

Vortices in Disks and Proto-Planet Migration

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Migration due to disk-planet tidal interaction

- Previous talks for review:
- Focus on the potential vorticity (p.v.) evolution
- Possibility and role of secondary instabilities in the co-orbital region

Potential Vorticity ζ

- Potential Vorticity (PV or vortensity):

$$\zeta \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{(\nabla \times \mathbf{v})_z}{\Sigma}$$

- PV along streamlines for inviscid flow:

$$\frac{D(\zeta \hat{\mathbf{z}})}{Dt} = (\zeta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{\Sigma^3} \nabla \Sigma \times \nabla p$$

- If barotropic $p=p(\Sigma)$, baroclinic term

$$\nabla \Sigma \times \nabla p = 0$$

- and in 2D ($\hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \nabla = 0$):

$$\frac{D\zeta}{Dt} \equiv 0$$

Break the conservation of Potential Vorticity

$$\frac{D\zeta}{Dt} = \text{viscosity} + \text{shocks} + \text{non - adiabatic forcing}$$

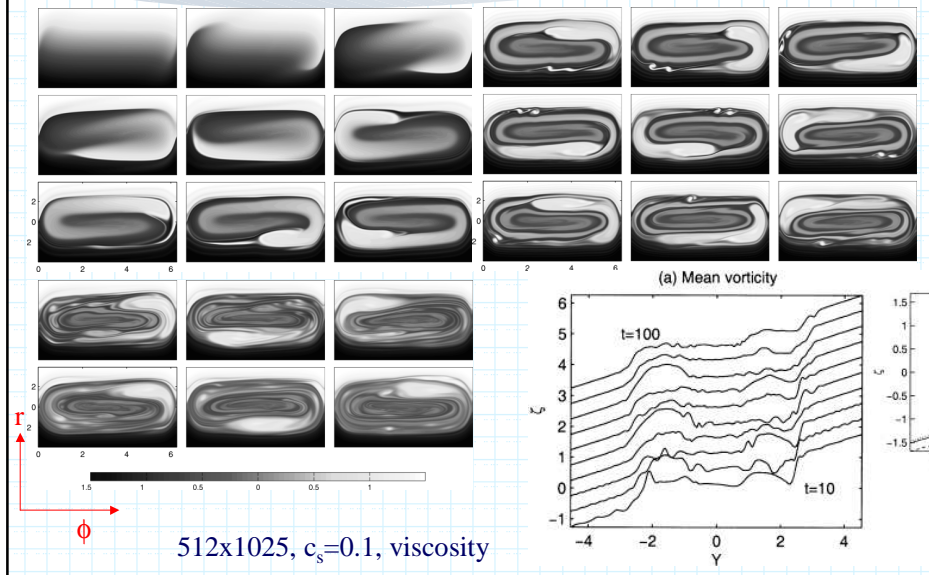
- Viscosity: either imposed or numerical
- Spiral shocks, cutting through the whole disk
- Switch-on of the planet mass

Problem Setup

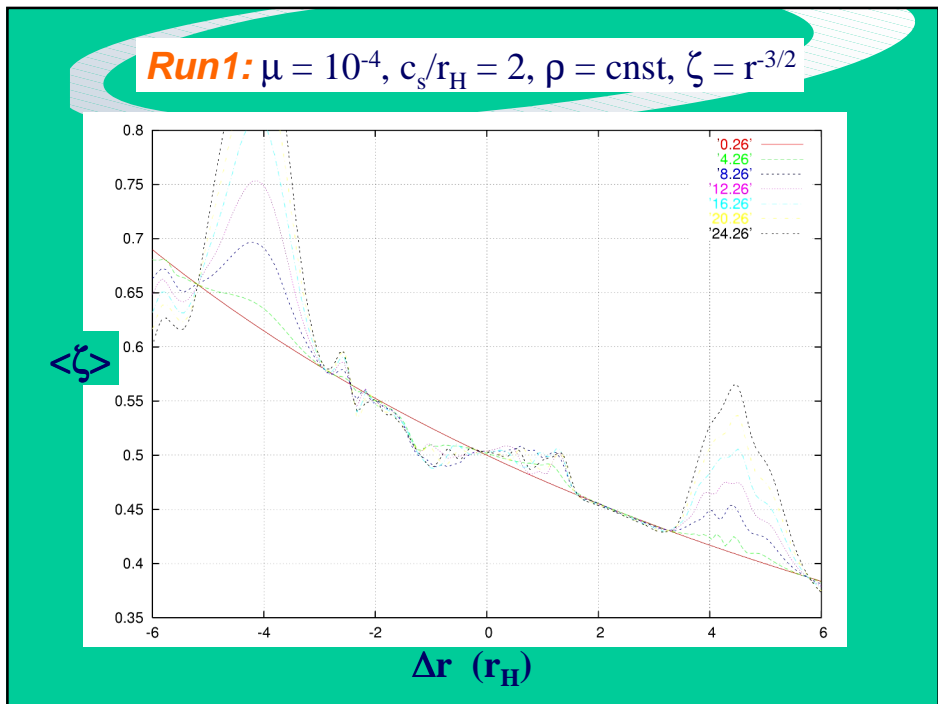
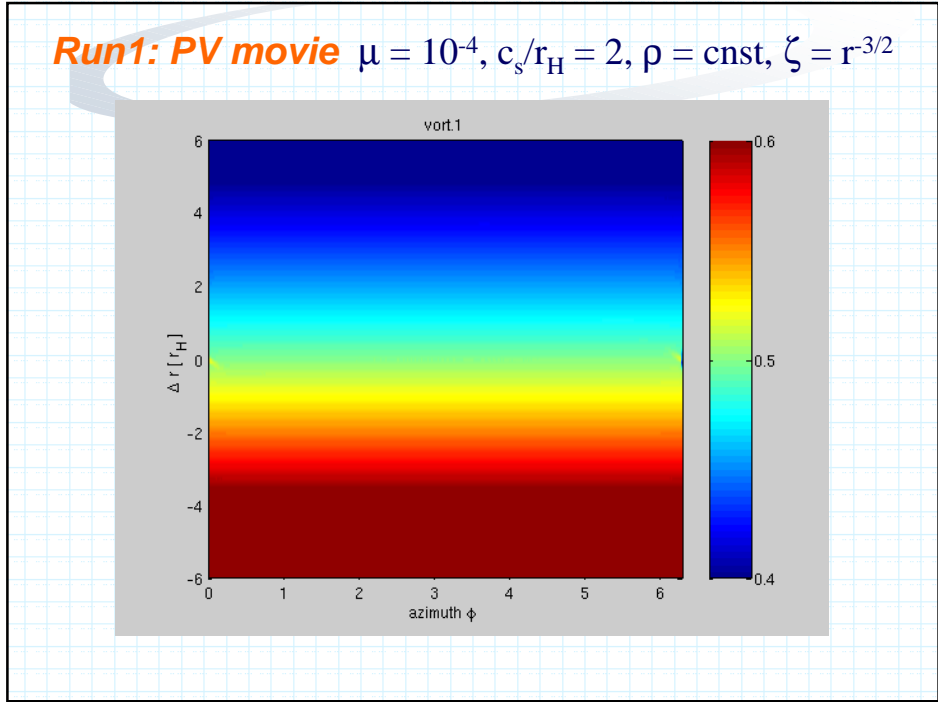
- 2D disk size: $0.4 < r/r_p < 2.0$
- Isothermal: $c_s / v_{\phi 0} = 0.05$, initially in force equilibrium
- Initial: a) $\rho = \text{const}$, $v_\phi = r^{-1/2}$, $\zeta = r^{-3/2}$; **run1**
 b) $\rho = r^{-3/2}$, $v_\phi = r^{-1/2}$, $\zeta = \text{const}$; **run2, 3**
- Planet mass: $\mu = 10^{-4}$, no gaps, gradually “turned-on”, on fixed orbits, $e=0$
- Resolution: typically $(n_r, n_\phi) = (300, 1200)$ up to (600×2400)
- Hybrid: Lax-Wendroff + Lax-Friedrich (for shocks)
- Masset’s FARGO for fast integration
- No explicit artificial viscosity \rightarrow inviscid limit
- In co-rotating frame where star and planet are fixed

