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In this example, we produce a magnetic field reversal using MAG. The input parameter in the source directory for this case is `~/src/par.Rev`. There is no longitudinal symmetry in this case, so when you compile MAG, use `param32s1.f` linking to `param.f`. The Ekman number is $E=0.02$, the Prandtl number is $Pr=1$ and the magnetic Prandtl number is $Pm=10$. The Rayleigh number is $Ra=12000$.

Link `param32s1.f` to `param.f`:

```
$ ln -sf param32s1.f param.f
```

Compile the program with:

```
$ make  
$ mv magx magx32s4
```

Background execute using `par.Rev` as the input file and `p.rev` as the output file (Note: The output file's extension is specified in the par-file, e.g., here `par.Rev` specifies that the outfile should be named `*filename*.rev`):

```
$ magx32s4 <par.Rev >p.rev &
```

MAG will then execute and produce datafiles in the same directory. See Appendix B in the MAG User Manual for details on MAG's output files.

Results and Discussion

This case has run on 32-bit and 64-bit Intel processors. Figure 1 below shows a plot of mean velocity V_{rms} , mean magnetic field B_{rms} , the axial dipole and the dipole tilt on the outer boundary. It indicated a magnetic field reversal between time steps 25 and 30.

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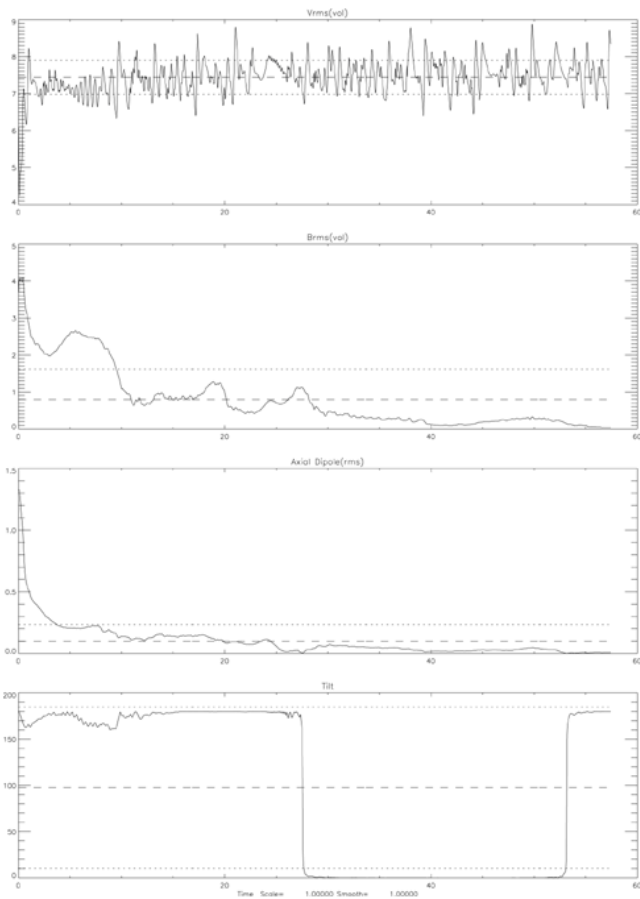


Figure 1

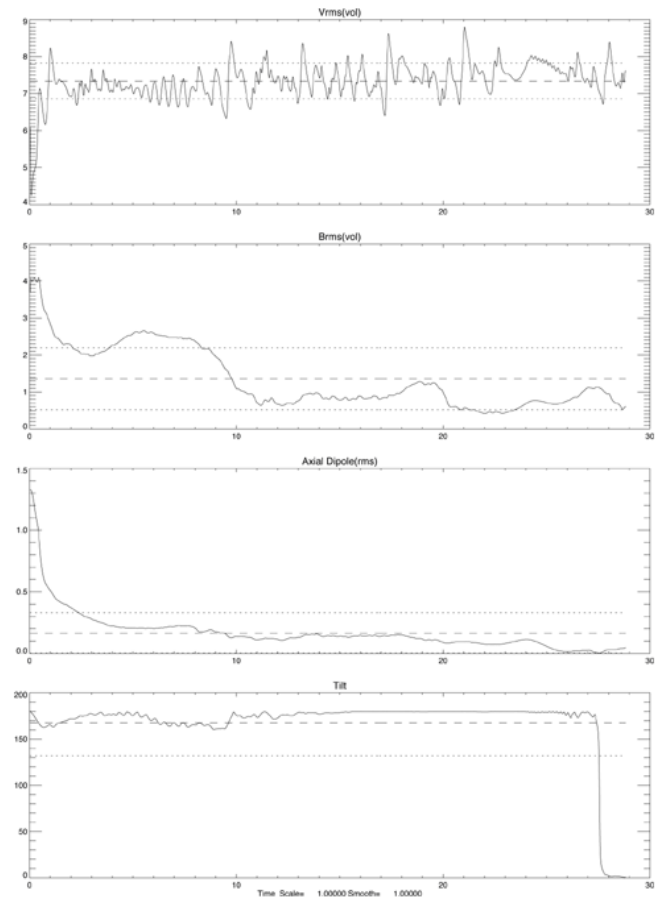


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a longer run of MAG, where we see the magnetic field reversed again. At this time, the magnetic field had weakened substantially.

