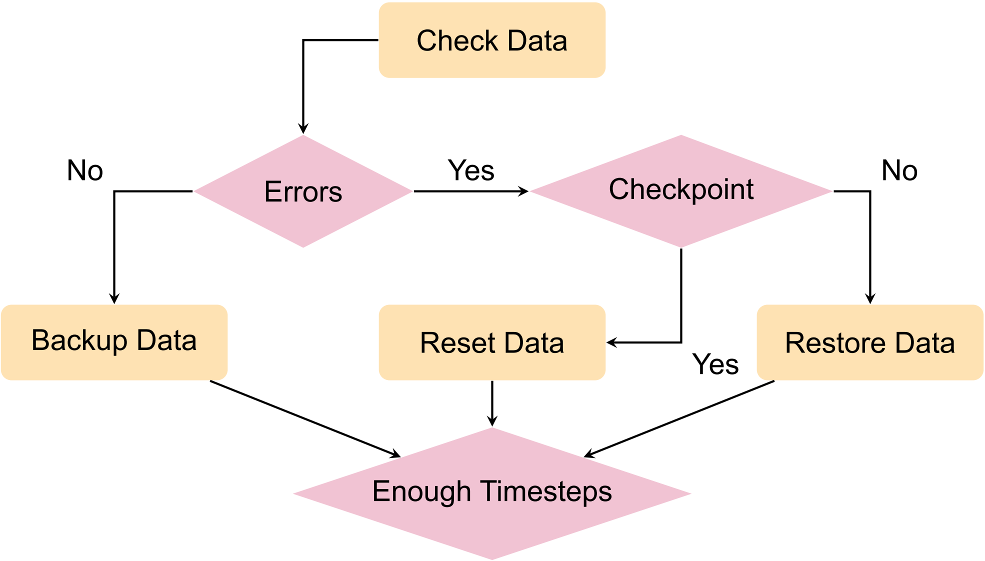

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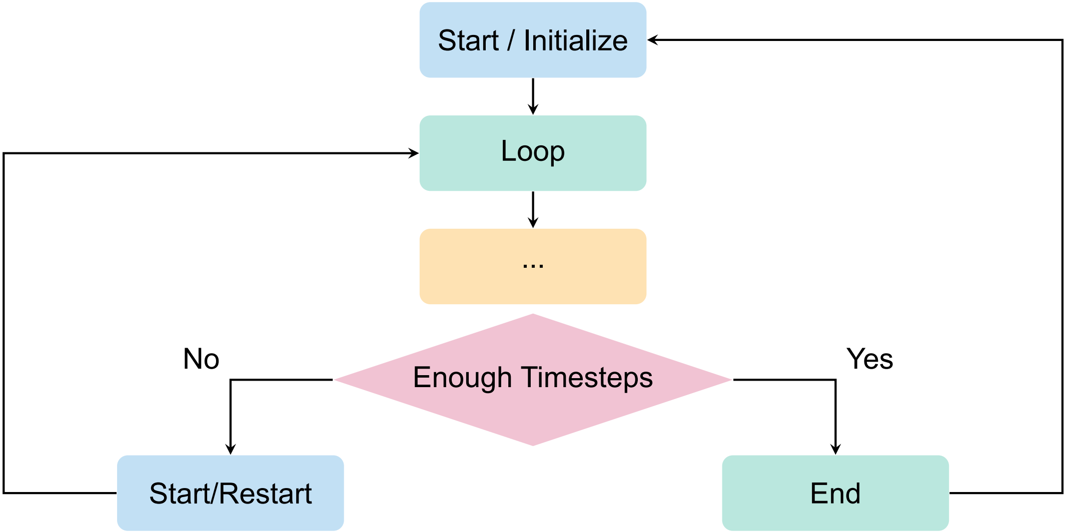