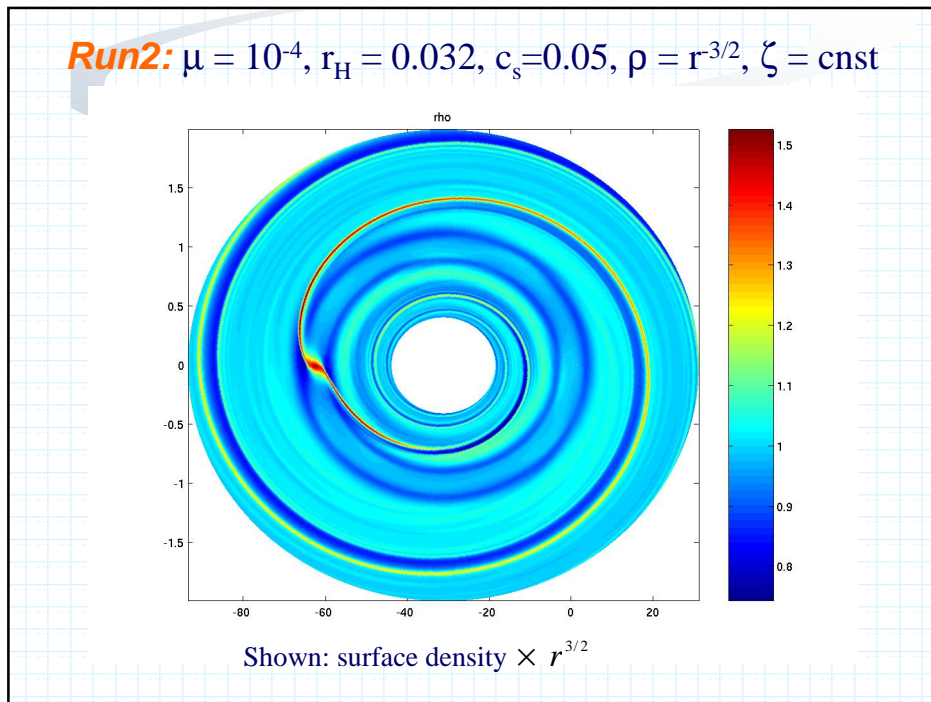
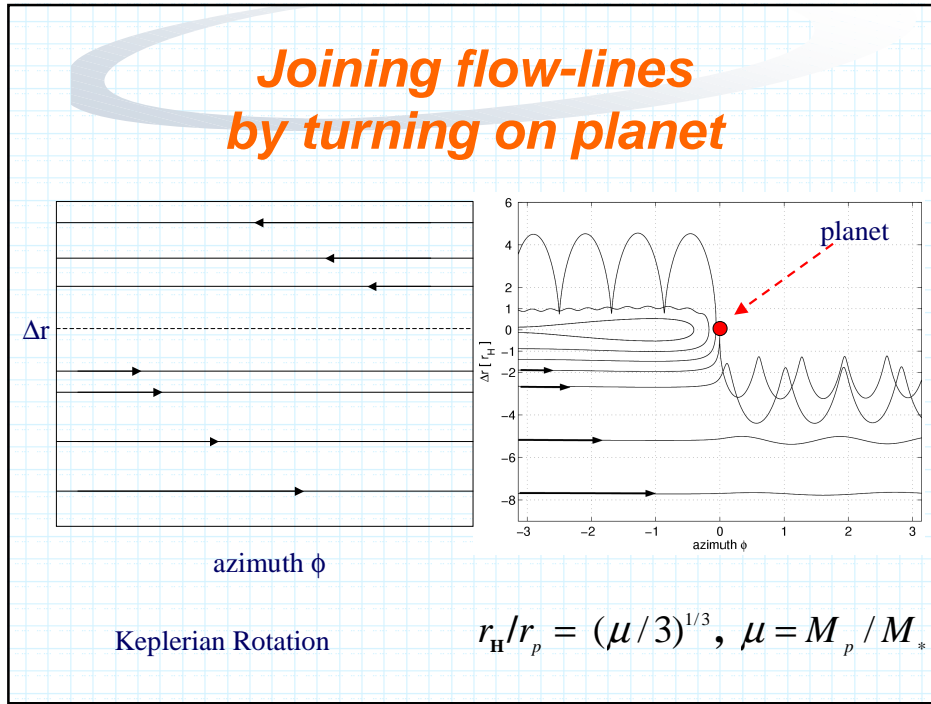
Balmforth & Korycansky’01:

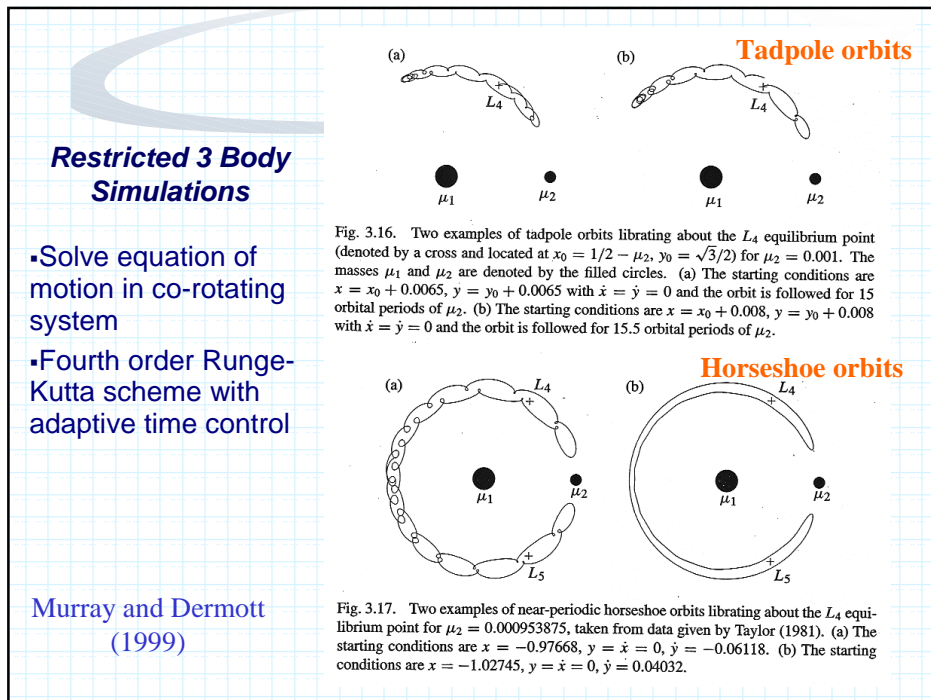
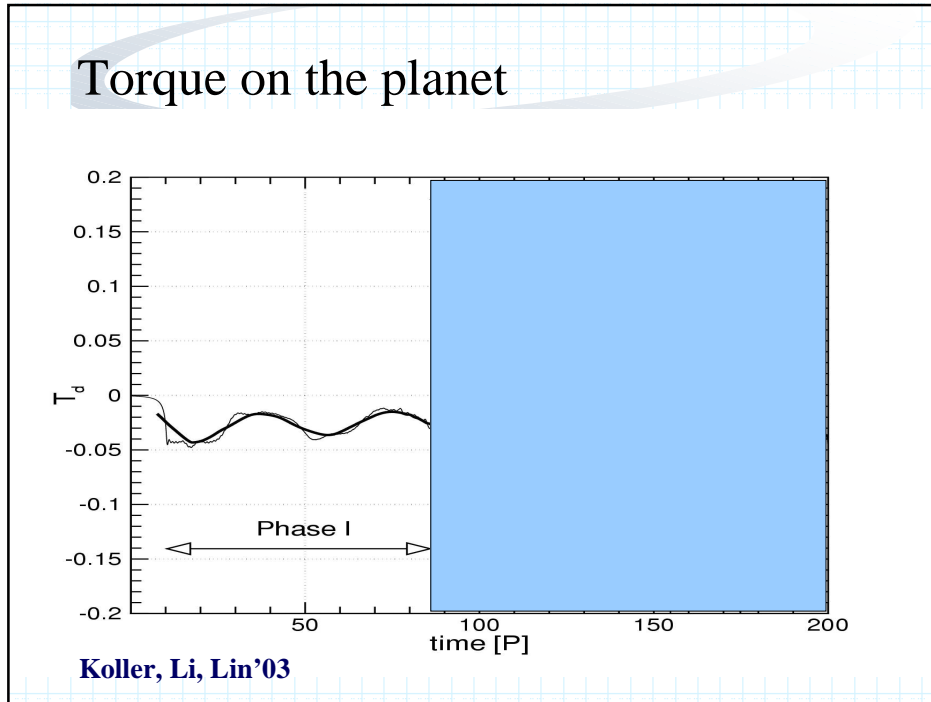
Flow inside the critical annual region of corotation resonance