In Figures 3 and 4 (below), the top figure is the pole plot before the second field reversal and the bottom is the pole plot after the second field reversal.

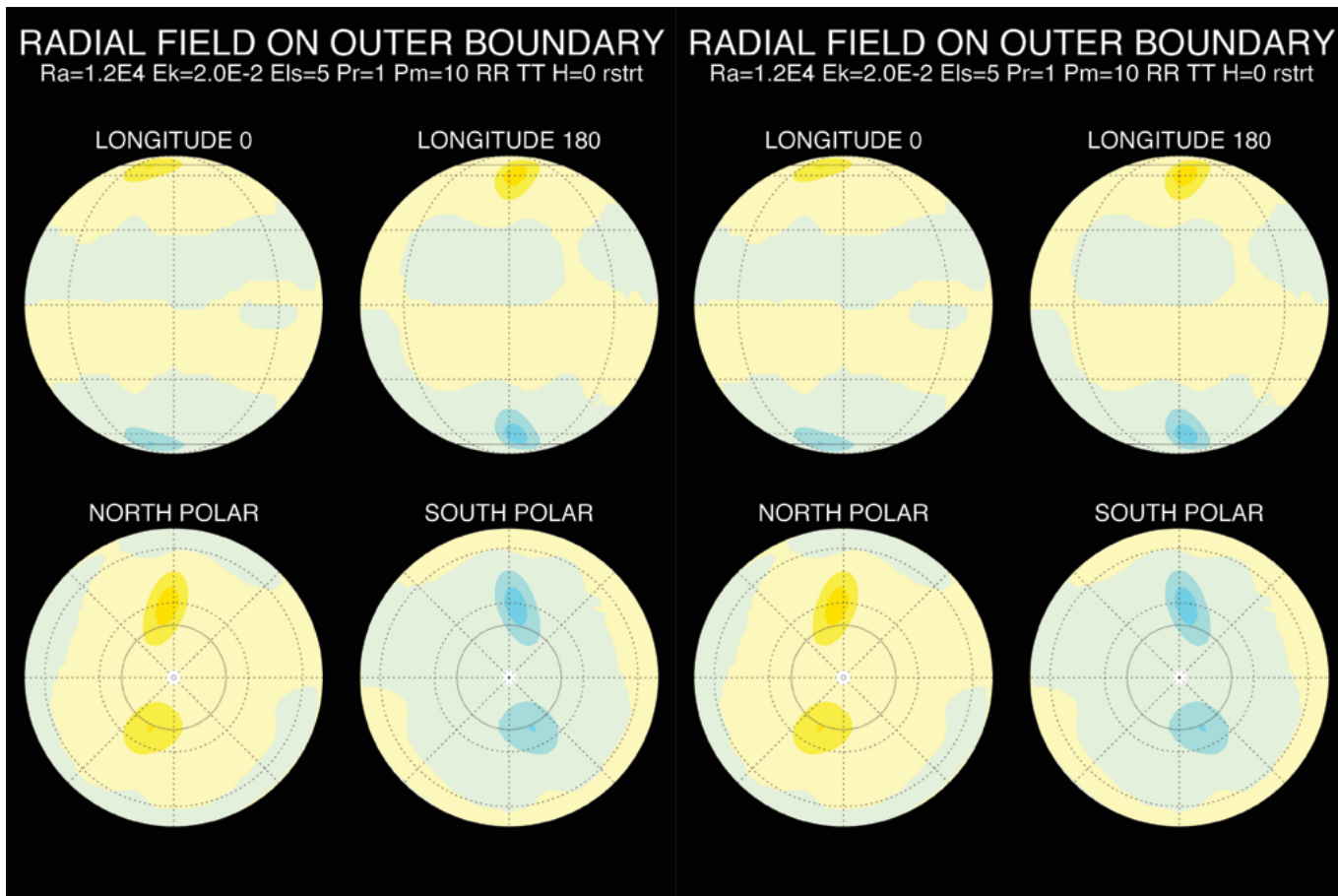


Figure 3

Figure 4

An additional tutorial on creating a Reversal Dynamo movie is found in Chapter 5 of the MAG User Manual.