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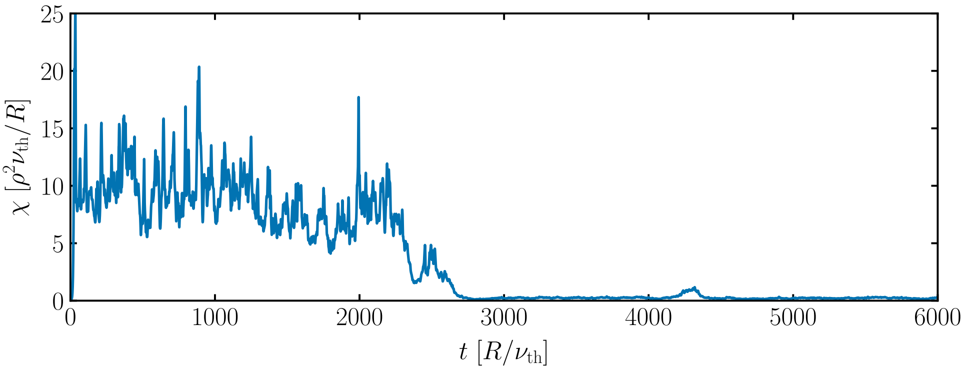

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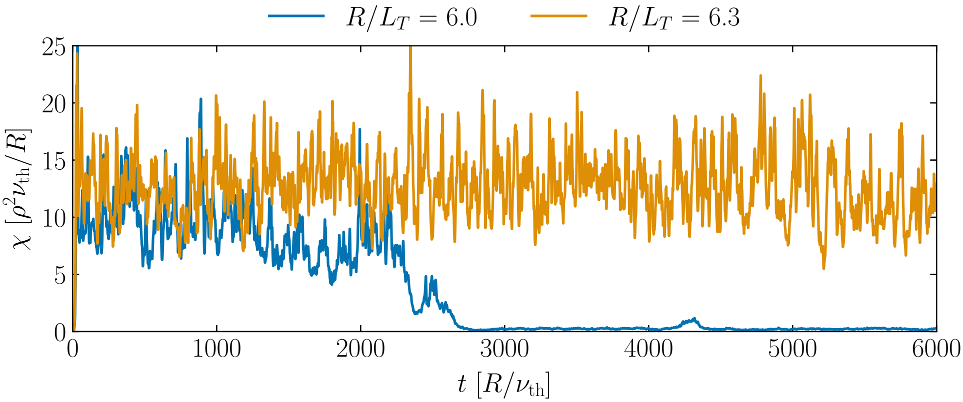

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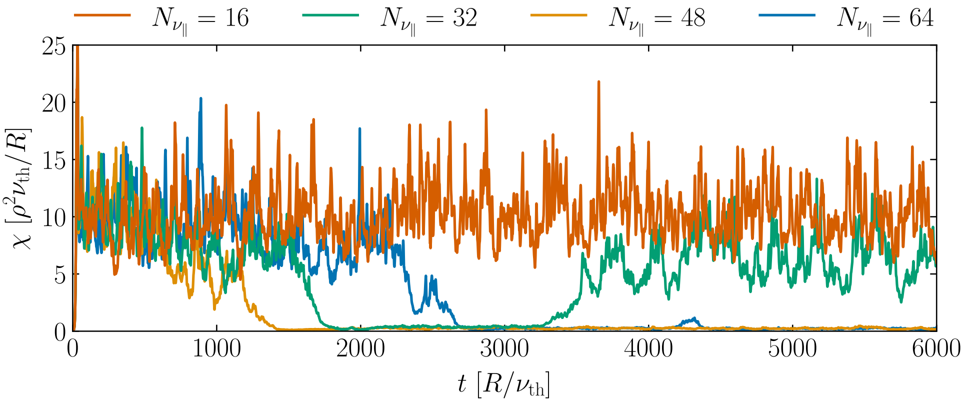

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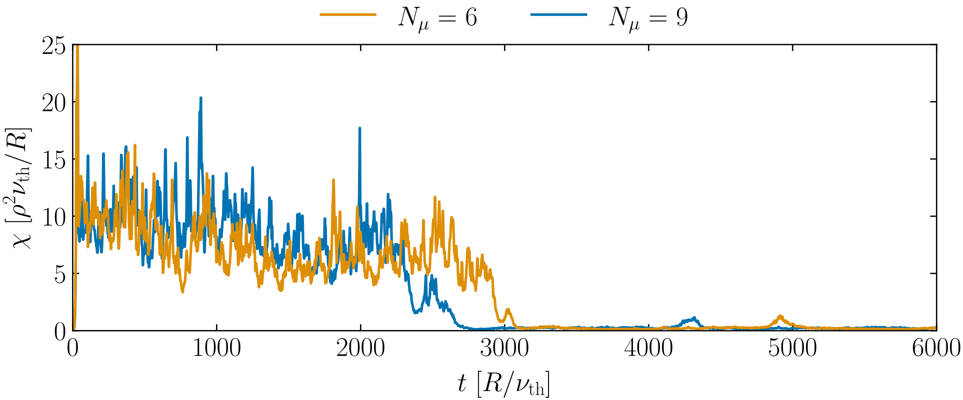