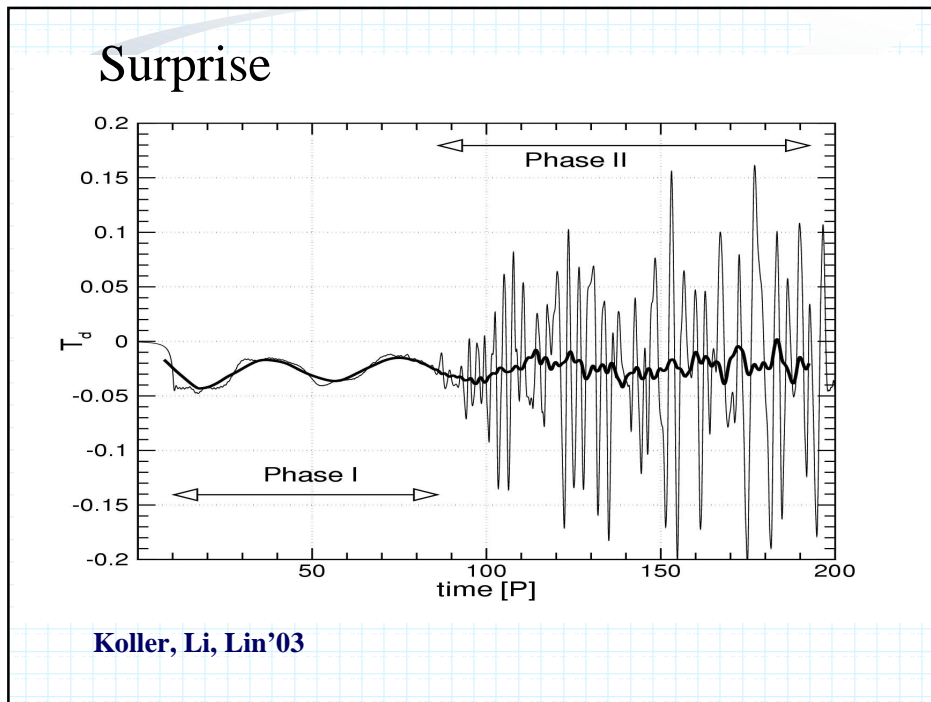
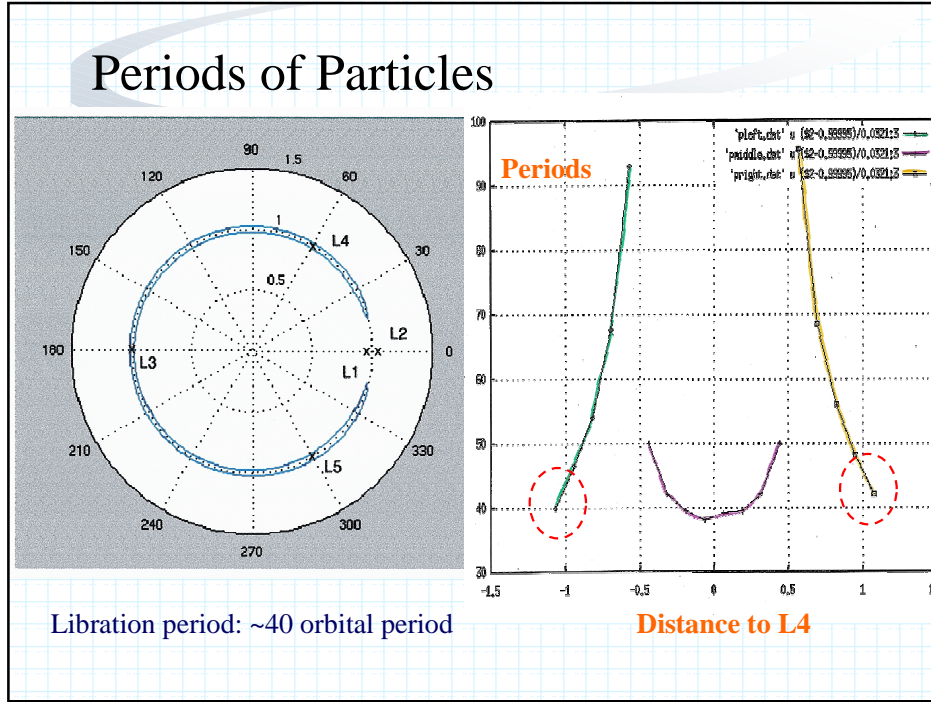


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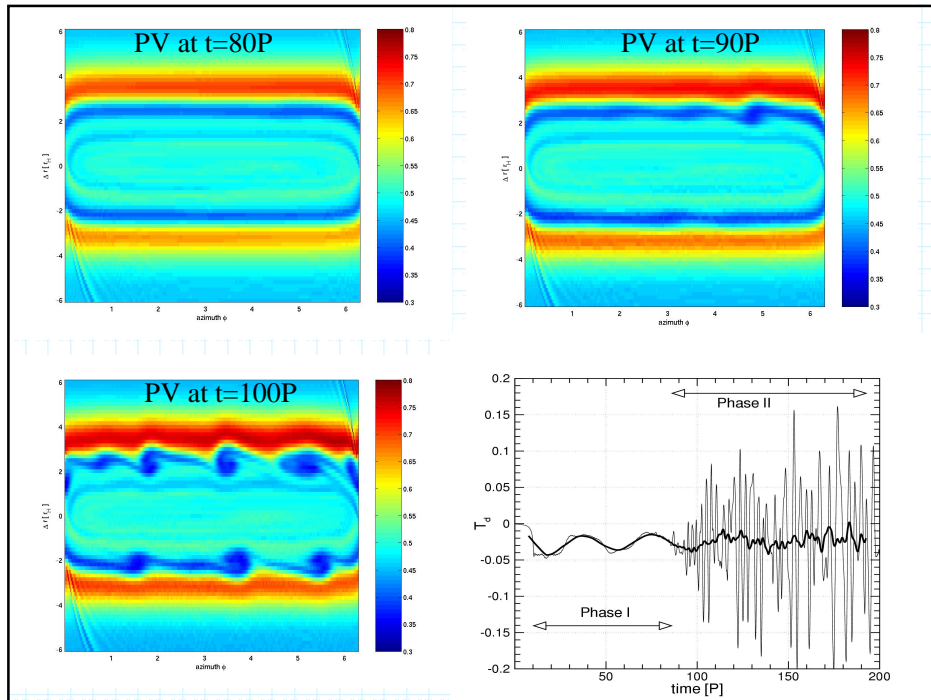
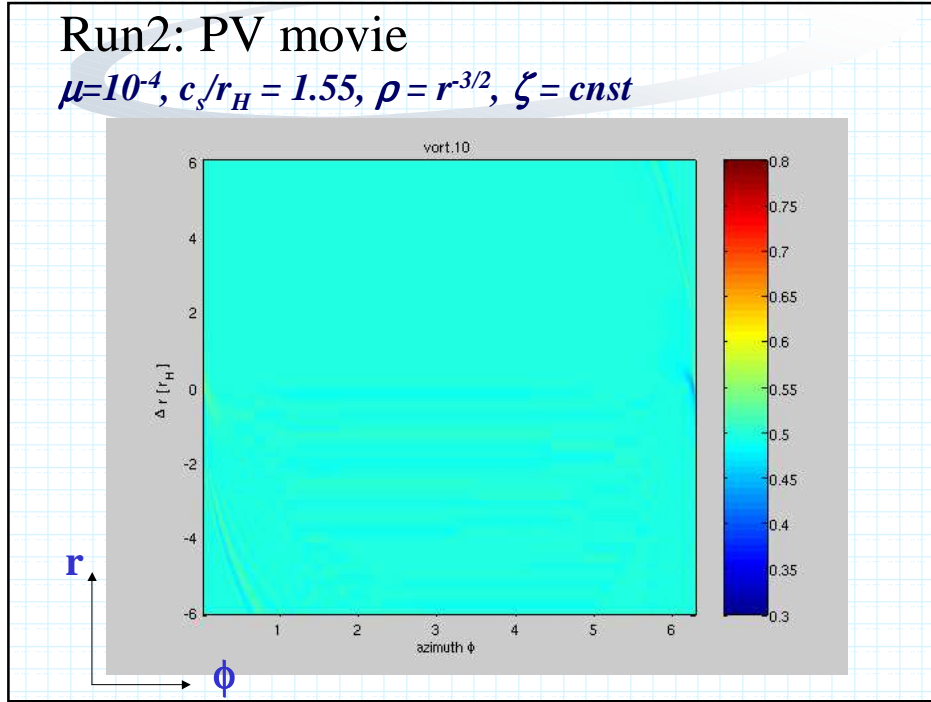


