Onset of electron-scale turbulence in the reconnection exhaust

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Turbulent Dissipation Has Not Yet Begun



No spectral break at the ion cyclotron frequency

Turbulence Develops at Small Scales





Chhiber+ JGR 2018

Intermittency non-Gaussian at small scales, different from MSH and SW

Early Stages of Turbulence



No sharp gradients at small scales



Chhiber+ JGR 2018

Summary

- Reconnection exhaust exhibits filamentary current structures
- B-field does not show signs of turbulent structures
 - B is smooth -->
 - \circ $\partial B/B$ is small

Next step

 Are high(-er) frequency (smaller scale) B-field fluctuations are generating the current structures?



Phan+ GRL 2016

Questions?

Comments?