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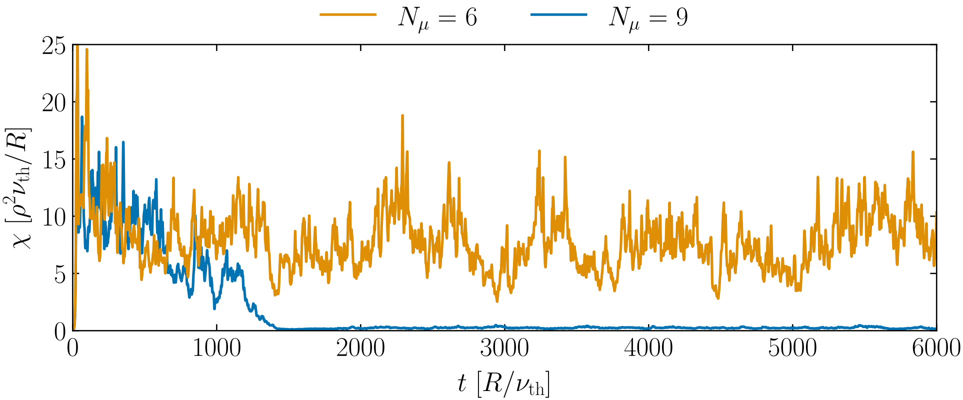

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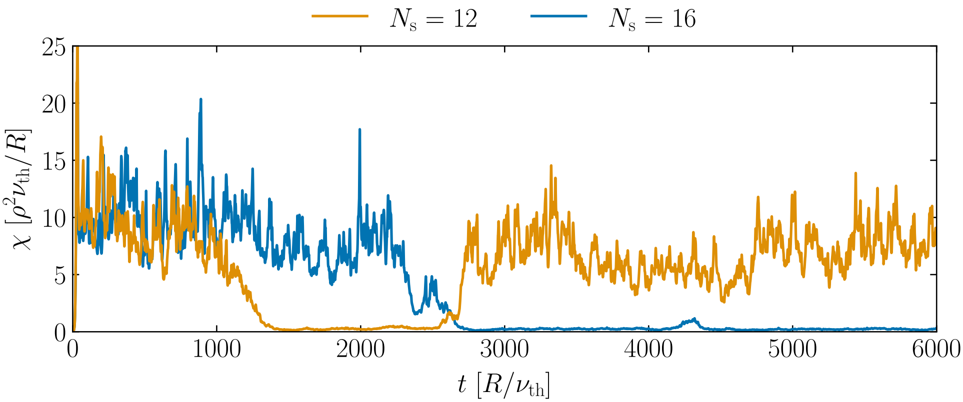

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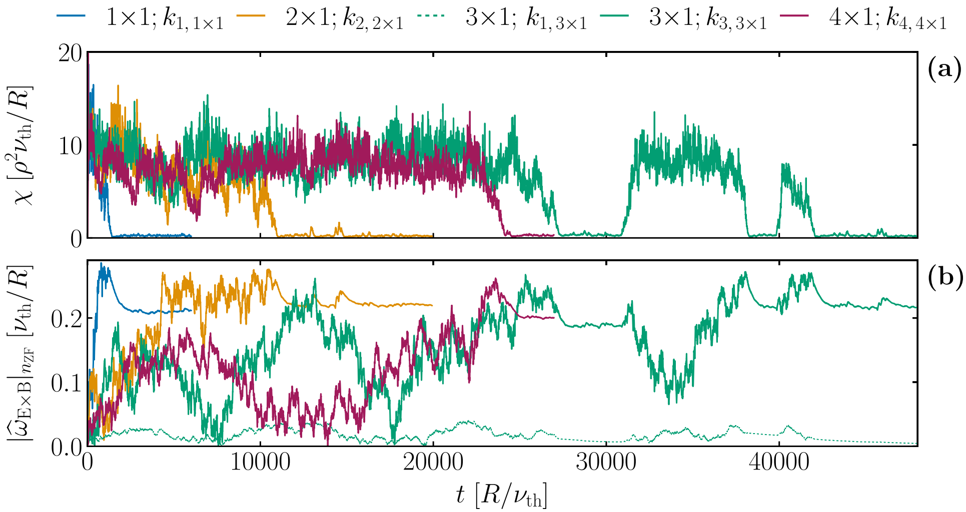