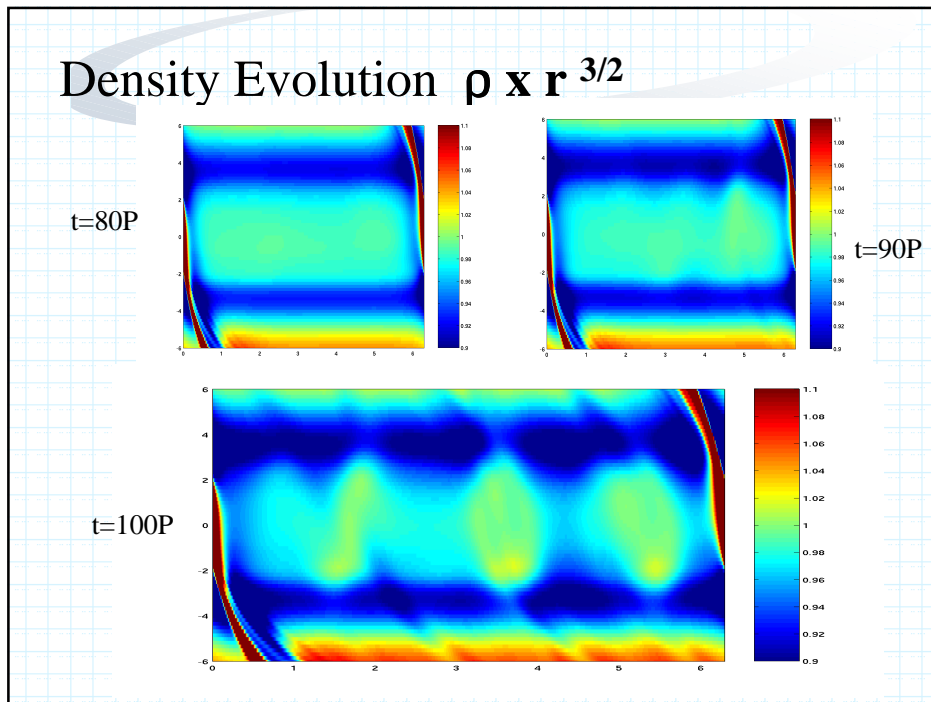
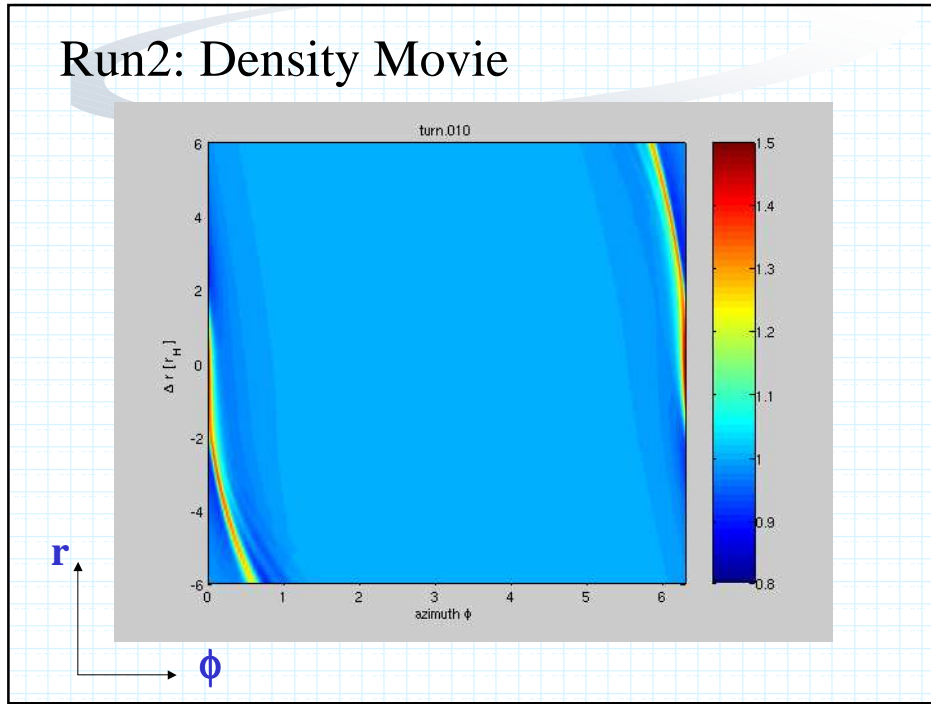


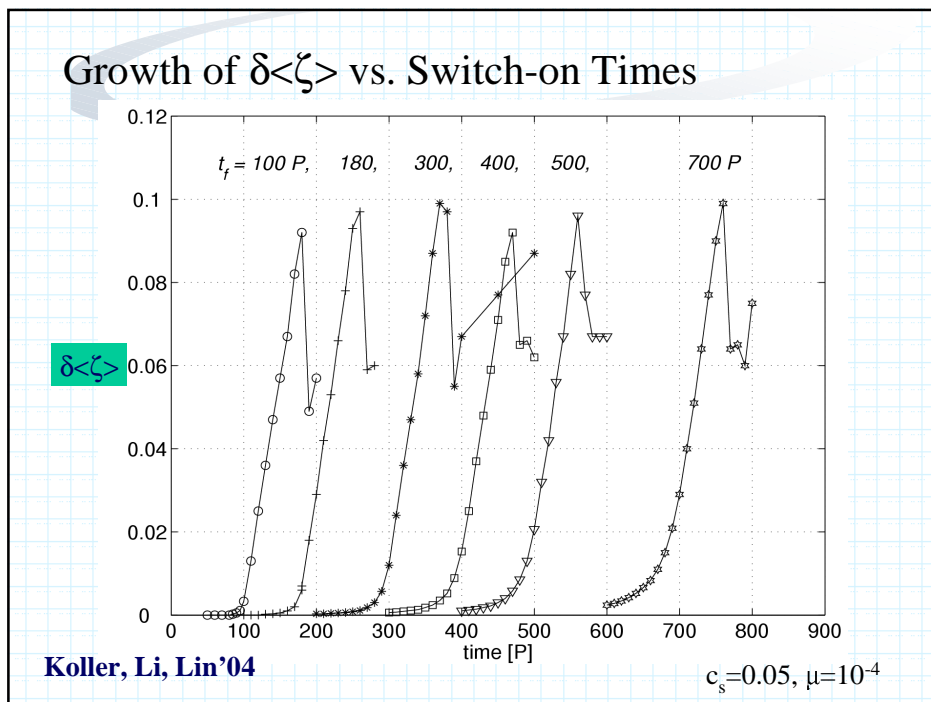
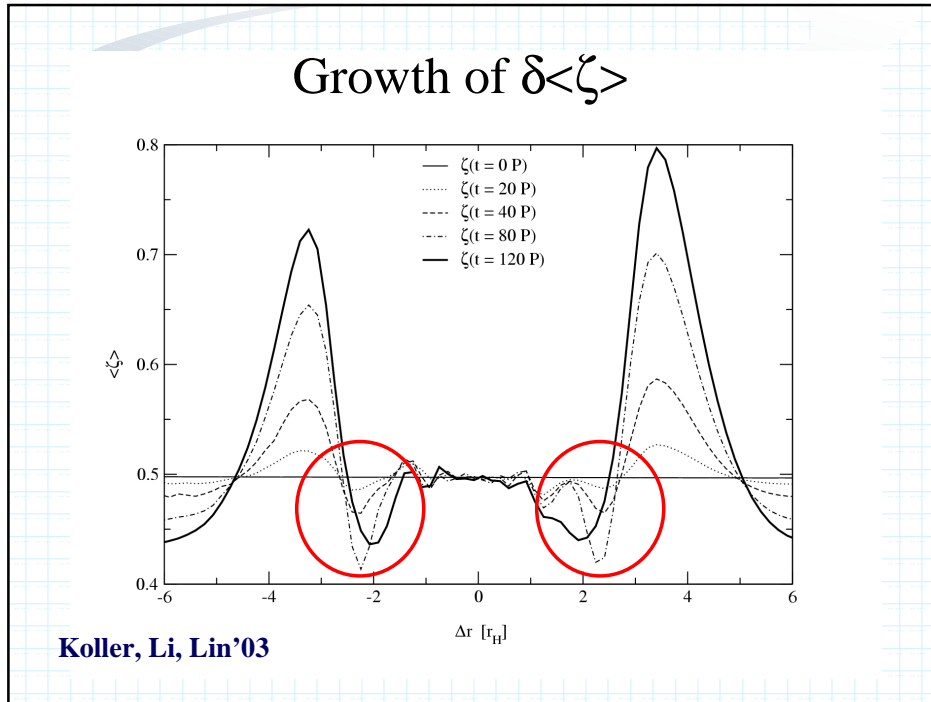