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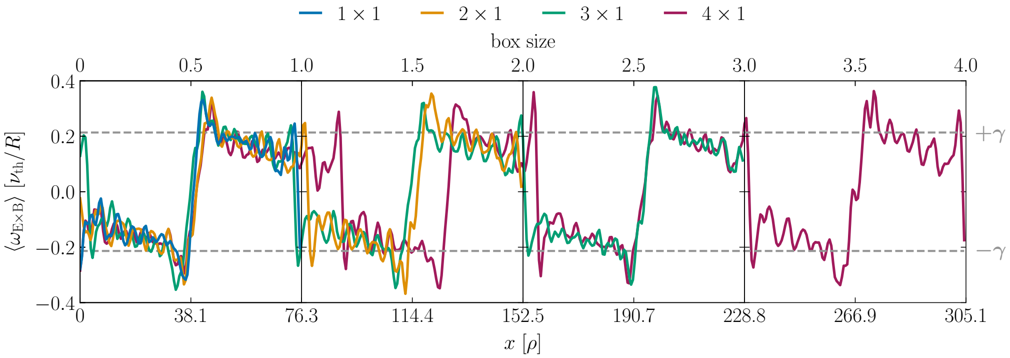

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(2) Isotropic

$$N_{\mathrm{R}} \times N_{\mathrm{B}} \in [1 \times 1,\ 1.5 \times 1.5,\ 2 \times 2,\ 2.5 \times 2.5,\ 3 \times 3]$$

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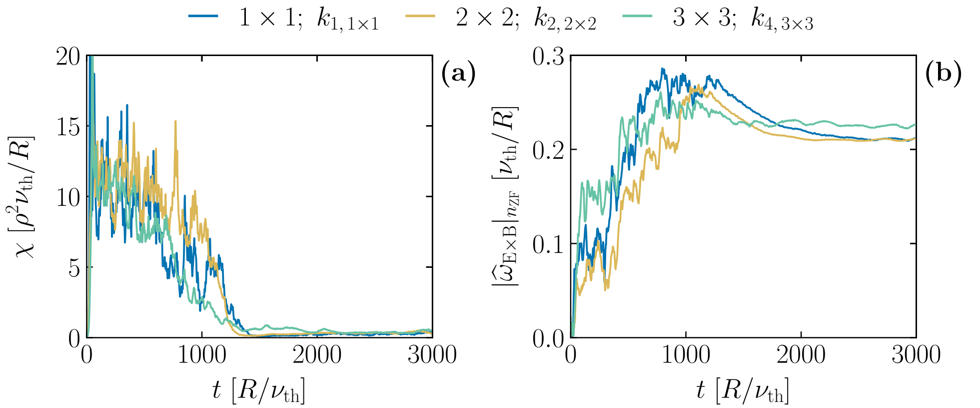

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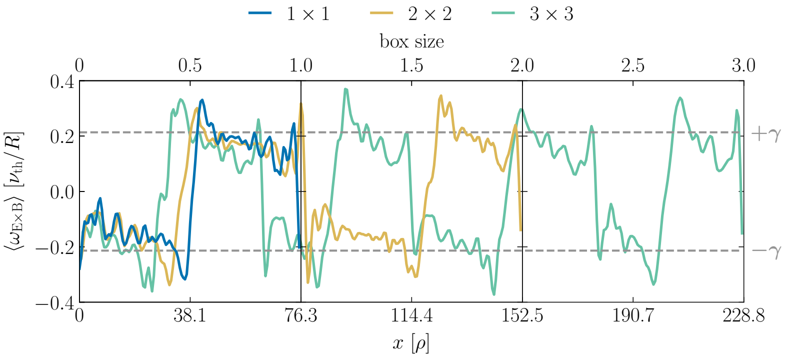

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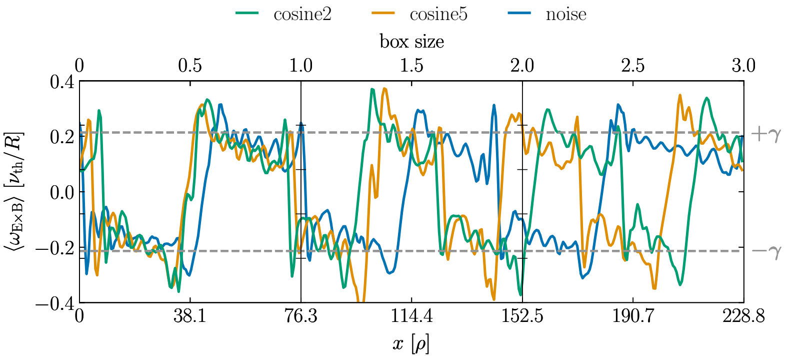

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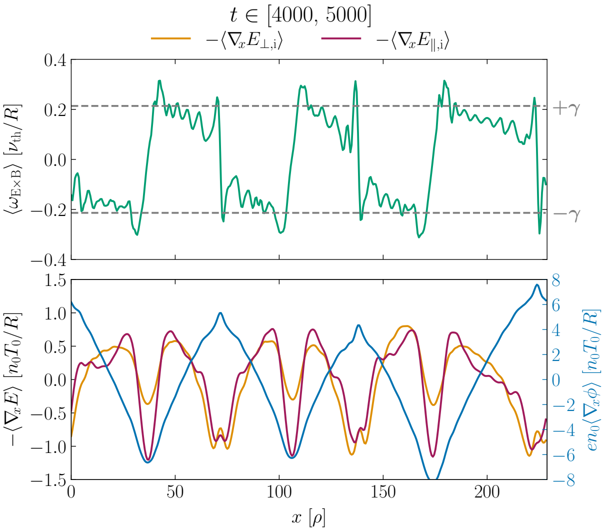

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(3) Binormal

$$N_{\mathrm{R}} \times N_{\mathrm{B}} \in [3 \times 1.5,\ 3 \times 2.5,\ 3 \times 3,\ 3 \times 5]$$

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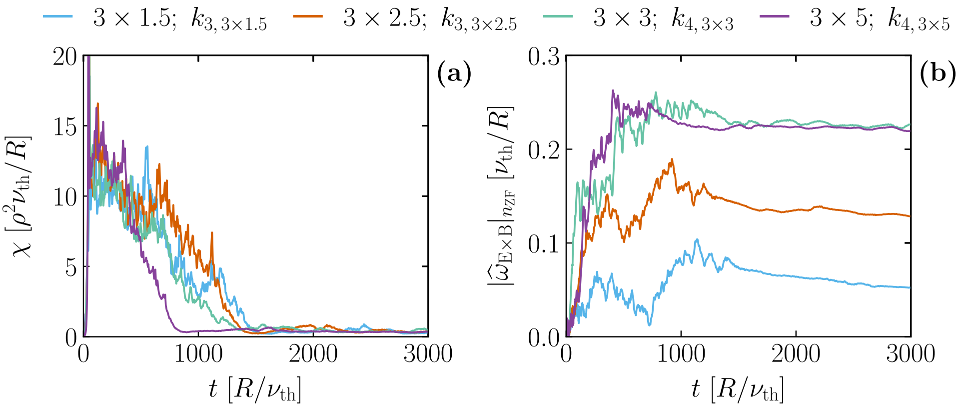

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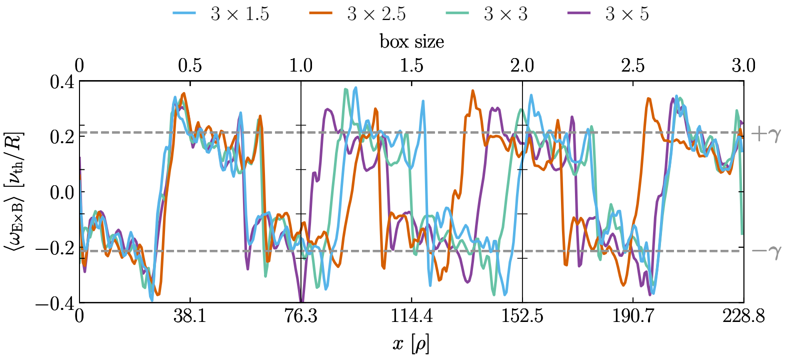