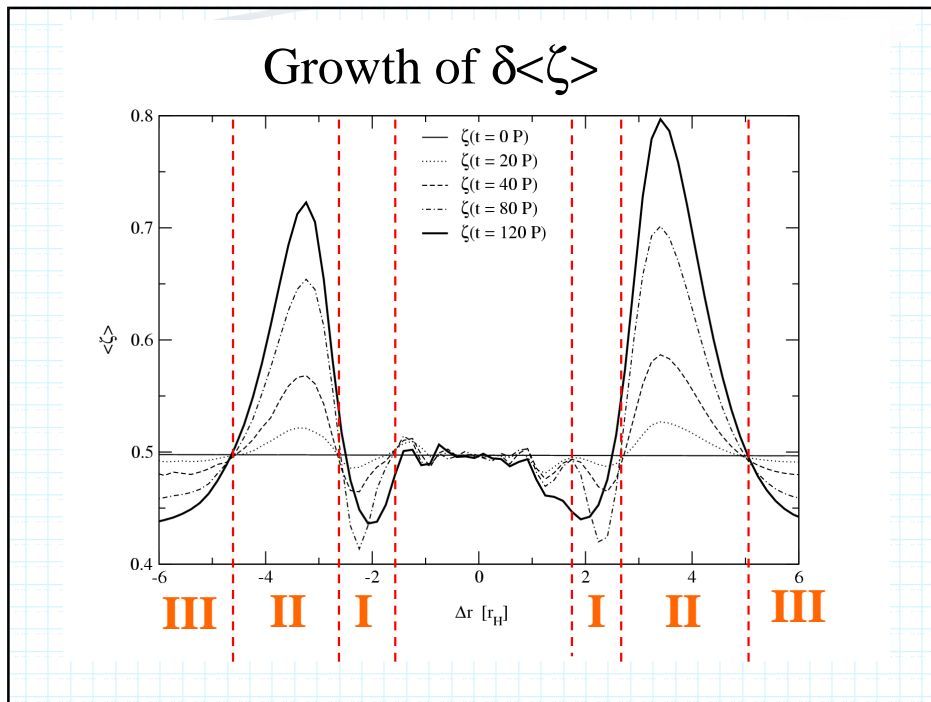
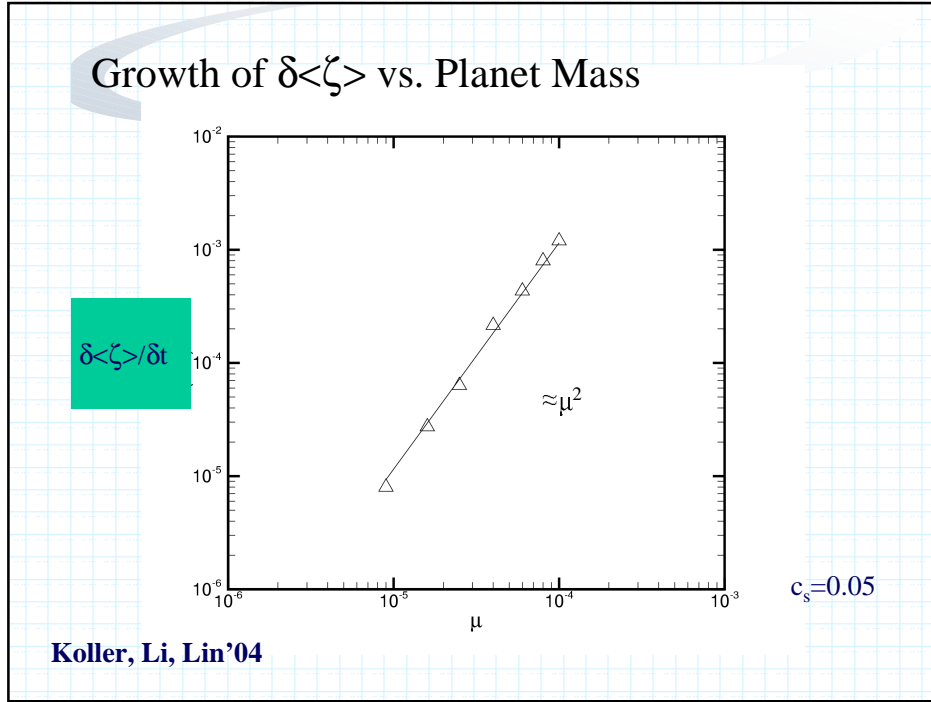


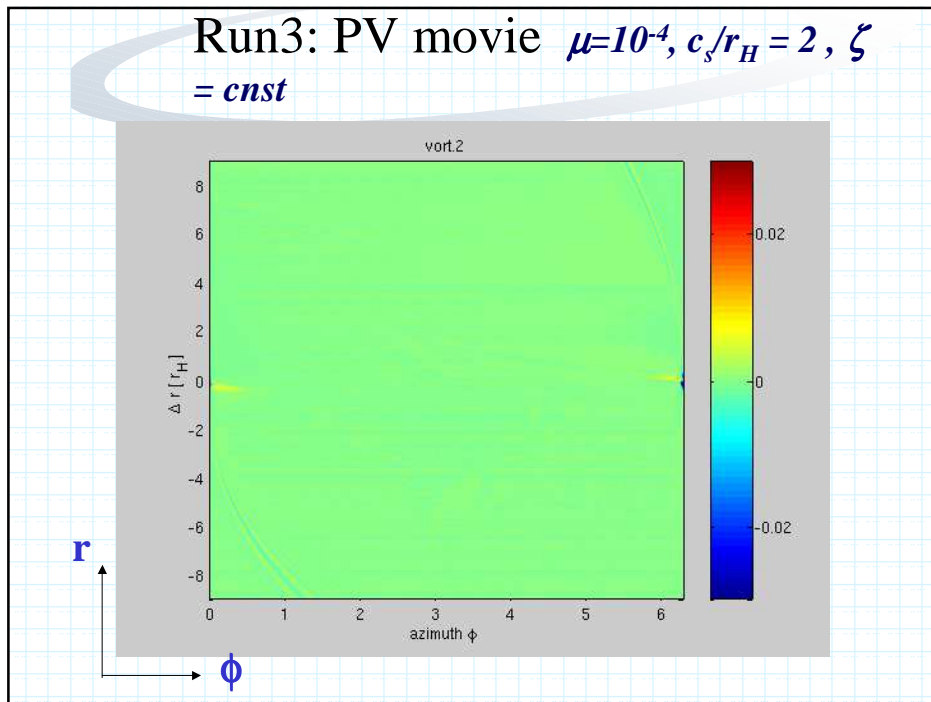
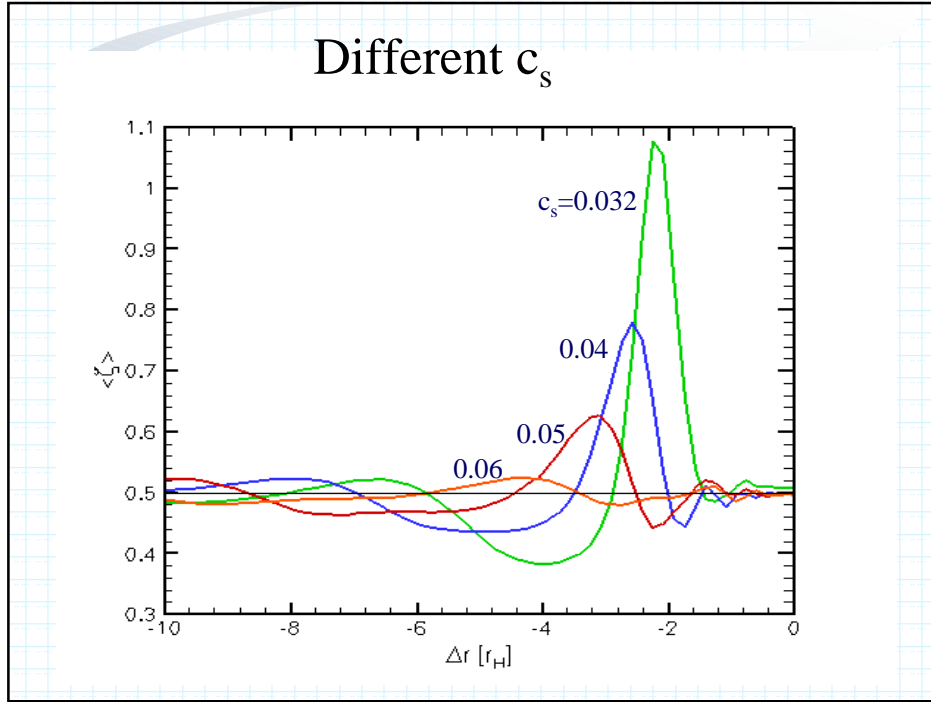
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PV Changes due to shocks Region II & III

- Vorticity jump across shock: Truesdell ('52), Lighthill ('57), Hayes('57),..., Kevlahan('97)

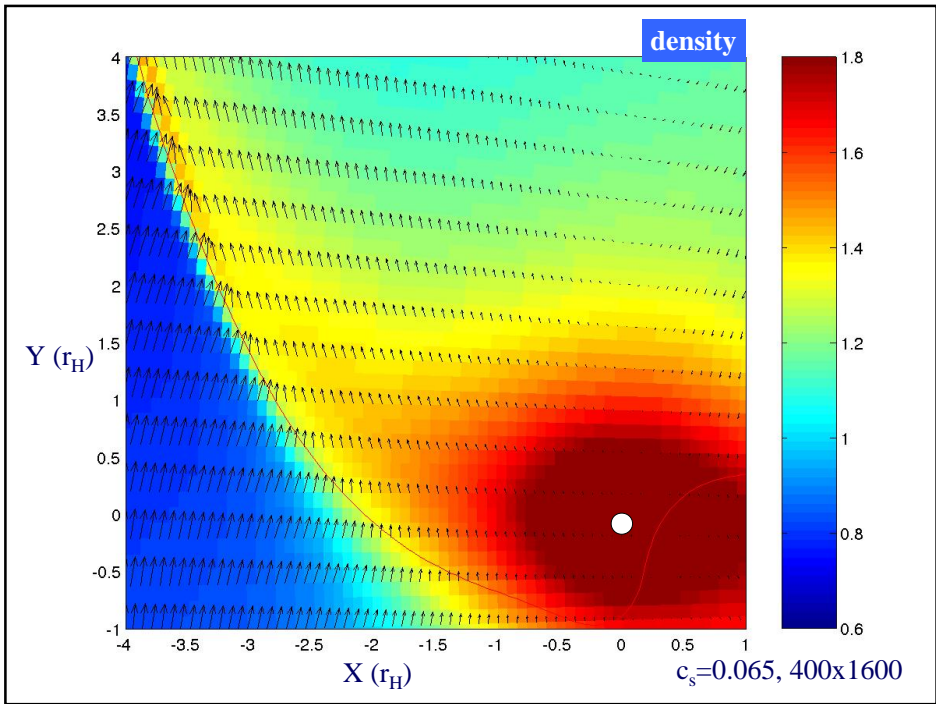
$$\delta\omega = \frac{q^2}{1+q} \frac{\partial Cr}{\partial S} + \text{baroclinic term} + q\omega_a$$

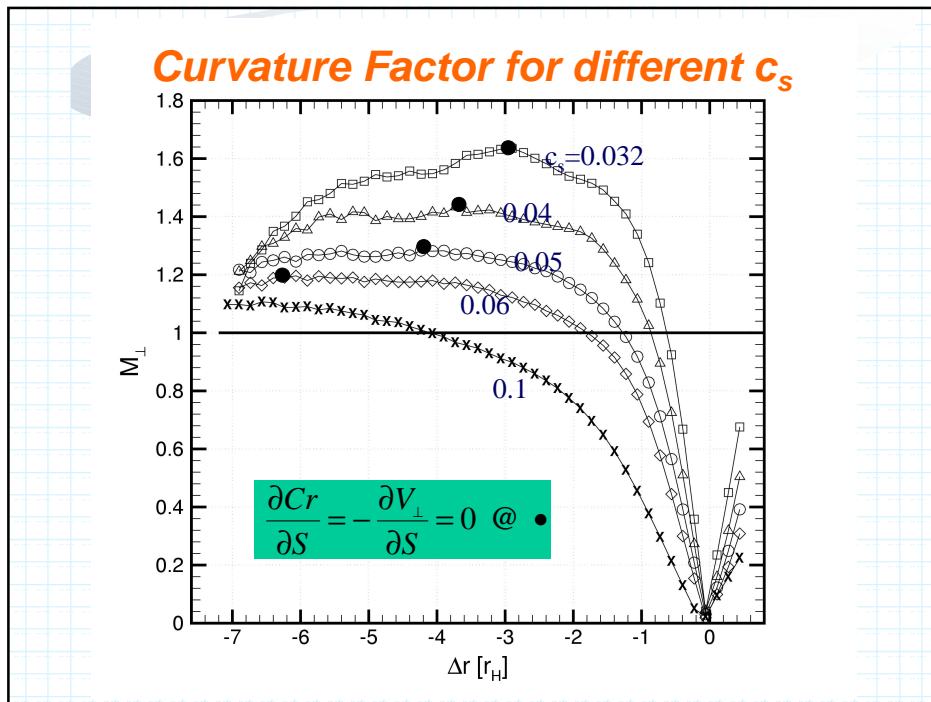
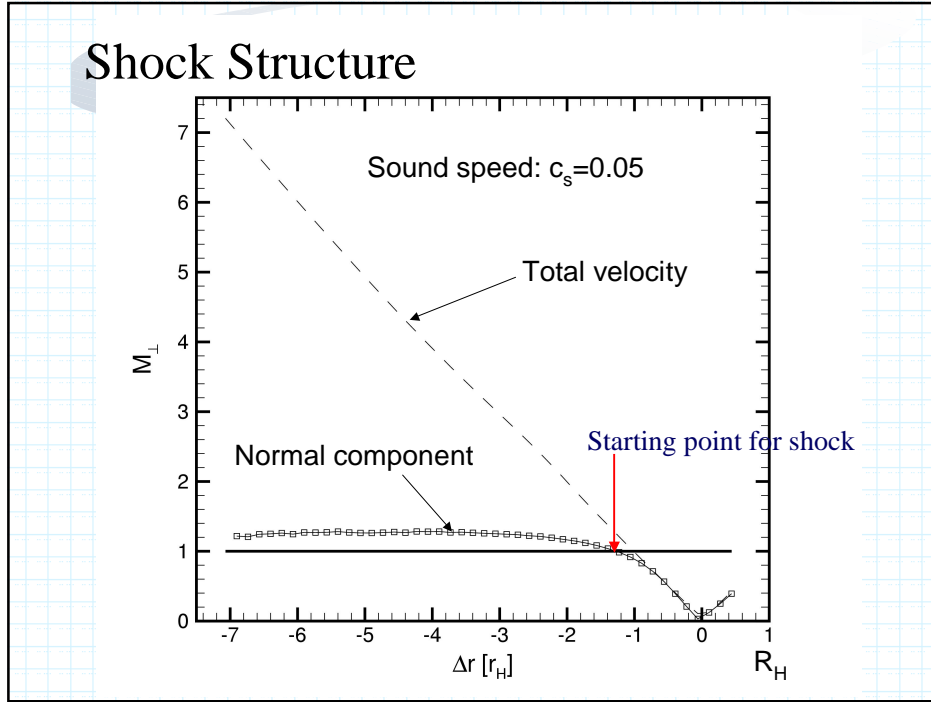
where $q = \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_a} - 1$, $Cr = -V_\perp$ (in shock frame)

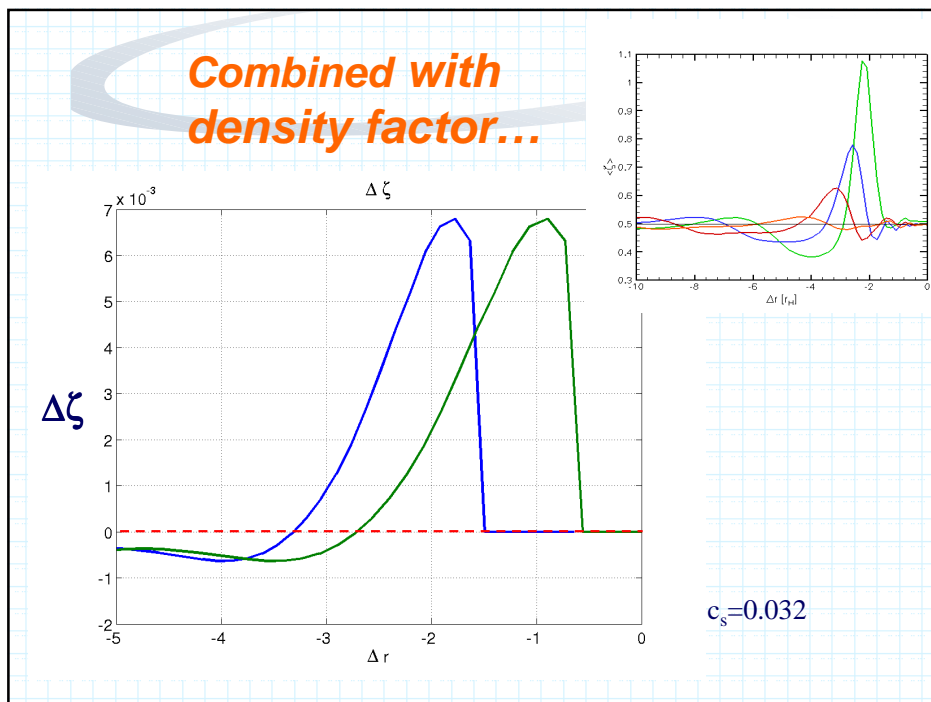
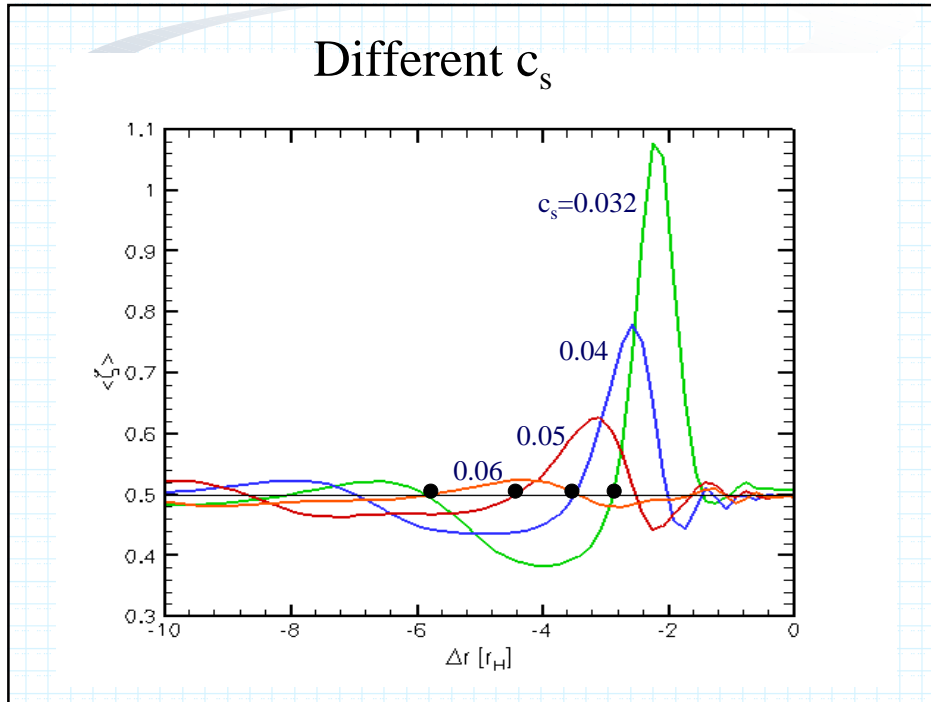
- For isothermal shock, potential vorticity jump:

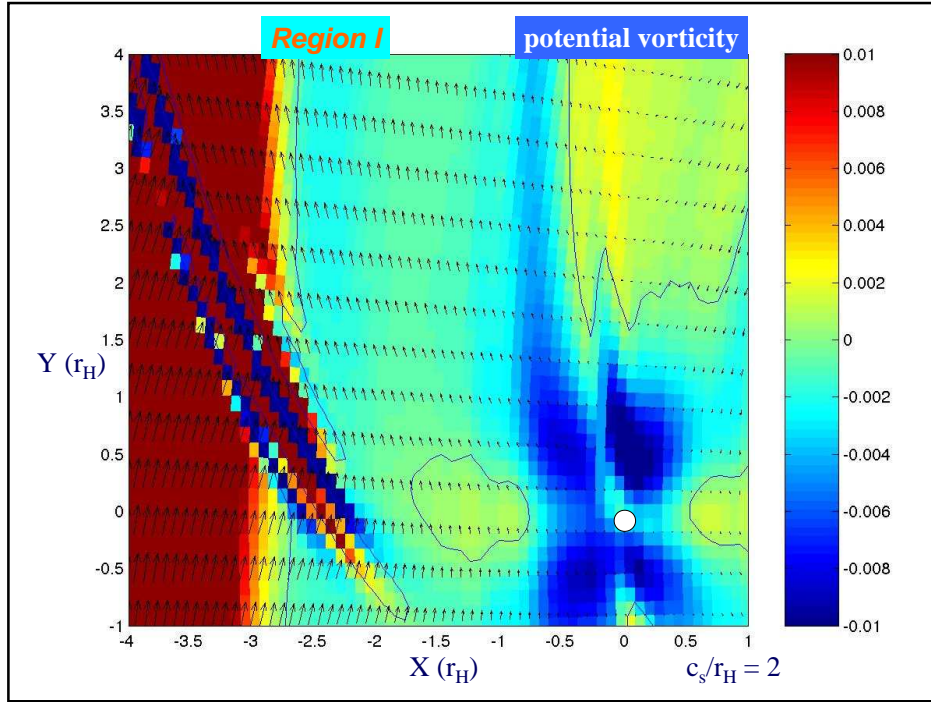
$$\delta\zeta = \frac{1}{\rho_b} \frac{q^2}{1+q} \frac{\partial Cr}{\partial S}$$

density_factor
curvature_factor







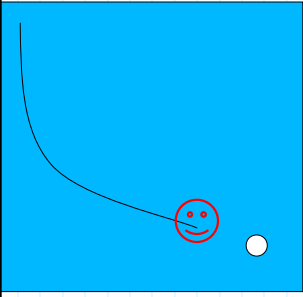


Region I : Uncertain

Vorticity Jump : $\delta\omega = [u_{s,n} - u_{n,s}]$

$[u_{s,n}]$ by jump in s - component : $\rho \left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} \right) = -\nabla p + \mathbf{F}_{ext}$

$[u_{n,s}]$ by s -derivative of R-H condition : $[P + \rho u_n^2]$



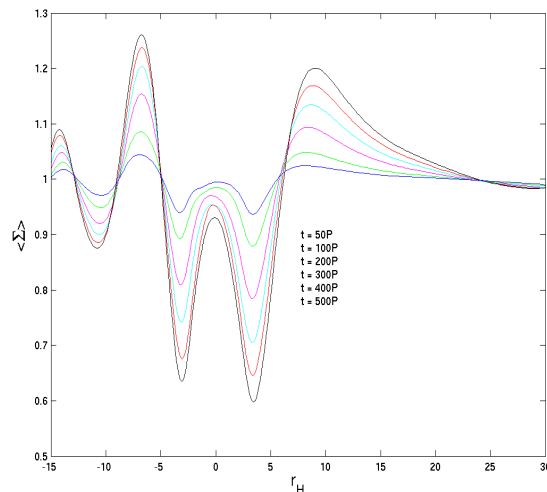
Two complications:

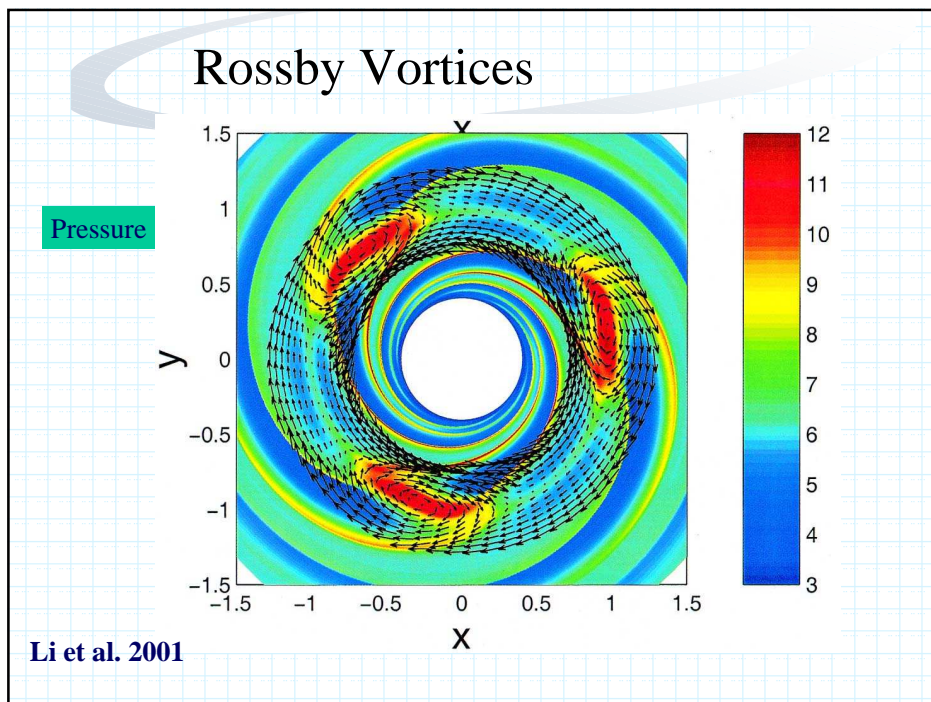
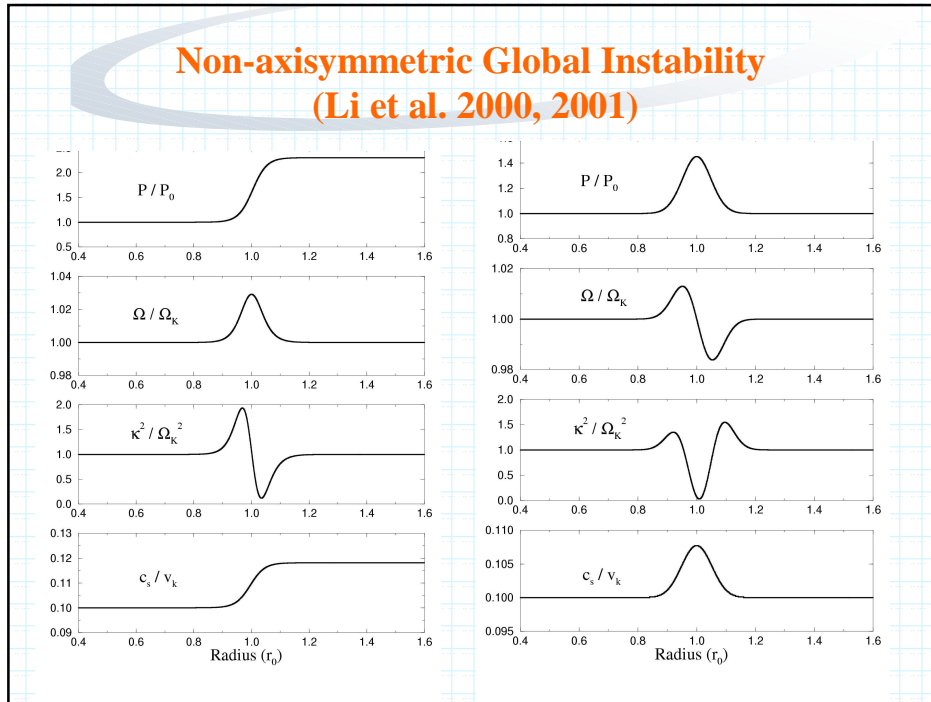
- at the “tip” of shock, not clear how to apply the calculations.
- \mathbf{F}_{ext} needs to be included.