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$\Rightarrow$ Mesoscale pattern size of:

$$\boxed{\sim 57 - 76\, \rho}$$

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- Avalanches are spatially organized by the E × B staircase pattern

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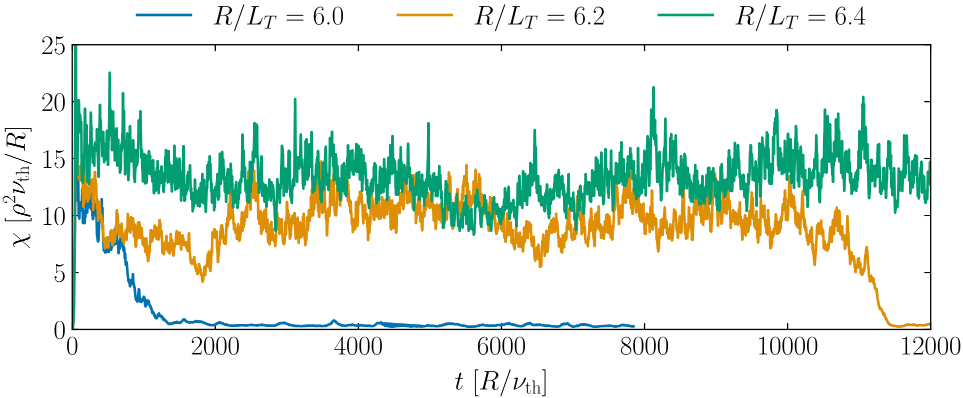

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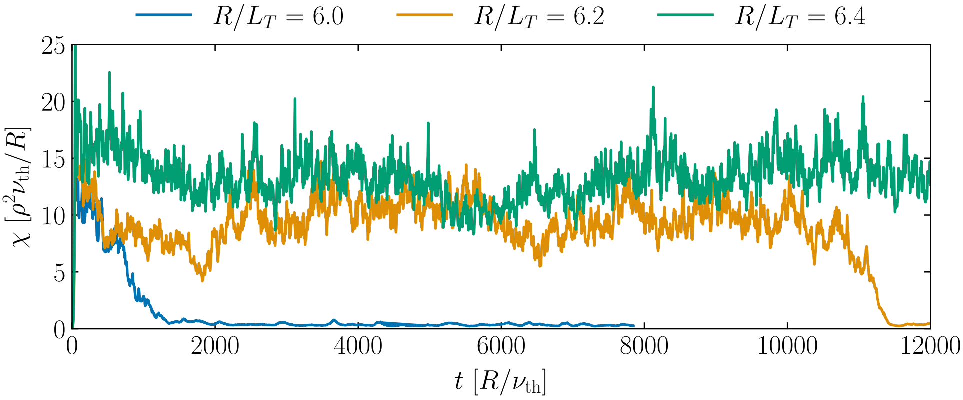

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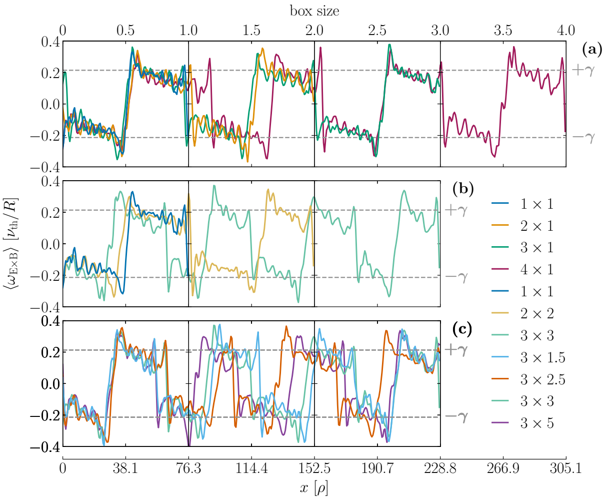

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