Secondary Instability

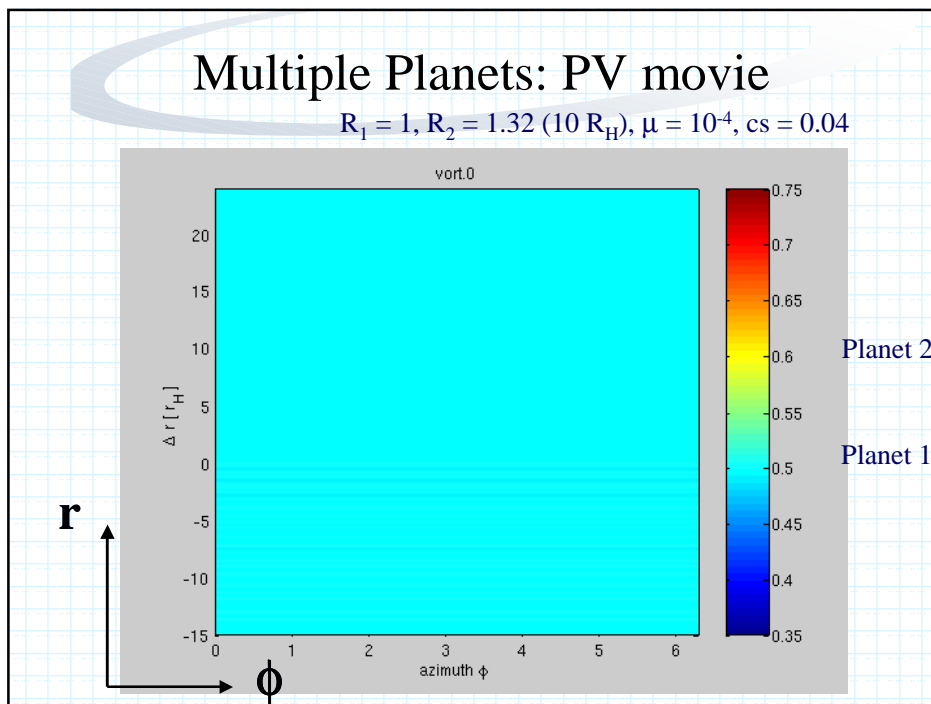
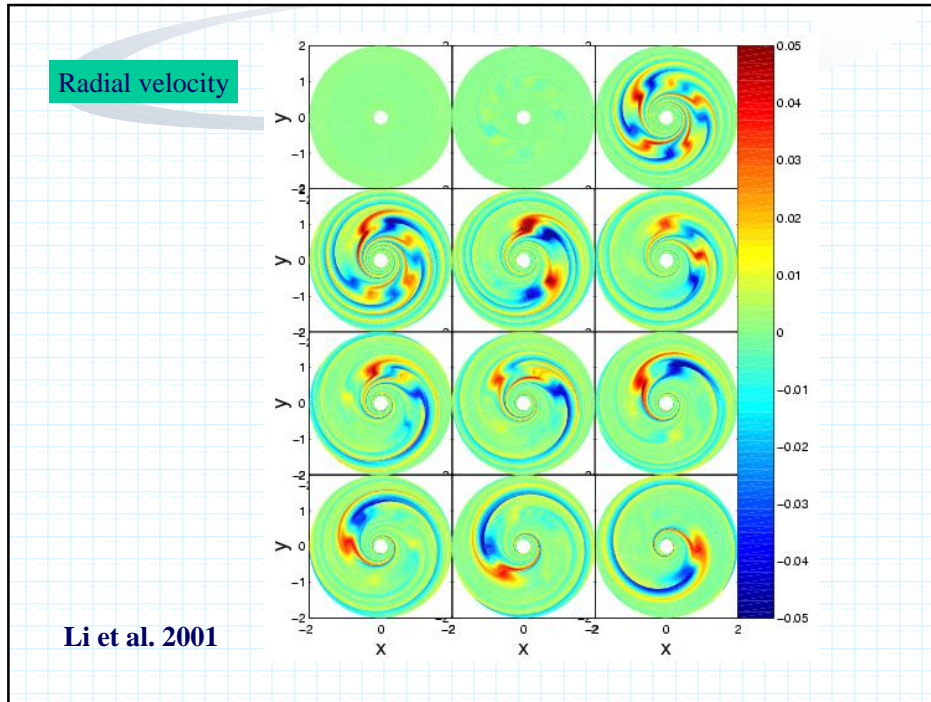
- Shocks generate/destroy p.v.
- Formation of inflexion points in p.v. profile
e.g., “dips”, “gaps”, “bumps” can be unstable!
- Global non-axisymmetric instability
(e.g., Papaloizou & Pringle instability'85,
Rossby Vortex Instability, Li et al.'00,01)
- Perform linear theory analysis:
 - 1) threshold;
 - 2) fast growth rates;
 - 3) vortex as the non-linear outcome.

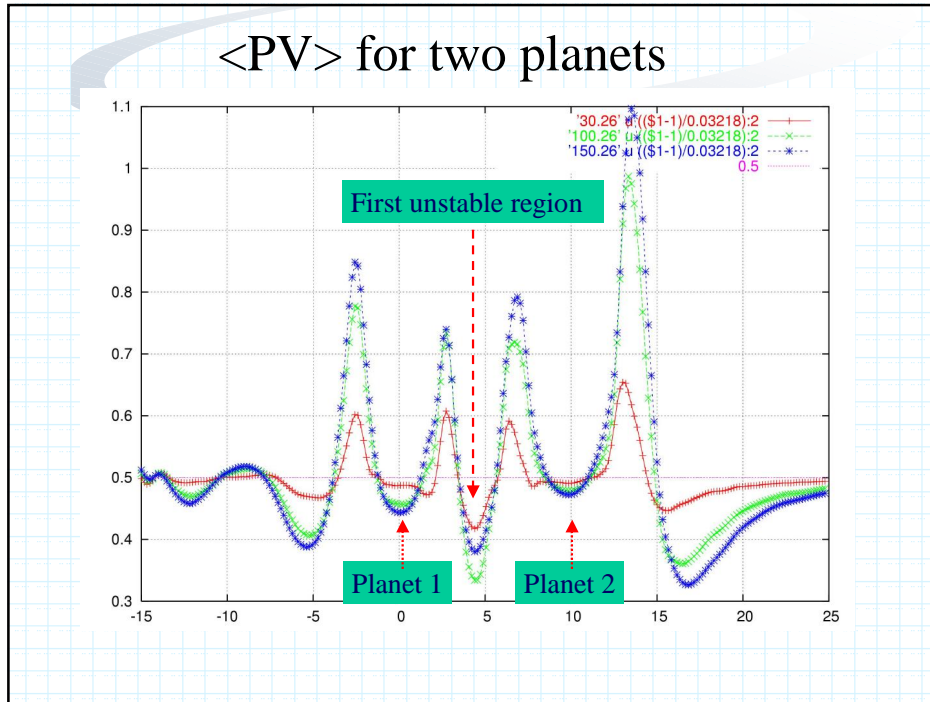
Density Profile





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Summary

- Low viscosity simulation show:
 - non-conservation of PV due to shocks
 - developing inflection points in PV profile, which eventually de-stabilize the flow
 - vortices as non-linear outcome
 - torque changes significantly due to “collisions” between vortices and planet, implication for migration and eccentricity driving
- Future work:
 - Migrating planets, eccentricity driving
 - Multiple planets